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But We hope by the Assistance of the Recruits sent down this Season, together with those that are expected in the Marines that are going down on the York they may be able to put an End to the Troubles there. The following Letter is therefore now wrote & ordered to be sent to them.—

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

Letter to Bengall in Consequence

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing your Honor &ca. the 3d. Instant We have been favored with a Triplicate of Your Letter of the 17th August by the Betsey Ketch — It gives us the greatest concern to find the Situation of Your Affairs stands in such [need] of further Assistance, especially when it is so much out of our Power to send You any more Men — Our Army before Madura is by Sickness & Action greatly reduced many are disabled & worn out in the Service, in so much that We are obliged as We have already advised Your Honor &c. to wait the fall of Madura by a close Blockade not thinking it prudent to make another Attack, but You may be assured as soon as the Rebel is reduced, We shall lose no Time in supplying You with every Man We can possibly spare should any Reinforcements be absolutely necessary when this Event happens tho We hope that the Recruits sent down this Season, together with those expected by the Fort William, Success, Lord Anson, and Prince of Wales which our Honble Masters inform us would bring

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about 1100 Men and which We imagine on Account of the lateness of the Season may proceed directly to Your Presidency, will enable You to put an End to the Troubles & entirely Defeat the Designs of Sheyja Dowla &c

We are

Horible Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obed Humble Servants

Rob Palk & Council

Fort St. George
10th Sept. 1764

Read the following Report from the Committee of Accounts

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Report of the Committee of Accounts

1. We have at several Meetings examined the Accounts of the Paymasters to the Army & the Out Garrisons for the Months of April, May and June

2. We observe in the Camp Accounts that a Demand of three Fanams is paid for every Shott or Shell picked up & brought in to the Clerk of Stores. It has hitherto been usual to allow only one Canthaff or two Fanams at most

3. In the Month of June We find a Charge of 68 Pagodas for Pioneers Batta; but it does not appear whether they are Europeans or Blacks.

Ordered that the D D 2.&3. Paragraphs be sent to the Paymaster at Camp who is to be directed to explain the Articles mentioned therein.

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a Footing in those Parts on account of the unsettled State in which they now are, & as We trust Madura will so be reduced as the Company are sending the next considerable Supplies of Men: to support the additional Expence which so large a Force will of Course occasion, it becomes more immediately necessary to find out means of increasing our Honble Masters Revenues.

The most effectual Method for compassing this End would undoubtedly be to obtain Grants of those Circars from Nizam Ally Khan which might easily be done, could We furnish Him with such a Force as may enable him to establish His Authority and Sovereignity in the Decan — This would require a Body of at least 700 Europeans and 3000 Seapoys — a Measure which might involve Us in too distant Expeditions and many other Inconveniencies — For the present therefore it seems most adviseable to endeavour to Rent the Circars of Nizam Ally on the Company's Account for a certain term of Years, on such Terms as may maintain the Troops which must remain there to keep them in Peace & Quietness & give a handsome clear Revenue to the Company — By which means the French will likewise be prevented from establishing themselves again on that Coast, or engageing to pay a stipulated Yearly Sum into his Treasury in Soucar Bills — As he then would have no Trouble in settling with the Jemidars and deceitfull Renters who defrauds him of half his Revenues, He would be at a certainty as to his Annual Income from this Part of his extensive Territories —

Proposal for renting them

On this Plan We may well afford to give him for the five Circars ten or fifteen Lacks of Rupees Yearly to be paid

of Europeans as is most likely they ought to have been elected by the Contractor.

4. We see no Objection to the Accounts of the Paymasters of the several out Garrisons.

5. The Accounts of the Seapoy Paymaster to the 30th of June have likewise undergone our Examination: We remark that directed to inform us how it happened that the Supernumeraries mentioned therein were inserted in his Pay Rolls.

Ordered that a Copy of this Paragraph be delivered to the Seapoy Paymaster who is to be directed to inform us how it happened that the Supernumeraries mentioned therein were inserted in his Pay Rolls.

Establishment in the Number of Havildars & Naicks

We are with Respect

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Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed humble Servants
Eh. Bourchier
Rich. Tovrfield
Charles Turner
Jas. Boiurchier
Claud Russell
Tho. Helsall

The King of Tanjore sends Bills for the Ballance due on Account of Novr. and April 1763.

The President acquaints the Board that he had received from the King of Tanjore Bills for 330000 Rupees being the Ballance due from him on Account of the November 1763, together with the Amount of April 1763, deducting therefrom Rupees 50,000 in Consequence of the Agreement for delivering up the Districts of Harricull as

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mentioned in last Consultation — Ordered that a Receipt
be drawn out for the same —

As the above Bills are made payable a conve-
nable Time after Sight &c as the State of the Trea-
sury is very low it is agreed to apply to the Nabob
to advance to Mr Dorsett at Camp the Sum of —
30,000 Pagodas for the Expences of the Army —

The Nabob requested to advance 30,000 Pd for the use of the Army —

R. Pt St Pdk
Stringer Lawrence
Ed Bourchier
Rich Fairfield
Sam Ardley
Charles Turner
Geo Stratton

into his Treasury, free of all Deductions, and the Company would then have an Annual Profit (after allowing for all Casualties & deducting for the Expences of the Army) of upwards of ten Lacks - As will more clearly appear from the following Estimate of the Rents received by Mr. Bussy and Hussein Ally.

Rajahmundry Circar

Left by Hussein Ally

Calculate of their Revenues

For Shaasty 1171 & 1172 } mad. Pags 286000 — P Annum

Left by Mr. Bussy for 418700 mad. Pags

Ellour Circar

For Do. ..... 156,851 — Left Do. 213.000

Mustaphanagar Circar

For Do. ..... 111300 — Left Do. 154,000

Murtazanagar Circar

For Do. ..... 21500 — Left Do. 236000

mad. Pags. 769.351 — mad. Pags 1021800

4 Rupees p Pag.s is Rupees 3077404 — 4 Rupees p Pags is Rupees 4087200

This Striking difference between Niziam Ally's Deputy & Mr. Bussy was occasioned by the former's having no command over the Powerfull Zemindars & the latter's first Success at the Head of a well appointed Army which awed them all insomuch that the Zemindars of Poddapa- Peddapore
tta Pittapore paid Sum mad. Pags. 315000 and to Hussein Ally only mad. Pagodas 206000, Besides these four Circars Mr. Bussy attended by old Viseramraze marched into the Chicacole Circars of which Viseramraze then held only the Plain part for which he paid the French Rupees 1150000, The other Parts were held by several Zemindars who yielded

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no Obedience to any Government, particularly those of the Hills. Mr Bussy after great Difficulty & spilling much blood brought them all to Obedience except those of the Woody Country Inland of Ganjam, all he had thus conquered he left to the several Jemidars for Rupees 4.6.5000 which made the 9 one Circar produce Rupees 3.6.15000 — Notwithstanding which it was thought that as the French so soon lost their Influence therein, that their Gains very little exceeded the Expence of reducing it —

Vizeramrauze was killed in the Campaign. The Moment Mr Bussy quitted Northward, Vizeramrauze's Son set up for himself & invited the English to resettle at Vizagapatam, the Jemidars did the same so that it is thought Shitteramrauze does not receive more than Rupees 12,000. And it is not unlikely that when He offered two Years ago to agree with us for the Rent of the Circars, He proposed to himself a considerable Advantage by our helping him to reduce all those Independent Jemindars —

If Nizam Alley can be induced so far to see his own true Interest as to let us the five Circars, for a certain Sum it would undoubtedly be greatly to our Advantage; as when We had reduced the four Circars & had a Force at Rajahmundry of about 500 Europeans & 2000 Seapoys Shitteramrauze would certainly be glad to come to terms with us, & if it was not judged prudent to attempt the Reduction of the several Zamindarys in his Country He might be prevailed on to pay us five Lacks of Rupees which would make the whole Amount of the five Circars supposing We got no more than Nizam Alley Cawn Rupees 3577101

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13 Came in 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

I have the Honor of Your Favor of the 29th of
last Month & am much concerned & surprized that
Mr. Brouwer should say that I actually wrote to Him
to get Mr. Heigel & his Party into the Nabobs Service
or to offer them Subsistence, but as I did not keep
a Copy of that Letter, I beg that You would be pleased
to order him to send it to You. For all I recollect or
believe I wrote was for him to endeavour to find out
how such a Scheme would be relished, but on no
Account to let Mr. Heigel know that I desired it
& Imagine the enclosed Letter which I received
from Mr. Brouwer in answer to mine will shew that
he was far from looking on my Letter as an Order
for him to enter into any Engagement, or even to men-
-tion the Nabob or my Name to him — at the Time
I wrote this Letter I also wrote one to the Governor
acquainting that I believed the Nabob would will-
-ingly make him an Allowance to Mr. Heigle to
prevent his being troublesome but as soon as I re-
-ceived a Letter from the Honble Board expressing
their Disapprobation, I acquainted Mr. Brouwer that
I could give no further Directions about Mr. Heigle,
This was all I said or did concerning Mr. Heigle
& even that not before the Nabob pressed me to it

regarding his having desired Mr. Brouwer to offer Mr. Heigel to be received into the Nabobs Service —

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several Times — and as Mr. Brouwer acted in Quality of Resident at Tranquebar, I did not imagine it any Crime but rather for the good of the Service to endeavour to find out by this Means what Mr. Huigels real Intentions was.

in Reply to the Complaints of Riquet.

Mr. Riquets complaint now also Surprizes me for sure if he thought he had any just Reason for complaining he ought to have done it on his first going to Fort St. David as he well knew if I or any other Person had acted unfairly with him, that upon his Application to the Honble Board he was certain of proper Redress, however as he has now complained I will explain every Thing as they happened from his first coming from Madura, till his Departure from Camp as then Honble Sirs You will be the Judges whether or not I deserve the Censure he accuses me of.

The Case was this Mr. Riquet brought the Kaplars out of Madura without letting them into his Scheme upon their arrival in our Camp he expressed their Satisfaction at getting away from their Cawn but at the same time declared that as they them looked upon themselves as their own Masters not being under any Engagement to any Person, that they would not serve under Mr. Riquet any more & that he & them were on a footing Vizt Deserters, & consequently their Arms & Horses were every Mans property & therefore begged to be received into our Service. Upon this Mr. Riquet came to me & said that he imagined our Kaplars had been tampering with them & deceiving them, I answered that could not be for I had given positive Orders to the

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The Circar of Murtazanagar is indeed in Possession of Basalet Jung, from whom it must be taken by Force. We will suppose the number of Troops employed in these five Circars to be 500 Europeans and five Battalions of Seapoys, which it is judged will be sufficient, as they must be kept all in a Body (except one Battalion of Seapoys for Garrisons) either at Rajahmundry or some other Healthfull Place, ready to march against the refractory Zemindars that proves refractory. Rajahmundry indeed appears the most proper Place as it is in the Center of the five Circars & near Peddapore the Strongest Zemindar in the Country — The Charges maintaining such a Force would be nearly as follows —

Estimate of Expence of maintaining a sufficient Force there

500 Europeans Officers included @ 200 Rupees pr Month		102,000
5 Battalions of Sepoys	@ 6600 Do each	396,000
Half Batta to officers which they cannot subsist without at such a Distance from Madras as they can procure nothing from Musulipatam @ 2000 Rupees pr Month		24,000
Batta in the Field suppose for three Months		110,000
Bullocks, Coolies &c	for Do	25,000
Stores		20,000
Contingent & unforeseen Expences		20,000
	Rupees	883,000

There remains them for Nizam Ally & the Company Rupees 269,604 — But as an Allowance must likewise be made for the Charge of recovering those Circars, and as it will require Time to bring them to Mr. Bazy's Calculation on account of the bad Government of Hussein Ally and

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Shitteramrauze's late Invasion, We think We should only pay 5 Lacks for the first Year, 10 for the second and 15 Lacks for every Year after—

Objections to sending a Body of Troops to Nizam Ally—

But if Nizam Ally should insist upon our sending a Body of Troops to his Assistance & the Force required should be 700 Europeans & 3000 Seapoys: the whole Revenue of the Circars would be barely sufficient to defray the immense Expence, as they must march with some Battering Cannon, & a very large supply of Ammunition & must always be upon Battai— A large Body of European Cavalry will likewise be necessary: for if it had not been for Mr. Bussy's Hussars, He must have been Master of the Country Expence of Cavalry is well known & indeed of Troops in General when in the Field, which must be considerably increased when perhaps they may be carried 700 Miles from the Coast & must constantly be supplied with Stores &c.a— Add to this that the same Force must be kept in the five Circars as if We held them on the first mentioned Terms, since an Army at Aurangabad will have no Effect on the Jemidars. Moreover the Loss of Europeans must be very great even surprising no Fighting, by such fatiguing Marches: a Quarrel with the Mahattas will also be the immediate Consequence, as the Force he wants is to act against them, & this may greatly affect our Honble Masters affairs on the Malabar Coast— And indeed considering the Genius of the Moors, & the unsettled State of Affairs at Delhi, it is not improbable but Nizam Ally's first Request will be to march

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contrary & to remove any further reason of Suspicion, I ordered them all out in his Presence the Capitulation was read to them, & assured from me that every Part of it would be strictly observed by me. but notwithstanding this 16 of them again declared that if they were not suffered to remain in our Service, that they would take the first Opportunity of Killing Mr. Piquet & enter into some other Service for they were fully determined never to serve under him or the French again — Those Men being so obstinate & discontented it was impossible for Mr. Piquet to comply with that Part of the Capitulation of keeping them together, & to let them run about the Country or enter into any other Service would have been imprudent, this he was so very sensible of himself, that He never said a Word more concerning them, on the contrary he appeared well pleased & at his request I paid him Back to Pagodas he had advanced to each of those Men & on taking leave of me he thanked me for the Treatment I had given him. so far was I from encroaching on the Articles of Capitulation that I was so very Scrupulous, that tho his Quarter Master had been a Deserter from us & made no Secret even in our Camp of his having With his own hand killed one of our Troopers after he had surrendered himself Prisoner I took no notice of it, after this how could I imagine that Mr. Piquet would complain — And the Hussars & their Horses tho they remained in our Camp were not taken into our Service but conditionally until I was favored with an

Answer

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Answer from You Gentlemen to my Letter of the 2d of March in which Letter I had the Honor of enclosing a Copy of the Capitulation & therefore made no doubt but that every Thing was agreable to You, in this Affair I acted agreable to my Instructions by consulting with Majors Preston and Call who agreed in Opinion with me:—

The Detachment which is marched to join Major Donald Campbell is halted at Nellore where they are to remain some Days to watch the Motions of a Party from Pondicherry this in my Opinion makes it more necessary for Major Campbell's Detachment to be about Outalore.

As soon as the Court of Enquiry on Ensign Dowghs is over I will send a Copy of the Proceedings & the other Papers agreable to Your Orders — A Buisie I got 3 Days ago by the bursting of one of the Enemy's Shells prevented from answering the Honble Boards Letter Sooner. — I have the Honor to be with much respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged & most Obed Hble Servt

Chas. Campbell

Camp
7th September 1764

Monday 17th September

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr Governor, President
Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier
Richard Fairfield, Samuel Bradley
Charles Turner —, George Stratton

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Sergeant Rea at Nellore

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That Way; A Refusal to comply therewith may produce a Quarrel & there will never be wanting People about him to promote such an Event, As it is well known that Mr. Bussy had always a strong Party to struggle with at Salabet Jung's Court — Upon the whole if Nizam Ally shou'd absolutely refuse to let us have the Circars on any other Terms than sending a Body of Troops to his Assistance We think We cannot consistent with the Interest of the Company agree thereto, as such a Plan would involve Nizam Ally to be wrote to. the immense Expence & Trouble without End — It is therefore agreed that a Letter be addressed to Nizam Ally informing him of our Proposal of renting the Circars. Mr. Pybus to be acquainted with our Sentiments — tries from him — And that Mr. Pybus be also made acquainted with our Sentiments on this Head.

Rob.t Palk
Munger Laurell
C. Boucheir
Rich.d Fairfield
Sam.l Ardley
Charles Turner
Geo.e Stratton

Fort St. George 13 August 1764

Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Commanding the Army —

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army —

Sir,

Letter to Major Campbell.

The President hath communicated to us Your Letter of the 5th Instant —

With Respect to the Intelligence given You by Rowland, We cannot but look upon all You have received from him as dictated by the Rebell himself & therefore worthy no other Notice, than as it may inform You are apprized of this enable You in some Measure to guess at his Intentions & the Motives he has for making use of such Artifice. —

We much approve of Your building the Pandals & of Your sending the Unserviceable Stores to Trichinopoly — And we should be glad if such of Sick in the Hospital, who are not likely to be again fit for Service during this Expedition & can be removed, were also carried thither as Boddies can be spared & Opportunities offer —

With regard to the Behaviour of the Tanjore Troops it is easily to be accounted for, as We have already told You in a former, in which We also reminded You that notwithstanding what You now say, You had before very much commended them — We would recommend it to You not to fall so readily in with the Sentiments of the Nabob on this Occasion, which, You as well as We know have always tended to increase the Breach between

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Honble Sir

Letter from Serjt Rea arrives at Nellore

I take this first Opportunity to acquaint You of my proceeding Onward & arrival at this Fort; according to Order I embarked the 30th Ult.o & had a Passage of seven Days occasioned by adverse Winds & was at last obliged to land at Durasputam which is one Days march short of our intended Port, for want of Provision; We marched that afternoon to a Grove half the Distance to Mutacullana at which We arrived the 7th Instant about Noon Crossed the River the same Night to a Village about three Miles Distant where We rested till about three O'Clock in the Afternoon of the 8th when We marched half Way to this Fort & halting all that Night set out about ½ an hour after 3 in the Morning & was joined by the Captain Commandant of the Garrison with 9 European Sergeants 26 of the Artillery Europeans & Topasses 150 Seapoys with two Stand of Colours, in order to Conduct us to the Garrison instead of which they led us to a Choultry a Mile beyond the Fort & there hoisted the Nabobs Standard the Killedar came down to us & told me to be in readiness to go to the Field in two Days Time at furthest, I asked his reason for not taking me to the Garrison & he replied it was the Nabobs Order, upon which I immediately went to the Garrison & waited on the Nabob as he is stiled & told him I could not proceed further without Your Orders being only intended for the Defence of the Garrison in case of an Assailment, he answered that his designe in sending to Madras for Europeans was chiefly to go to the Field not having occasion for them in Garrison upon which

His Detachment refused Admittance into the Fort.

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I told him I should stay in the Choultry waiting Your Orders. I have taken a Survey of the Garrison, find that since this Nabob has resided here, they have erected a Battery for three Peices of Ordnance at each Corner, com-posed of brick and Stone &c are repairing the Walls round with Mud, but am of Opinion that they make the Walls to near a perpendicular &c I advised to give them greater Slope &c likewise to Face with Green Sodd, there is a Bank round the Walls tho' of very little Service &c I take the Circumference of the Fort as nigh as I can judge to be 1 3/4 Mile or 2 Miles quite full of small Buildings &c the People numerous, it is situated on an Open plain, the Glacis I take to be rather lower than the Ground with-in the Walls which in my Opinion is a little Incon-venient &c gave my Advice that the Glacis might be raised with what Rubish &c. was to spare in Repair-ing the Walls, I likewise advised not to make too great Breaches at once, & to finish one Place before they begin another, for fear of a Surprize. The Forces with-in are small, being Chiefly sent to the Field here is one Mr. Hamilton an Officer, an European Sergeant be-longing to the Artillery, likewise 16 Europeans Dutch & French in the same Corps, but as to their Stations I cannot inform You they being all in Moresco Habits likewise 10 Topasses in the Artillery here is also 9 Eur-pean Serjeants of the Seapoys & 1,00 Seapoys. As to the Motions of the Nabob of Cudapah they are uncertain he being advancing & sometimes Retreating & insists upon three or four Villages which he says formerly belonged

to

them, in Order that he may take his Revenge as soon as the Seige of Madura will put it in his Power — You will however call before You the Sanjore Jammedars & ask them the Reason of their long absence & the Behaviour You complain of —

As to Mr. Rigel We can by no Means agree to the taking him into his Service or allowing him any Subsistence —

With Respect to Arms & Military Stores We will always supply the Nabob as far as We are able, provided he will inform Us himself what kinds he is most in want of —

With regard to Ensign William Collins who came out in the Pitt on Your Representation of his Unwor-thyness, We have ordered the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly to acquaint him that his Behaviour puts it out of our Power to continue him in the Service —

General Lawrence having laid before Us the Letter of Captain Hooker's concerning Ensign Drought and de-sired by You & having considered what You have spo-ken of his troublesome Disposition, You will acquaint him that instead of preserving him, We shall soon be obliged to discharge him the Service if his Conduct is not more to our Satisfaction —

We are

Fort St. George
13. August 1764

Sir

Your most Obed. Humble Servants

Rob. Palk & Council

Dispatched the following Letter to Major Call at Camp

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To John Call Esqr

Sir,

Letter to Mr Call

desired to prevail on the Nabob to keep up a good understanding with the King of Tanjour.

The Honble the Court of Directors in their Letter of the 30 December last express much Satisfaction at the Treaty concluded between the Nabob & the King of Tanjour. We think this may have some Weight with the Nabob, & induce him to be upon better Terms with the Rajah. For this purpose We have thought proper to send You an Extract of their Letter that You may make him acquainted with their Sentiments & enforce this as an Argument to persuade him, if possible to a perfect Reconciliation. The Treaty was made to prevent a possibility of any future Cause of Dispute & it becomes therefore our Duty for many Reasons which We need not enumerate to You to oblige both Parties to keep the Treaty. They have made, & with respect to the Convoy the Method which for some Years has taken Place must be a rule in future. If the Nabob is not satisfied, We shall endeavour to procure an Interview with him; for the Honble Masters Affairs are too much involved in their Disputes for Us to be unconcerned at the Consequences of a Rupture between them — We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends &

Rob Palk & Council

Fort St George
13 August 1764

Received the following Letter & Papers from the President and Council at Fort William —

To

to him & bring into the Revenue about 40,000 Pagodas Yearly, as I am informed, he came lately as nigh as Candicore which is about 66 Miles distant with 3000 Cavalry, but hearing of our being on the March to Velloro with our Field Peices he immediately retreated with his whole Force; & our Nabob dispatched an Officer with one Field Peice 600 Seapoys & 200 Cavalry after him who marched to Candicore, but did not choose to proceed till reinforced, The Nabob acquaints me that if ordered for the Field, I shall be joined with 1000 Seapoys & one 4 lbr. besides our own two 3 lbrs. & 1 four lbr. which is gone before & one Brass 1 lbr. The Nabob desired me to let You know that if You could spare 2 Swivels 3 Tompauling 2, or 300 four lb Grape shott & 100 hand Granadoes & send them by the first Opportunity, he should be much oblig-ed; there are but few Guns in the Fort Viz. two 12 lbrs. two 8 lbrs. two 6 lbrs. two 4 lbrs. two Mortar Peices one an 8 lbr. the other a 6 lbr. & 6 Brass 1 lbrs. with about 2000 round Shot, he appeared very indifferent in permit-ting me to a compleat View of his Magazine & post-poned my doing so till this Afternoon but told me he had Powder sufficient, I pressed him to let me View it & he sent for me with intent I should, but was hindered by reason his Artillery Officer was present & he was unwilling that he should know what Quantity he had & I desired to know his reason for keeping such a Secret from him and was answered that he had Threatened in case his pay was not enlarged he should go over to the opposite Nabob, I hope in my next I shall be

be able to be more particular; I have made Enquiry con-
-cerning the Currency here & find the only Money passing
here to be the three Swamy Pagodas, Rupees of Madras,
Bombay, Arcot and Pondicherry and Pice the Pagodas
at 4 1/4 Rupees, all the Rupees are 80 Pice each & the Pice
is equal to the double Dudee at Madras, no Fanams
are current here, & a Madras Pagoda is 336 Pice, but
the People don't care to Change them, which put us a
little to a Nonplus at arrival, I have it not in my Power
as Yet to give a Satisfactory Account of the Stores sent
with me, as the Boat is not yet arrived but am in con-
-tinual Expectation of her, since Your Honor has thought
proper to confer the Command on me, I promise to the
utmost of my Ability to demean myself in such Sort
as to give just and Satisfactory Accounts of all my
Proceedings & on all occasions to acknowledge myself

Honble Sir

Your much obliged ever dutefull
and most Obed Hble Servant
Chas Rea J. Major

Nellour Seroply
10th September 1764

Our Intention in sending a Detachment to
Nellour was entirely for the Defence of the Place & not
with any View that they should act in the Field as
We are entirely unacquainted with the Force the
Nabob of Cudapah has —

Resolution in Consequence

It is therefore Agreed that the Nabob be desired
to write to his Manager there to admit the Detachment
into the Place & to give the Serjeant the necessary Infor-
-mation to enable him to take proper Measures for its Defence

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

at Fort St. George

Letter from Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 28 June a duplicate of which goes herewith, We have received Your Letter of the 15th June by the Fort St. George Snow with the Detachment of Colonel Monson's Regiment.

By our last advices from Patna Shuja Dowla remained at Buxer, but a good part of his Army had crossed the Ganges into his own Country & We are doubtfull whether any of them will continue on this Side of the River during the Rains.

It was our Intention immediately to have pursued Shuja Dowla & prosecuted the War in his own Country, untill We had brought him to submit to our Terms, but finding from the Opinion of our Principal Officers that the Troops are unable to keep the Field in the Rains, on Account of the great Sickness which prevails among them, We have ordered them to be put into Cantonments & every Means to be taken for restoring the Men to Health & good Discipline so that We may be able to carry on the War with Vigour as soon as the Season will admit.

Major Munro has proceeded to Patna with about 200 Europeans & We shall be obliged to send up what further Reinforcements We can before the Opening of the Campaign in order to exchange & remove those Men in whom a Mutinous Spirit seems still to prevail

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We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Henry Van Sittart

J. Spencer

Warren Hastings

Rand.k Marriott

H. Watts

Sam.l Middleton

Ralph Leycester

John Burdett

Fort William
12th July 1764

Dispatched the following Letter & Caernarvon to the Pre-
-sident & Council at Fort William -

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William

We have been favored with your Letters of the 28th
June & 12th July -

It gives us the greatest Satisfaction to find
that Our Honble Masters are sending out such consider-
-able Supplies of Men this Season - The Recruits for
Your Presidency shall all be forwarded by the respective
Ships on which they arrive, those on Board the Caernar-
-von, Devon Shire and Vansittart are in so good a State of Health
that We have not even landed them which We should
have done had We found it necessary. It gives us
great Satisfaction to hear that Mr. Verelst is returning
to his own Country especially as the arrival of so many

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Indents for Stores for Coast. Trichinopoly

Read two Letters from Mr. Floyer Storekeeper at Trichinopoly dated 8th & 10th Instant accompanying Indents for Stores for that Garrison and for the use of the Army &c.

Orders in Consequence

We cannot conceive there can be any occasion for such considerable Supplies of Stores as are demanded in the abovementioned Indents as the Expence at Coast. cannot now be very great since the Seige is turned into a Blockade & as Trichinopoly will be sufficiently supplied with those that remain after the Expedition is over & which will be lodged there — It is therefore resolved that the Indents for Medicines and Hospital Cloathing be full complied with & that such only of the other Stores be sent as are absolutely necessary —

Mr. Piguet arrives here —

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Piguet is arrived from Cuddalore & is desirous of remaining here on his Parole, till this Nation arrives or till an Opportunity offers of his going to the Islands; He promises to be answerable for all his People except 8 or 9 of them who offered to enlist with Mr. Smith at Cuddalore, & whom he requests We will receive into the Service — He is willing that his Horses should be sold in order to assist in maintaining him & his Men —

His proposals for remaining here —

Agreed that Mr. Piguet be permitted to remain here on the Terms he proposes & that He do send for the Horses to be disposed of for the purpose abovementioned —

Mr. John Little appointed 2d Lieut. & Mr. Stout 2d Lieut. of Artillery

There being a Vacancy in the Artillery by the Death of Lieut. Fletcher ordered that Mr. John Little be appointed 1st Lieutenant in his Stead; & that Mr. Charles Stout be appointed to the 2d Lieutenancy vacant by the Promotion

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Promotion of Lieut.s Little &c that they do take Rank from the 23.d Janry last the Day Lieutenant Fletcher died &c

Draft of Agreement for delivering up Har. read approved of.

Draft of the Agreement for the delivering up the Districts of Harricott to the King of Tanjour read & approved & Ordered that a Copy be delivered to the Kings Vaqueel to be transmitted to his Master for his Approbation —

Nabob's Son sends Bills for P.s 22000 in further payment of July Kist ——

Read a Letter from the Nabob's Son inclosing Country Correspondence N.o 3 & 4 & Bills for Pag.s 22000 in Exchange for Rupees 77000 in further Payment of the July Kist —

Ordered that the receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Rob.t Palk
Roger Lawrell
Ed.d Boscawen
Rich.d Saunders
Sam.l Ledley
Charles Turner
Geo.e Stratton

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Recruits this Season will deter him from future Invasions.

We are

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient Hble Servants

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Rob^t Palk & Council

P.S. Captain Hutchinson has a Packet from the Secret

Committee of the Hon^ble the Court of Directors to Your

President &c

13 Received the following Letter from John Lewen Smith

Esq^r Chief at Cuddalore

To the Hon^ble Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor &c^a Council in their

Military Department at Fort St George

Letter from Mr Smith

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Joins Riguet & the Mayors

Immediately on receipt of Your Favor of the 9th Inst.

in Execution Your Orders relating to Mr. Riguet, who I have

seized & made him & all his Men, except one who escaped

Prisoners & likewise secured the Horses. I have also exa-

mined his Papers, but found only the enclosed Letter from

Mons^r Bint, that contained any Thing Material, but

confirms Carrere's Information of Riguets having offered

himself to the Governor of Negapatam, as I presume after

this Step he will not continue to subsist either the Men or

Horses, I shall be glad of Your Orders as soon as possible in

what Manner they are to be subsisted, but as the means

time shall take care the Horses are provided for, I shall also

be glad to know whether the Men are to be kept confined or not if

they are they must be maintained, on the other hand, if they are not

it may be dangerous with our small Garrison as they may have some

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Arms and Ammunition concealed in the Natives Houses.
that We don't know of.

Some Time ago Mahomed Baucan arrived here from
the Nabob being the Person sent by him to give me the
necessary Information relating to the Limits or Bounda-
ries round Pondicherry, & who accordingly has given
me an exact account of the Limits they proposed at the Com-
mencement of the Years 1748. 9 which I have the Honor
to transmit You herewith & which is attested under the
Hands of the several Renters & principal Inhabitants
of those and the neighbouring Districts & is likewise
confirmed by divers other Accounts I have procured.
however to be more certain & to prevent any Possibility
of all Mistakes in my Information I propose in a few
Days myself visiting with Mahomed Baucan the Dis-
tricts so pointed out & putting Marks at the several De-
marches which I hope Your Honor &c. will approve off.

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & most hble Servant

T. La. Smith

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P.S since writing the above Mr.
Riquet has sent me the accompanying
Letter which he desired I would forward to
Your Honor &c.a

Trinquebar 1.st Juin 1764

Letter from Mr. Bint
to Mr Riquet

Mons.r Amy

Jay reçu votre Lettre en réponse

Tranquebar 1.st June 1764

My Friend

I received Yours in answer
with Pernier dans laquelle vous to mine of the 14.th Inst.t in which
me mandé de proposé Lettre You desire me to Send up that
de Negapatam et de prier le Affair of Negapatam & to desire

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Received the following Letter from John Lewen Smith Esqr.
Chief at Cuddalore

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

Letter from Mr. Smith at Cuddalore

Honble Sir & Sirs

Regarding the French Limits of Pondicherry

The Contents of the neighbouring Districts round Pondicherry whose presence I wanted to present out to me the French Limits being but lately returned from Arcot prevented me till within these few Days past going there agreable to my Letter of the 13th Instt but have now finished that business having visited the whole District & seen Marks fixed at the several principal Extremities of which I found to correspond with the Account I had the Honor to transmit You some time ago excepting only a small Jaygeer Village belonging to them call'd Caudapeet which by some Mistake Mahomed Bauxan omitted to insert in the Account he delivered me & which is situated at some Distance to the North East from their other Bounds it may not be amiss also to observe to Your Honor &c.a that the two Villages named Noramtay & Moorty Copany as mentioned in the Account sent You are also Jaggeers belonging to them & lie to the South West considerably detached from their other Bounds & the latter almost contiguous to the bound Hedge of this Place

On this Survey excepting the abovementioned Villages, I found their Limits only extended just beyond their Blancherie to the N.E. to Wolyarra about four Miles to the West of Pondicherry & a little farther than Ariankoy

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Mashy Poukum to the S.W. which is about eight Miles distant

The remainder of the Hussars that were Prisoners here for

ten private, set out the 14th past for Your Presidency under an +

Escort of Seapoys. I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. Humble Servant

J. L. Smith

Cuddalore

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19th Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell Com-

manding the Army.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell

Enclosed I have the Honor to send a Copy of a

Chit from Bowling, sent me Yesterday by a Woman

that part of it which mentions Hyder Cawn's forming a Par-

-ty of his best Troops & that he is making all his Cavalry

Rapees, agrees with what Deserters say —

The Troops which I mentioned in my last

which marched from Dindigull & I imagine intended

to be troublesome in the Nabobs Trichinopoly Country

are again returned without committing any Hostility in

the Nabobs Country & the Killedar of Dendigull in answer

to a Letter from me assures me that 'tis his Firm Intention

to live on the most friendly Footing with the English &

Nabob, whether he is sincere or not I cannot say, but what-

-ever Part he acts I do not apprehend much Danger from

that Decarter, at present plenty of Provisions comes to our

Camp from the Mysore Country — The Detachment which

was intended to join Major Donald Campbell is encamped

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Gouverneur dit tenir le Secret the Governor to Keep it a Secret

Jan reponde que personne n'en Sait rien de sa Part meme je know it from him, I have even Lait pas Ecrit de sa main propre obtained a promise from him

Il jay que le Sr. Carrere a ordonné Fe. under his own Hand — You have

coyue est pour des choses — no reason to Fear any Body but Carrere

Vous me dites que vous avez des Choses a Person of little Consequence

Ennemis dans ce canton qui You acquaint me that You have

ne demande pas mieux que de vous Your Cantonments some Enemies

vous perdre manqué vous deux who desire nothing more than to

vous savoir a quoy vous en tenir vous Jou, laugh at them You know

avez tort de rire et vous verrez what You are to depend on, hold up

que personne n'osera ouvrir la Your Head & You will see that

Bouche venè faire un tous pauvy nobody dare to open their Mouths

pour vous faire voir a fer gourqui tarde a Trip Sere to shew Yourself.

echerche à debarbouche votre troupe to the People who want to debauch

Je vous les montrerai avec le doigt Your Troops. I will point them out

et vous verrez ainsi vous Jouvrai to You myself & You will see how

politesse. Il me parroit que complaisant they will be. It appears

vous ne connoissez pas encore to me that You do not know those

gens a projet sans Execution People who Project Schemes without

dont encor entrouve pas d'autre an Intention of Executing them.

pas jugé. Ce qui vous devez con You will find no others but those

-noitre ainsy vous de cela. Jen de You ought to be acquainted

et alla votre troupe Je vous enverrai with as I go on with my

que vous n'avez rien a Craindre. Remain easy where You are with Your Troops

Faire de paye M. Fischer a. & You will find that You have no

que je doit 123 p. It me forms Reason to Fear — You will do

tout les Jour & Jene Sivre par me a Savoir if You will be pleased to

on pay Fischer 123 Pag. which I owe him

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on Etat dele payer vous me fer[illegible] he torments me daily & I am not
plaisir et je Serè charmé dêtre en a Capacity to pay him my-
quitte avec luy — Je suis Sin- -self & I shall be very glad to get
-cerement — rid of him — I am most Sincerely

Mons.r et Amy My Friend

Votre tres hble et tres Your most humble &

Obeissant Serviteur Obed.t Servants

Bint — Bint

Nous attendons Monsieur We expect Mr. Heigle with his
raigle l'avec son Detacher- Detachment about the 5th
-ment ver le 5.th prochain of next Month —

An Account of the Districts enjoyed and professed by the

an Acc.t of the Districts round Pondicherry expected by the French in the beginning of the Year 1749

French round Pondicherry before & from the Time of the
Nabobs Sadatullah Caun, Ally Doost Caun & their Succesors
to the Month of Janry 1748/9 or according to the Mahome-
-dan Reckoning Supher 1162 Hizery, as they are entered
in the Circars Books, according to the Information receive
from the several Renters or Head Tenants of Woldons and
Nonemahal Countries to which the following Districts
formerly belonged / Examined & attested to be an Exact
& true Account thereof by Mahomed Baucar Sent from
Nabob Mahomed Ally Caun to Mr. John Lewen Smith
Chief of Cuddalore for that purpose Viz.t

Pondicherry 1

Arrian Copang with its dependant small Villages, Naramboy & Moorly Copang 1

Moorunga Paukum 1

Narrain Nellore, alias Narrainpooram 1

Carried over — 4

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near Trichinopoly & I shall desire to remain about that Country till towards the end of this Month & I shall punctually observe all the Honble Board's Directions in their Letter of the 5th Instant — Some part of the Stores which I imagined Mr. Brouwer had sent to Tondy are since arrived by Bullocks from Harricall & Mr. Brouwer acquaints me, that he keeps 100 more of the Camp Bullocks to send the other expected Stores by, when they arrive but I shall desire they may not be sent further than Trichinopoly, as the Weather even now is so extremely precarious & often such severe Rains that it is very unsafe to be moving Powder — I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged & most

Camp 13th Sept. 1764

Obed. Hble Servant

Char. Campbell

20 Received the following Letter p. Ship General Lawrence from the President & Council at Bombay

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council at

Fort St. George

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is duplicate of our last Letter since when We have received Your Favors of the 4th 9th & 22d June & most sincerely congratulate Your Honors on the favorable Situation of Affairs both at Your Place & Bengal which We hope will soon enable You to return the Men of your Establishment at present on Your Coast

Desire their Troops may be returned as soon as possible

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more especially as the Garrison from Manilha will probably be arrived before Receipt of this Letter —

Enclosed is Copy of such further Particulars as have come to our Knowledge of the Situation of Affairs in Bengal & We have on further to request Your Honor &c.a will be pleased to forward the accompanying Packets for our Honble Masters & the President & Council there by the first Opportunities which may offer —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
5 August 1764

Cha. Crommelin
Wm Hornby
W. A. Price
Chas Waters
Cecil Bowyer
Samuel Court

The Revenge arrives from Manilla —

Advices received by her —

Arrived this Day the Revenge — She left Manilha the 17th April in Company with the Falmouth, Siam, Admiral Pocock, London & Mocas, with all the Troops & Stores on Board except about 100 Sick remaining behind — They past in at Sooloo where they left Mr Dalrymple with the London — They parted Company with the Pocock about the Latitude 7 degrees South between the Celebes & Borneo near the Main Pater Noster — The Revenge arrived at Batavia the 12 July & all the other Ships except the Admiral Pocock — about eight Days after, the Revenge remained there upwards of 20 Days, during which Time they heard nothing of the Pocock — The Revenge called at Fort Marlboro in her Way

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Brought over ..... 4 Villages

Laucamudiambut with its Dependant
small Village of Mootial Pulla 1

Wolagara 1

Wolanda with its dependent small Village
Cauramany Copung ..... 1 — 7

Villages given to the French by Nabob Subdar
ally Cawn & enjoyed by them at the Time of —
Nabob Anaverdy Cawn's Death

Alashy Paukum 1

Tay dowa Nattum 1

Comma paukum 1 2

Villages 10

The Gomastah of the Amuldar of the Waldore Country was placed in a Choultry within the Fort of Pondicherry in the Bazar Street opposite to the French Custom house or Choultry with his Maratta and Malabar Writers and some Peons and collected the usual Juncum or Custom for the Circar on all Goods passing and repassing to and from Pondicherry, also Peons were placed in all the Roads or Passages round the bound Hedge and one of the Circars Conicopties and Peons placed in each of the said Mettoos where they took an account of all the Goods passing and repassing gave Chitts or Cadjan Passports and Collected Juncum on all the Goods of small Value, and the Juncamer within the Fort collected Custom on all the Goods

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Goods of great Value

Cuddalore this 11th Day of July 1764

Mahomed Baucer

Rama Kistna Reddy

Shevenauga Reddy

Serva Reddy

Condah Reddy

Chilcan Vencatapuitty Reddy

Rama Singa Reddy

Mooden Chenna Reddy

Ramy Reddy

Vencatapuitty Reddy

Shevanauga Reddy

Latchimy Reddy

Vencatapuitty Reddy

Tirumangalum Mahajanum

Mederaprokum Sambasheva Reddy

Cyena Nimar

Ramacandra Row Agent of Canrogee

of Woldore & Nowmuchaul Countries

Ramanaudra Row Agent of Bayshamucky

of Woldore & Nowmuchaul Countries

Came in the following Letter at the same Time from St. Thomas.

Letter from St. Thomas excusing his Behaviour

Sir

Monsieur

J'ay l'honneur de vous représenter que l'on ma arrêté pour hier au Soir avec mes Troupes sous prétexte

I have the Honor to acquaint You that I was last night arrested with my Troops under pretence of my having infringed

Garrison

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Letter in order to request of the Governor & Council to send some Ships to assist in transporting the Troops &c.a from Batavia, on Account of the Falmouth this being obliged to be repaired — and the Siams being so Leaky as to make it necessary to run her on Shore —

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William

Enclosed are duplicates of our Letters of the 8th and 10th Instant —

Advised of the Intelligence received by the Revenge from Manila

Yesterday arrived here from Manilha the Revenge she left that Place the 17th April in Company with the Falmouth, Siam, Admiral Pocock, London & Illocas they put in at Sooloo where they left Mr. Dalrymple with the London; They parted Company with the Pocock about the Latitude of 2 South between the Celebes and Borneo near the Coin Pater Noster, — The Revenge arrived at Batavia the 12 July & tho' she staid there upwards of 20 Days heard nothing of her — The other Ships anchored there with the Troops &c.a on board eight Days after. The Falmouth & Siam were in so bad a Condition that Capt Brereton purposed repairing the former which he hoped to accomplish by the Month of January & proceeding directly to England — The latter became so leaky that they were obliged to run her on Shore —

On board the Pocock were about 300 Seapoys

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a few Military with Mr. Drake & other Company's Servants Stores and 120788 Rupees — The Revenge brought hither 47 Artillery — all the other Troops (except about 100 Sick who were left at Manilha) were arrived at Batavia, of these the Bute was to receive on board as many as she could accommodate & will most likely proceed with them to Your Place —

The Revenge was dispatched to Fort Marlbro' to request of the Governor & Council there to send some Ships to transport the 79th Regiment hither, who on Consequence thereof, purposed ordering the Princess Augusta, Admiral Watson & Neptune to proceed to Batavia with all Expedition for that purpose; And We hope We may expect them here by the end of December — The Illocos with some Sepoys Lascars & some Stores on Board left Batavia the Day the Revenge sailed for Fort Marlbro'; She is not yet arrived here; and as she was but badly found, it is thought she may probably have been obliged to bear away for Bengal.

Enclosed is a Packet from the President & Council at Bombay which We received Yesterday by the General Lawrence —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servants

Rob.t Palk &c.a Council

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Came in the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday I received a Letter from one Rawlinson the

Letter from Major Campbell &c.a

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dowrion Voulut manquer à la to break the Capitulation made &
Capitulation que Jay fait avec Made with Majors Preston &
le Major Campbel et Brotonne Campbell &c accusing me of having
Malleguant que Javois contre me contracted engagements with
fait des Engagements avec les the Dutch & Morarow. If I had
Hollandois et Moriera. Si Jeu eusse done this, it would only have
avois fait ce manquer Il auroit been in return for the Manquer
aucun que lon me mayent pas manqué at that they had not broke
Sous les Promesses que lon ma Ihave reason to complain that
fait.

on my leaving Madura & arri-
Jay me plaindre quien Sorti val at the English Camp sixteen
tant de Madure arrivée au of my best Elephants & Horses were
Camp Anglais Lon ma fait retenir taken away, altho' by the Agree
Saisir de mes meilleurs hab- ment the contrd not even
-ards et chevaux, ayant pas fait ecrit mention any
Ecrit que lon ne pouvois me Pretence whatever
Exiger aucun sous quelque One Touch an Officer of my
pretexte que ce soit. Troop who had been called to
Le nommé Touche officier Madras, forwarded me on Jour
de ma Troop que a été Jeune Homme not told, spread a report on his
dans Madras Jeune Homme — return that I should be arrested
pourquoy a Son retour arrêté by my Capitulation made void,
Expander quelon de voit mon notwithstanding all this I endea-
-voir et annuller ma Capi- -vour to party whatever having
-tulation cela ne me coûta rien. learnt that my motion would not
Savois fait prendre aucun interest here this Year. The propo-
party, ayant appris que sals which I made to Mr Smith
ma Nation ne Viendroit Gouvernement, concerning my
pas cette année les propositions Terms & horses are sufficient

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que J'ay fait à Mr. Smith Your Security that I will always
vernous des Conventions ne me font trompeur justifying their
Armes et mes chevaux sont un Suspicion. I flatter myself
sure garant que J'ay toujour Sir You are too good not to pay
etes trop Eloigné de cedont on me attention to the Dangers I
soupçonne, Jamais J'aille Mons. I have encountered in leaving
que nous etes trop equitable pour a Place for which any Na-
ne pas faire attention au Danger- tion greatly condemn me
que J'ay affronte en quittant I have the Honor
la Place dont ma nation me to be with Respect
fait un grand Crime —
J'ay l'honneur D'etre avec Sir
Respect. —
Monsieur Your most Obedient
Votre tres Hble et tres & very Hble Servant
Obeissant Serviteur Riquet —
Riquet —

De Magicoupan
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16 In Answer to which the following Letter was wrote him —

Mr. Riquet

Sir

I am directed by the Governor & Council to acknow-
ledge the Receit of Your Letter of the 13th Instant & to acquaint
You in Answer that they had the most convincing
Proofs long ago of Your Intention to break Your Capi-
tulation, of which Your Letter from St. Bent is only a
corroborating Circumstance, Your procuring Arms &
Ammunition from Trangeobar & Your Correspondence
with Morando sufficiently justify the Steps they have
taken. —

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Master of a Vessel who has been long a Prisoner in Ma-
-dura, acquainting me that he was delivered over by
Usoff Cawn to Mons.r Marchands & that he shou'd be re
-leased if I would write for him — Considering the Change
of Situation & the nature of his Letter I concluded there
must be something extraordinary intended tho' I
thought no Ill Consequence would arise from my desiring
his enlargement I wrote to Mr. Marchand in the Evening
a very Short Letter & this forenoon Mr. Rawlinson came
out with an answer from Mr. Marchand, purposing
an Exchange of some other Prisoners in the Fort for some
French Men taken at Vandagarry & requesting an inter-
-view with me & Major Call, when he proposed to comme-
-nicate some other Things if We would appoint the Time
& Place, besides the Letter from Marchand Mr. Rawlinson
brought me privately the inclosed small Note from Row-
-land which explains in some Measure Mr. Marchands
Intention by the proposed interview — I shall not have any
interview with him by appointment but I shall this
Evening acquaint him that he may if he pleases ac-
-quaint me with what he has to say in writing or else
come out to one of our Posts & communicate the same to
those whom I shall send — However let his proposals
be what they will, I shall accept of none, but the For.
-s Garrison Prisoners without Conditions, till I receive Your
Orders on that Subject — I have examined Rawlinson very
particularly but as he has always been a close Prison-
-er till Yesterday he can only confirm the Seapoy Reports
& adds that Mr. Marchand desired him again & again

Mr. Marchand Desires an interview with

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Major Campbell to propose Terms

to press an interview between Us & him; He moreover says that he saw Preparations making the last Rainy Night for a Sally & that it is reported Nooff Cawn intends to push his Way through for Dindigull or Travancore if he cannot obtain Terms. I shall take all possible Precaution to secure our Posts & prevent the Rebels Escape if he attempts it.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obt & most humble Servant.

Camp before Madura
15th Sept. 1764

Thar. Campbell

Honoured Sirs

Note from Rowling advising of Nooff Cawns desire of proposing Terms.

The 12th Instant I wrote to Your Honor by a Hubarra Wife but does no if that was reached into Your Hand or not, because not heard the signal I desired, this serves to acquaint your Honor that the Man are in Resolution of sendering up Marchand & to settle the Affairs of Peace & to give him leave to go where he pleases without any Molestation.

22d Received the following Letter from Major Campbell Commanding

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell

This Morning Mr. Marchand came out & after speaking for some Time with Majors Call and Wood, he came to my Quarters & in Nooff Cawns Name offered to deliver up Madura & Palem Cotah on Condition of suffering Nooff Cawn with the Troops that compose those Garrisons & some Peices of Artillery to retire to Dindigull

Proposals made by Marchand

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If at Your Departure from Madura the purchasing some of the Horses & receiving their Riders into our Service was a Violation of the Capitulation You should have complained of it immediately, for it was not with the Consent or Approbation of the Governor & Council that this was done, tho' they had reason to conclude from Your Silence, there could be no objection on Your part.

If Mr Touchs was ordered to Madura it was in Consequence only of his own Request.

Had You remained tranquil agreeable to the Articles of Capitulation, some of Your Horses might have been purchased by the Company at a reasonable Price provided You could have given Security that the Hussars & their Officers took no Service, & did not intermeddle

I am

Sir

Your very humble Servant

Fort St. George
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Sent also the following Letter to John Lewen Smith Esqr Chief at Cuddalore

To John Lewen Smith Esqr

Sir

Letter to Mr Smith

We have received Your Letter of the 13th Inst. with the Papers enclosed that from Mr Bird to Mr Rigaud is a convincing Proof of the latter's intention of breaking his Capitulation immediately after his arrival at Cuddalore even if Carrere had never made known to Us his other Correspondence with Morarao — for the present Therefore We direct that the Horses and Horses be kept confined

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confined, and subsisted by the Company till We can determine how to dispose of them; in the mean time You will acquaint us if the Hussars are willing to take Service here or at Bengal & You will deliver the Letter to Mr. Ruguet in Answer to his of which a Copy is enclosed.

The Statement You have transmitted of the French Dispossessions round Pondicherry is very Satisfactory.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Rob. Palk & c. Council

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Dispatched the following Letter to John Pybus Esqr. Chief at Masulipatam.

To John Pybus Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir

Our Honble Masters have earnestly recommended to us the procuring Lands for the Northern Circars. But altho' We have always been sensible of the Importance of such an acquisition; yet the Expedition to Manila & the Siege of Madura have obliged us thus long to post pone our Views with regard to them. The present Opportunity seems favorable for our getting a Footing in those Parts, from the Troubled & unsettled Government in which they are, and as our Honble Masters are sending out very considerable Supplies of Men & We trust that Madura will soon Fall; which will establish the Nabob's Government in Peace and Tranquility

Our Views in this undertaking are principally to

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This being refused us he told that no Condition but Surrender at Discretion would be allowed, he asked if Wolf Cavan with a Few of his Troops & Family would be permitted to pass, I answered no, he is again returned to the Fort & has promised to be out tomorrow again, from the whole of his Discourse it plainly appears, that they are in great Distress, & that if he knew which Way to get off with his Men he would, for he makes no kind of Secret that their Prospect of Starving is very near, drawing to Morrow Evening I shall have the Honor of writing You more particularly, I have desired the Nabob if it is not inconvenient to join the Army as soon as possible & I have ordered back the Troops of Horse & reinforced all our Posts & appointed Signals upon the first Alarm as it's most likely when he finds he has no Hopes left that He will make some desperate Push to endeavour to get away —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & most

humble Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madura

16 Sept.r 1764

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

To Major Charles Campbell

Commanding the Army before

Madura

Letter to Major Campbell Sir,

in answer —

We have received Your Letters of the 13.th 15.th & 16.th & are

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well pleased to observe that the fall of the Rebell in all Pro-
-bability will soon happen —

After all our Losses, Expence & Disappointments We
can by no Means consent to the Proposals of Mr. Marchand
or
& therefore whenever Hr Usoff Cawn surrenders it must be
at Discretion — Weare,

Sir,

Your most Humble Servants

Rob Palk & Council

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22d September 1764

Monday 24th Sept.r

At a Consultation Present

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

Read the following Letters from Major Campbell Com-
-manding the Army —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Letter from Major Campbell

I wrote You last Night concerning the Inter-
-view between Majors Call and Wood & Mons.r Marchand
about Noon he came again to Camp with the enclosed
Letters from Usoff Cawn & Formal Articles of Capitula-
-tion drawn up by himself which are pretty near the
same as proposed Yesterday as not of Consequence enough
to send You now. He added to his demand all the Arge-
-ments he cou'd personally use to induce me to fix some

transmits a Letter from Usoff Cawn

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to procure for the Company a handsome Revenue
which is indeed become more necessary on Account of the
number of Troops arrived and expected) & to prevent the
French having any Thing more to do with those Countries —

The most effectual Means for compassing this
End would certainly be to procure Grants of more Lands
from Nizam Ally which might easily be done, if
We could furnish him with a Force sufficient to
enable him to establish Peace and Tranquility in the
Decan — But as this would require a Body of good Troops
and 15 3000 Sepoys as well as a Train of Artillery &c
large Quantity of Stores &c might involve us in too
distant Expeditions as well as many other inconve-
niences, particularly in Troubles with the Mahattas
which might Effect Our Honble Masters Affairs on
the Malabar Coast, and as a Force must
maintained to keep the Circars in Subj
thinks the Advantages to be expected from
obtained on those Terms are not adequate
the Expence of such an Undertaking —

For the present therefore it seems
Interest as well as Nizam Ally's to
on the Company's Account for a certa
on such Terms as may maintain Our
handsome clear Income to the Compa
think might probably be brought about on our en-
gaging to pay a stipulated Sum into his Treasury
annually in Sircar Bills as would have no trouble

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in settling with the Jemmidars & deceitfull Renters who defraud him of half his Revenues & would be at a certainty as to his Yearly Income from this Part of his extensive Dominions. —

If Nizam Alley can be induced so far to see his own Interest, as to lett the Circars to the Company, We think We may afford to give him ten or fifteen Lacks a Year for them to be paid into his Treasury free of all Deductions & the remainder would support a sufficient Force to keep them quiet and yield a considerable Revenue besides to our Honble Masters —

This is the Plan on which we should be glad to get Possession of the Circars, for which purpose We have addressed a Letter to Nizam Alley, a Copy thereof comes for Your perusal; You will be able to judge from the reception it meets with, what Probability there may be of our Succeeding —

If Nizam Alley is inclinable to accept of our Proposals, our Intentions are to pay him five Lacks down for the first Year & for the second and fifteen for every Year after, as long as he agrees to our Venturing them —

We are

Sir

Your most Affectionate Friends

Rob Palk &c Council

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Number of Troops for Usoff Cawn, but I told him flatly I could grant none & Sent back Marchand with a Short Letter to Usoff Cawn acquainting him that it was in vain to ask the Conditions he had named & that I could not transmit such to You, however if he would surrender at Discretion he might for such an action expect the most favour. While this was writing a Black Man of Usoff Cawns Confidants brought out the enclosed Note from himself & in answer thereto I desired that Row Cand might be sent out to talk with me, as I hope from him to know how far Usoff Cawn & Marchand are actually in Confidence together, & moreover to learn many other Circumstances with more certainty than I now know them, To obtain this Knowledge & sow Jealousies has been my principal Cause for continueing this kind of Treaty so long & I think I can already perceive that their Affairs are very desperate notwithstanding Marchand threatens us with the most positive Assurances that he (Usoff Cawn) can make the Garrison Hold out to the End of this Year even tho they had nothing to eat for the last Month of it

To morrow it is possible I shall have something more reasonable to transmit You from Usoff Cawn.

I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Camp 17th Sept. 1764

Your most Obt & most Hble Servant

Chas. Campbell

I am sensible, Dear Sir, You was always good Friend to me & now this is the Time that You will shew Your great Regard & Friendship to clear me out of this present Trouble

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that I have got in to excuse me every Thing that is past of my bad Conduct. I beg You will be so good as to write to Your Friends to settle the Affairs according to my desire that have proposed to the Gentlemen in so doing will greatly oblige I shall be glad to see Your Boy or Peon Sollamtwar to speak any Thing more freely or else if You grant leave I shall send You Writen Routing. I remain with due respect

Respected Sir,

Your most Obed.t Oblig.d humble Servant

Mahomet Esouf Cawn

Madura 27th Sept.r 1764

To Major

Charles Campbell Esq.r

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell rejects the Proposals of Nuncy Cawn

Enclosed I have the Honor to send a Letter from Nuncy Cawn & Mr. Marchand which I received this Morning. I returned a very short Answer & told them that the Terms they asked were such that could not be granted & that I would not consent to the Cessation of Arms. Therefore Hos. tilities were immediately commenced from our Battery

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obliged and

most Obedient Servant

Chas Campbell

Camp before Madura

13 Sept. 1764

Sir,

I have learned Your Letter sent by my Bearer in answer of mine sent by him but am sorry that cannot send now Rowling to You being very Sick of Swelling, my last determina

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Monday 20th August.

At a Consultation Present

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

Read the two following Letters from the Presidency and Council at Bombay —

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

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Favours of the 16.th & 25
Ult.o & are extreamly pleased to perceive You had hopes of
speedily reducing Madura, more especially as the Situ
ation of Affairs in Bengal, We have too much Reason
to believe will require every Aid Your Honor &c.a may
have it in Your Power to afford. The enclosed Copy of a
Letter to the Chief at Surat from our Vacqueel at Delhi of-
fords a very unpleasing Prospect & tho' We flatter our-
-selves the Distress of our Army is rather exaggerated yet
We cannot help being under some Apprehensions for their
Welfare —

enclosing lists of their Militia on this Coast

Agreable to Your desire We enclose a List shew
-ing when the Contracted Time expires of the Men belong
-ing to our Establishment on Your Coast & are to acquaint
You We never enter any for a less term than five Years
observing the same Method as Your Honors &c.a in leaving

We

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the Bounty Money to any Man whose Time is expired & is desirous of reenlisting, which bounty Money is 20 Rupees Should any of our Men on the Expiration of their Contracted Time apply to reenlist upon Your Coast, We hope & expect it will be expressely stipulated to be for the Service of this Presidency —

Should any of the Officers your Honor &c.a mention to have resigned their Commissions make their Appearance at this Presidency or any of its Subordinates You may rest assured a suitable resentment shall be shewn for their extraordinary Behaviour —

It certainly would be of the utmost Utility if a Method cou'd be found out of rendering the Communication on between the three Presidencies more speedy, We shall therefore be glad to be informed of the result of the Enquiry, and in order to facilitate as much as possible the same on our Parts, We are now about sending an Intelligent Person to reside at Anangabad solely to attend to this Business & transmitting Packets and shall give him Directions to make the most minute Enquiry he possibly can as to the real Particulars should later tho' this We apprehend depends greatly on the Situation of the different Armies in the Country

As We have frequent Opportunities of addressing our Honble Masters by the Way of Bussorah, it will be of the utmost Consequence in the present Critical Situation of their Affairs in Bengal to transmit them all the Intelligence We may be able, We request Your Honor &c.a will not fail to communicate from Time to

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Determination & Resolution have wrote in Your Letter —

I remain with all Respect,

Sirs, Sam,

Your most Obedt. hble. Servt. to Command,

M. C. C

Resolution in Consequence

We can give Major Campbell no further Directions or Answer to the above Letters than those contained in our Letter of the 22d. Instant. —

Letter from the Governor & Council at Tranquebar read as follows. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Tranquebar regarding their Dispute with the King of Tanjour.

We are honored with Your Favor of the 8th. Instant. & are very sensible at the Trouble You are pleased to take in our Affair with the King of Tanjour. We never meant to interfere in the appointment of his Officers & it is by consequence entirely disapproved by Us whomsoever he thinks proper to employ in his own Dominions; & if only the King will desist from pretending that We should accept Personal Vaich as Vigiadon in the Company Territory so there can be further no Cause of Disputes between him & Us —

With regard to what the King mentions concerning the present Vigiadore's Manager Ramanna Pullei. We shall take the Liberty to inform You of that Matter with few Words. One Day in the end of June last past a Flock of different armed People was coming in one

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of our Villages where the Vigiadon resides & pretended to seize the Ramutra & to carry him away by force but were opposed by our Seapoys on Duty in that Village, who carried them, together with Ramutra in the Town, They were accommodated, & pretended to be sent by the King to seize Ramutra & deliver him in Tanjore. This was undoubtedly an Act of open Violence, they were however asked if they had any Letter or Commission to ascertain their Pretension, & as they had not & were not lead on by any Person of trust, so they were sent away & no attention was paid to what they had attended. We informed the Court immediately of that Event & received afterwards a Message, desiring Ramutra to be delivered up as being greatly indebted to the Court; but in the mean while he had made his Escape out of the Company's Bounds, so that it was then not in our Power to deliver him up, whereof We informed the Court & assured that as soon as he should be in the reach of our Power We willingly would comply to its demand & deliver him up immediately.

We are sorry that those immaterial Moments should be the Cause of a misunderstanding between the King & Us, being most certainly disposed to cultivate his Friendship by all possible means; but We hope Honble Sir & Sirs that since You have taken upon You to manage a Reconciliation, You will not leave Your Work unfinished & then We can't but besure that Your good Offices will answer the intended Ends.

We

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to Some any Advices You may receive which You judge worthy Notice. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
22 June 1764

Cha. Crommelin
Wm. Hornby
W. A. Price
Cha. Waters
Samuel Court
Cecil Bowyer

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

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The enclosed is a duplicate of our last since when having heard a more favorable account of the Situation of our Army in Bengal, We now transmit Copy thereof for Your Observation & have further to express our hopes that the same may shortly be confirmed by the President & Council at Fort Williams for whom a Packet is now enclosed which You will be pleased to forward as soon as possible.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. Servants

Bombay Castle
1st July 1764

Cha. Crommelin,
Wm. Hornby,
W. A. Price,
Cha. Waters,
Sam. Court,
Cecil Bowyer,

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Order in Consequence

Ordered that Copies of the Lists of the Men of the Bombay Detachment, together with an Extract of the Letter relating to their receiving their Pay be forwarded to Mr. Dowsett Paymaster at Camp who is to be directed to see that the same be carefully observed. He is also to be ordered to keep separate Lists of such of the Men as may reenlist, in order that they may be transmitted to Bombay — And Agreed that the Gentlemen at that Place be informed that We shall fully comply with their Request in this particular —

Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council

Letter from Major Campbell.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor to receive Your Honours of the 3.d Instant & beg leave to return my most grateful Thanks, for the favor You have been pleased to do me in confirming the Officers I appointed & Isincerely hope that their Behaviour will continue to be such as to merit your future Notice — I have delivered Captain Fitzgerald's Note to Mr. Dowset & agreable to Your Directions have communicated to him the Extract of the Honble Court of Directors Letter, I have also made the other Officers acquainted with that part of the Honble Board's Letter which concerned them — I have wrote to Mr. Turner to pay on my Account into the Company's Cash at Madras, the Pay which Mr. Robinson has received as Ensign

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We have the Honor to be with the most perfect Esteem
and Consideration &c

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servants

Fort Dansborg
14 Sept. 1764

H. Abbestée
J. H. Gilde
P. Falk
L Hüübech
CL Bie

Copy to be sent to the King of Tanjour

Ordered that a Copy thereof be transmitted to the King of Tanjour &c

Letters from Manila received p the Ship Revenge read as follows &c

To the Horible George Pigot Esqr
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St. George &c

Horible Sir &c Sirs

Letter from Manila

not having Time to finish our Dispatches We enclose to Your Honor &c the Returns of the Troops embarked on the different Ships &c shall prepare our Letters against our arrival at Kolo &c

We are

Horible Sir &c Sirs

Your most Obed.t hble Servants

Admiral Pocock
Miabella Bay
15 April 1764

Hon. Parsons
Wm. Stevenson
Francis Jourdan

To

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Manila

1 We had the Pleasure to write Your two Letters &
His Majesty's Ships Seaford, since when We have embarked
all the Troops, on the Falmouth the Siam, the Revenge, Ad-
-miral Pocock, London &, a Country Ships, as We shall here-
-after more fully inform You.

2. The Spaniards having loudly complained of the
Treatment they have met with from the Company's Agents
which the Behaviour of Captains Brereton & Backhouse, of
whom We shall in the Course of this Letter write You, gives
no great Reason to suspect they have been incited to by them,
We think it necessary to recapitulate the most material
of the Publick Transactions from the Departure of the Squa-
-dron. Your Honor &c. are acquainted with the many En-
-deavours We have used while Honor permitted to bring on
a Reconciliation with Seven Anda, & of their having proved
ineffectual & We persuade ourselves a candid perusal of
what has passed will convince You that We have on every
occasion treated the Inhabitants of Manila &c. with all the
Lenity possible from the Returns they have made with too
much. In the Consultations You will also have an
Opportunity of remarking the Insults offered to the Compa-
thro' Mr. Drake & Messrs. Smith & Brooke, Servants of those
Heads, they offered a considerable Premium of which We have
not failed to make the Court of Directors acquainted That
if they judge proper they may represent the same to the

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since his being appointed to the end of this Month.

Mr. Buchannan Surgeon expects to be able to set out for Cuddalore by the End of this Month.

By all the Intelligence I can learn from the Fort. the Provisions which is served is very bad and in smaller quantities than before, the Garrison in General extremely unhappy, they continue to kill & eat their Horses, are grown very Sick by, Ascoff Cawn appears very Melancholy & dejected, Seldom goes near his Family, or suffers any Person to come near to him excepting two Company's of his oldest Sepoys, from all reports of the Situation of the Fort, I hope We shall not be obliged to make another attack, but get the Place by Famine.

All the Coast Artillery Officers here are fit for Field Duty would You please to have any of them sent to do Duty in Madras in room of Lieut.t Stout.

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged and

most Obedient Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp before Madura
the 21st Aug.t 1764

Ensign Robinson not to refund the pay he has received.

As Mr. Robinson received the pay of an Ensign in Consequence of Major Campbell's appointment Major Campbell is to be informed, that We did not intend he should be obliged to refund it but that he should receive no pay for it in future.

An Officer of the Bengal Artillery to be appointed in the room

The Board observing by the last returns of the Army that Lieut.t Hoctrist of the Bombay

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of Lieut. Rochfort deceased

Artillery is dead, Major Campbell is to be directed to ap-
point one of the Bombay Volunteers an Officer in his
stead & ordered that the Gentlemen at Bombay be
advised thereof.—

As We omitted thro' mistake appointing Mr. Julius
Cæsar, who did Duty in Camp before the arrival of the
Cadets of this Season, an Ensign, Ordered that a Com-
mission be prepared for him to take Rank next before
Mr. Weston Greenwolters — And that Major Campbell
be made acquainted therewith.—

Mr. Julius Cæsar ap-
pointed an Ensign

General Lawrence recommends to the Board Ad-
jutant Trimbee as a diligent & good Officer — It is
therefore Agreed that an Ensigns Brevet be given to him
to rank next after Ensign Robinson —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Heigel at Tranquebar

To Mr. Palk Governor of
Madras & the Gentlemen of
the Council at that Place

A Mons.r Palk Gouverneur de
Madrass et a Mess.rs du Conseil
Superieur de en droit.

Gentlemen

Messieurs

You have undoubtedly
Vous aurés appris
sans doute mon arrivée a Tran-
quebar avec le détachement de lui with a Detachment of free
Français Libres, que J'ay l'honneur Frenchmen whom I have the
de Commander de puis la reddi- Honor to Command since the
tion de la Place de Pondichery Reduction of Pondicherry, hav-
ayant succedé au Commande- ing succeeded Mr. Law in the
ment de ces Troupes a cet Command of my coming hither
égard; ces raisons qui m'ont was acknowledge that a
amené dans cette lieu sont Peace was concluded between

Ministry as also that Satisfaction may be obtained for the Breach of Faith so many of the Spaniards here have been guilty of, particularly the Oydors Villacortee, Galvan the Fiscal the Marquis de Monte Castro & many others Civil & Military.

3 In March advice having been received of Deserters at Polo a Party marched thither, but they were fled: they however took St. Cs Cavia & Calaraga, two Gentlemen of Senor Anda's Party — altho' the Clergy at Polo had concealed them no greater Severity was used towards them than Confinement

4 In the same Month Captain Backhouse was sent up the Lake in order to prevent the Junction of a Body of the Enemy with Senor Anda, He pushed them to Mahahay a Post strong by Nature, where they had a Part of the Philippina's Treasure; As Mr Drake & his Council could not spare him a Reinforcement to enable him to undertake the Reduction of it, with any great Probability of Success, he by their Directions proceeded round the Lake & distributed their Commissions to the Inhabitants of the Villages.

5 Advice having been received that Part of the Philippina Treasure was landed at Batangas, on the S. W. of the Island, It was resolved to undertake an Expedition against that Place, but the Troops having been dispatched by Sea with Orders to land about half a Days march from thence & to join him, met with contrary Winds & bad Weather which rendered their Passage long, wherefore before their arrival he marched to Batangas which the Enemy had abandoned, about the Convent of the Place he dug up Shot & Money.

6 Captain Backhouse having sent advice that the Rajah

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Part of the Philippina's Treasure was at Bulusan a Town on the S. E. of the Island & that having also been Corroborated by other Intelligence it was resolved to acquaint Captain Brereton therewith. Captain Brereton had sail'd the end of March in search of the Philippina & the Day before the intended Departure of these Advices, he returned having burnt the Ship at Palappa & destroyed her Guns —

7. In the Month of May Letters was received from Diego Silan a Mistise who had thrown off the Spanish Yoke, & set himself up as Chief of the Province of Illocos: desiring the Assistance of the English. As the Deputy Governor & the then Council deemed it of great Moment. They resolved to send a Party thither & accordingly directed Captain Backhouse to return Part of his Detachment & repair to Pasig however the Intelligence of the Treasure at Bulusan having been confirmed as they hoped by continuing the War to the South ward to deprive the Enemy of means to support their great Expences & prevent them from acting against the Illocoan Party they thought proper to postpone the Expedition & to direct Captain Backhouse to act with Vigour in the Province of Balayan, soon after the Illocos Chief having been murdered, as it is imagined at the Instigation of the Priests the Expedition was laid aside —

8. According to Advice soon after obtained the Treasure or the greater Part of it had passed Capt. Backhouse & been conveyed to Pampango & the Enemy having advanced to the Skirts of the Town which rendered Provisions extremely Scarce, We judg'd proper to recall Captain Backhouse & his Party, but it was not until after — Backhouse & his Party, but it was not until after —

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la Connoissance qua Jay eüe de France and England by which
la Conclusion de paix entre has been put upon my hands from
La France et l'angleterre, par that Time. I have in vain
son qui m'ont lié les main expected the arrival of the
des le moment La. Jay attendu French Fleet in India, from
envain l'arrivée de Lescadre whom I expected Assistance.
français dans l'inde dont le They have not appeared as
Comptois tient des Secours et qui en all likelihood would
besoins, elle n'a point paru not this Year. I have used all
m'apparence qu'elle vienne de the supplies which I had
cette année, J'ay épuisé toutes for the Maintenance of the
les ressources que j'avois dans Detachment & not expecting
moi pour l'entretien de le any of my own Nation. I am
Detachement et n'en ayant determined to address myself
point a attendre de si tot de to You / who are alone able to
la part de ma nation, Je me relieve me in my Distress / to
suis determiné à madrasser solliciter en the name of the
a vous / comme Les Seuls dans la / King and Company of
position de me tirer d'embarras) France / that You will pay
pour vous Solliciter au nom = unto me with the Rents of
des Rois et de la Compagnie de fifteen Thousand Pagodas
France, à me fournir en Sus or give up to me Hamicall
la Somme de quinze mille with the Revenues, just as
pagodas d'or, ou me livrer they were when in possession
Hamical avec ses revenues tels of the French for the support
qu'ils étoient du tems de of my Detachment
la Possession de celle endroit. I hope Gentlemen / relying
par les français pour l'en on the rights of civilized
tretien de mon Detachement Nations) that You will regard

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l'espérer Messieurs! fondé sur le droit regard the reasonable demand
des Nations Européennes! que vous which I now make, You would
aurés égard a une demende aussi undoubtedly have found among
raisonnable que celle, que j'ay l'- the French your warm wish
honneur de vous faire, vous estimez-ed, in an alternative so unhappy
trouve surement chez les Français as that to which We are now
dans une alternative aussi reduced. I am convinced the
malheureuse que celle ou nous English carract as nobly —
nommes reduits. des secours avec You will undoubtedly, Gen-
tlemen. J'admet chez les Anglais - tlemen be the readier to assist
une façon, d'agir aussi noble. me, when You are acquainted
vous serés d'autant plus engagés that I have refused entering
Mess.rs, a me fournir le secour, que into any League with Your
vous savés que j'ay refusé den Ennemies! notwithstanding
trer dans aucune Liaison avec the advantageous offers that
vos ennemis actuels (malgré les were made me) that I might
avantages riels qu'ils voudroient not in the least Manner
me faire) pour ne point enfrin- violate the Treaty of Peace
dre en façon quelconque la Paix subsisting between our res-
tes de paix qui subsistent entre pective Courts — I beg Gen-
nos cours respectives; J'attens tlemen You will please en-
Mess.rs que vous voudrés a bien Days to give a positive
me donner sous peu de answer to my Demands.
Jours d'une reponse positive a and —
mes demendes. Je suis avec respect I am with respect

Messieurs

Votre tres humble et tres

Obeis.t Serviteur

Bürgel

Gentlemen

Your most Humble & very

Obedient Servant

Heizel

Tranquebar
le 10.th aoust 1764

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triplicate Orders had been dispatched that he returned which could not but Surprize Us as these were the first that had miscarried — The inconveniences occasioned thereby were many for not having sufficient Force to maintain out Posts for the Protection of the Inhabitants in the Suburbs, most of them before his Return deserted their Houses & never returned which distress'd Us greatly —

9 In the interim the Enemy having fortified themselves at Malinta a strong Stone House at the Distance of about nine Miles to the Northward from whence they were continually sending out Parties into the Suburbs Captain Sleigh with a large Detachment was sent to dislodge them from thence, but he (by his Account) finding it almost impracticable to pass the River thought proper to return to Manetha after having been cannonaded near 4 Hours by the Enemy whereby Captain Upfield & 9 Europeans were wounded — Captain Upfold & 2 Men died of their Wounds —

10 We recommended to Major Fell the Commandant a second attempt on Malinta as We thought this Expulse might elate the Enemy as well as depress the Spirits of our own Men; but he represented the Garrison to be greatly reduced by Sickness &c^a and that such an Expedition would be precarious We were obliged to to lay it aside

11 Some of the adjacent Villages having served as Barracks for the Enemy from whence the sallied, murdered our People & stopt them Enemy from bringing Provisions into Manila, We were obliged to proceed

to Long the extreamly disagreeable to Us & by burning them to en-
-crease the Calamities already heavily felt by the unhappy Indi-
-Our Hearts were touched at their Misfortunes, but self Preserva-
-tion, which alone could have induced Us to take such Measures
left Us no Alternative.

12 As the Partizans of S.r Anda entered the Suburbs We fre-
-quently carried off some of the remaining Inhabitants, for
their Protection We pitched upon three Posts to the N. NE and
East which answered the desired End.

13 You were advised by the Way of Batavia in March 1763 of
the Ill Succes of Padre Panuengo's Negociation — In may
the Inveteracy of Senor Anda shewed itself in a virulent
Manifesto he published wherein he offered 10,000 Dollars for the
Heads of either M.r Drake or Mess.rs Smith & Brooke such Treatment
could not but exasperate those Gentlemen — however when We recei-
-ved the Proclamation for a suspension of Arms We sent a Copy
of it to the late Archbishop, who forwarded it to Senor Anda
nevertheless he refused to conform thereto, because it came he
said thro' an improper Channel — We were at a Loss in what
Manner to proceed — to make him any further offers, would We
apprehended, have made the Enemy imagine, the Situation
of our Affairs to have been in a bad State, however the In-
-habitants reduced to the greatest Distress, having with one
General Voice implored Us to send the said Proclamation to
Senor Anda, altho' the Manner of their Application was
not agreable to Us, We complied with their Request & desired
them to pitch upon two of the Citizens to carry a Letter with
the Proclamation, to our great surprize not a Man of them
would be the Bearer because not addressed to him as Governor

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Purport of an Answr to be wrote him

We cannot but be much surprized at Mr. Hügel's Request as He must be sensible of the immense Expence, We have already been put to, are still at in maintaining many of the French Nation who were made Prisoners during the late War — His Application, We think may with equal Propriety be made to any other European Nation, more particularly to the Danes who have received from us already supplied him with Arms & Ammunition that are therefore certainly accountable for his Actions. — With regard to the alternative He proposes of having Harricatt delivered up to him, We can by no means agree thereto, as the Comptoirs to be restored by the Treaty of Peace cannot be given up, till proper Persons vested with full Powers, come to demand them. —

Mr. Hügel cannot certainly claim any Merit in having declined joining our Enemies, when he appears fully sensible that such an Act would be an infringement of the Peace so happily established. In Consequence of which he cannot be ignorant of — It is therefore Ordered that a Letter be wrote to him to the foregoing Effect & that Copies of his Letter & our answer be transmitted to the Governor and Council at Fort Marlborough. —

As it is uncertain whether the Duke of Grafton may touch here in her Way to Bengall — And as it has been resolved to detain one of the Ships designed for that Place for the October Ships — It is agreed in Consul-

the Worcester arrived on Monday last

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to be put on board the Devonshire & any other Vessels proceeding to Bengall ——

the Albany does not arrive in three Days to embark as many of the Recruits who came out on the Vansittart on board the Devonshire for Bengall as she can receive & that the Remainder be sent by the first Conveyance ~

Rob.t Palk
Roger Lawrell
G.o Bourchier
Rich.d Fairfield
Lan.s Teed
Charles Turner
Geo.e Stratton

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& Captain General — We notwithstanding sent it by an Ecclesiastick who brought it back unopened with Proposals from one of the Chiefs of Sr. Andrés Party, & We thought a Pacification would have ensued but We were deceived, how much soever We had condescended towards bringing about such an Event — Again in the Month of December the Distress of the People in general being greatly encreased & We unwilling to proceed to Extremities, recommended taking off Senor Andrés Proscription as a Measure that would effectually produce a Reconciliation, but the Deputy Governor &c. Military Council being of a different Opinion a Letter only was forwarded to him/ under the address of Commander in Chief of the Forces in the Provinces/ & Flag of Truce, offering to treat with him as in the mean Time, as We imagined our Negociations would have no little Effect, We commenced Preparations that We might have taken the Field, so soon as the Season would have permitted, in case he should not have conformed to the Suspension of Arms, We ordered all the Inhabitants to remove from the Suburbs into Town, as We had certain Intelligence that they not only corresponded with the Enemy but supplied them with every Thing they had occasion for from the Town — We waited 12 Days for an answer to this Letter when he returned it by a Flag of Truce unopened. However soon after Senr. Andrés made Overtures, thro one of his Friends, importing that if the Proclamations in which he had been treated as a Rebell should be revoked & he be acknowledged Capn. General, he would conform to the Cessation of Hostilities on having an attested Copy sent to him — As there was the greatest Scarcity of Provisions

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in the Garrison, by which the Spaniards under our Protection & the Chinese suffered as well as our own People, as the daily Casualties were great, upwards of 100 Men sick in the Hospital & it was most probable We should have remained another Year at Manila & our Treasury with the greatest Oeconomy would not have more than answered the current Expences to the Month of June & as the Preliminary Articles detail that all which has passed during the War shall be forgotten. We revoked his Proscription & consented to grant him the Title of General & Commander in Chief of his Catholic Majesty's Troops in the Provinces; which were only Titles, We thought We could with Propriety grant to him, without invalidating the Cession made to General Draper from which We were uncertain whether any Claims might not have been laid in since the Preliminary Articles were signed. However considering We were, the Answer We received was that he had the Preliminary Articles & that if We would evacuate Manila & Cavite by the end of Febry. he would conform to the Cessation of Hostilities, otherwise that he should look upon us as disobedient Subjects & that his Letter in such Case was a declaration of War. Such Conditions greatly surprized us. We however endeavoured to undeceive him by assuring him We had not any Orders for the Restitution of Manila but at the same Time declared, that if he did not give us an Answer within seven Days from the date of our Letter We should look upon such neglect as a Confirmation of his former Declaration & act accordingly.

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22 Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Commanding the Army

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army before
Madura

Letter to Major Campbell

Sir,

We have received Your Letter of the 13th Instant — As Mr Robinson received the pay of Ensign [illegible] conse-quence of Your Appointment, We do not intend he should be obliged to refund it —

As We omitted appointing Mr Julius Cæsar Ensign, who did Duty in Camp before the arrival [illegible] -dets of this Season, We have therefore thought pro[per] order an Ensign's Commission to be made out for [him] Rank next before Mr Weston Greenwallers —

We understand from General Lawrence that he has ordered a Court of Enquiry on Mr Brought [illegible] -mitted some Papers for the Court's Information We shall be glad to have Copies of those Papers sent us —

If You have occasion to send any Officers from [illegible] You will order them to Cuddalore —

By Your Return for last Month We observe that Lieut Koetzitz of the Bombay Artillery is dead, We will therefore appoint one of the Bombay Volunteers an Officer in his room & acquaint us with his Name that We may advise the Gentlemen of Bombay thereof —

We are Sir,

Your most Obed humble Servants

Rob Palk &c Council

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Dispatched the following Letter to the Governor & Council at Tranquebar.

To the Honble. Herman Abbestie
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Tranquebar.

Gentlemen

Letter to Tranquebar regarding Mr. Haigels application —

The enclosed is Copy of a Letter We have lately received from Mr. Haigel with our Answer thereto which We have thought it necessary to acquaint with, as We cannot but look upon You as answerable for the Conduct of those whom You have taken into Your Settlement & under Your Protection —

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

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23 Sent the following Letter to the President & Council at Fort William p Ship Devonshire —

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

Letter to Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Duplicate of our Letter by the Carnarvon now waits on You —

It having been judged necessary to detain the Van Sittart here, We have put 50 of the Recruits who came out on her on board the Devonshire & the remainder being 65 We intend to send by the Togat —

We some Time ago received a Letter from one

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Captain Brereton was desired to assist in Council on the re-
=ceipt of Mr Anda's Proposals, but instead of coming he
wrote us a very extraordenary Letter observing that We never
called upon him, but when We had brought ourselves into
Difficulties &, in General in very unbecoming Language;
but addresses of this kind We have not been used to from
him — As Mr Anda's Conduct gave us great Reason to suspect
We should have been obliged to take the Field We resolved
to withdraw the Out-Garrisons which would have enabled
Us to have sent into the Field a Detachment of 700 or 800 Men
& leave a sufficient Garrison for Manila — We accordingly
directed that Cavita should be moved that if necessary
it might be destroyed, & desired Captain Brereton to inform
us how many Men he could spare from his Ship — In Answer
to our great astonishment, he recommended burning of
Manila / a Measure as strange as unwarrantable & inhumane)
& withdrawing to Cavita & offered if We would not consent
thereto to Garrison Cavita — In the mean Time it was ascer-
-ted as the Time was expired & no Letter from Gen. Anda
arrived, that an Expedition should be undertaken against
Bacalor on which was their Chief Dependence & Captain
Backhouse imbarked to enquire the most eligible Way
thither. Soon after he addressed us a Letter recommending
either the Expedition to Bacalor or the Laguna, but he
having afterwards assured us that from Intelligence
on which he could depend, the Way thro' the Province of
Pangasinan he had before recommended was impracti-
-cable, & thro' the Bulacan Province precarious & having
raised many other Objections against it, We sooner than

oblige him to an Expedition entirely against his Will laid it aside, & consented to send 200 Men into the Provence of Balayan where great Quantities of Grain & Cattle might have been procured, for We too well know that the Consequence of a Commander being obliged to undertake an Expedition he disapproves of, which in such Case is generally unsuccessfull, are severe Reflections thrown on the Persons who planned it, especially when they are not of the Military — The beginning of Febry the Deputy Governor received a Letter from Polo from the Superior of the Jesuits who had been thither with his Permission intimating that Senor Anda had given Orders for a Suspension of Arms, of which he would shortly write him. However as no dependence could be placed hereon, in a Military Council, as the march to Bacelor was deemed impracticable it was recommended to attack Polo where the Enemy had a Large Granary — Here Capt. Backhouse again raised Difficulties. He required 6 Peices of battering Cannon — 1200 Coolies, a flying Hospital, Bootlies Provisions &c. altho' it is scarce 9 Miles from Manila & the Expedition was overset. In a succeeding Consultation as Tambobong is very conveniently situated for stopping all Provisions going to Polo & would greatly have distressed that Garrison, may perhaps have obliged them to abandon it, it was proposed to take Post there when Capt. Backhouse after many of his former Objections produced the Earl of Egremont's Orders to General Draper for a Cessation of Hostilities & declared he would not Consent to such a Step as that would have been acting hastily. We cannot express to You the Surprise We were under for as he had

&c

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Seyed Abdul Khoheem at Cochin an Extract of which comes inclosed. We think the reviving the Trade with Cochin a Matter well worth our Notice as the Customs arising therefrom to the Company were very considerable & the Exportation of Goods from this Coast for that Market was no small addition to our Manufacture Investment

If Your Honors &c have any Demands on the King We would wish they were made & settled as soon as possible that no time may be lost in renewing so advantageous a branch of our Commerce — We have already permitted one of the Vessels belonging to the King to carry back the Returns of what she brought unmolested —

Captain Quick has a Packet from the Secret Committee of the Honble the Court of Directors for Your President —

We are

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servants

Rob Palk & Council

P.S. Since writing the above the Duke of Albany is arrived instead thereof of sending You the Accounts which came out on the Van Sittart by the Devonshire & Legat We shall put those arrived on the Albany on Board the Devonshire & Van Sittart which Ships will likewise bring You the Men who came out on them. — several of those by the Albany are very ill of Fevers & Fluxes, & the Surgeon has represented that it will be necessary they should be landed as soon as they recover they shall be sent down to You.

Came in the following Letter from Captain Robert Fitzgerald at Camp: —

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

Letter from Capt Villiers Fitzgerald — In Justification of his Conduct .....

Gentlemen

Having had the perusal of an Extract of a Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors, from Major Campbell I think it my Duty to have the Honor of acquainting You that the Contents of that Letter, gives me the highest concern & surprize, being thoroughly perswaded my Services for that Honble Body does not Merit that Return —

I am not conscious that I left unpaid any Debt in England, either on the recruiting or any other Account, as to the mentiond £ 39 . 15 . 6 I left Directions with my Guardian to pay, if he found it just, but I am extremely obliged to the Honble Court of Directors for praying it for me, which Sum I will as speedy as possible repay with Thanks —

As to the Character them Gentlemen are pleased to give me I am much at a loss how to recollect in what Shape I have deserved it, being confident I always kept it unblemished & shall ever Study to continue it so, moreover these Gentlemen well know I produced them recommendations from every General Officer, I had the Honor of serving under, during the Course of this War together with his Majesty's Commission of Captain in his Army, altho' my Regiment was broke, — I flatter myself Gentlemen You will be so kind to excuse the Liberty I have taken in writing to You but my principal Motive for this is, to earnestly request that You wont draw any Character of me, from that unkind letter as I can give no other reason for it than the Force & Change

had this Order long before any Plan of Operations had been fixed on, the inconsistency of his recommending an Attack on Bacelor, or to proceed to the Saguanaras also of his signing a Letter to Senor Anda, setting forth that if he did not send an answer within a certain Time We should proceed to act hostilely. besides what could this order imply more than had before been Commanded by the Proclamation for a Suspension of Arms. For our Parts, as all Obligations are mutual, We thought & still think, that as the Spaniards refus'd to conform to it, We should have stood justified for any Measures that might have been taken to disperse those Troops that prevented our getting Provisions — Shortly after Senor Anda addressed us advising that he had given Orders for a Cessation of Hostilities & desiring Commissaries might be nominated to settle Points relative thereto. We accordingly deputed Messrs. Stevenson and Jourdan to meet the Commissaries of Senor Anda at Tambotong. Their Conferences were put an End to by the arrival of the Revenge —

14 By our last p Seaford We acquainted You that We intended to remove all the Company's Troops & leave the Regiment which Captain Backhouse persisted in refusing to divide, however, as the Officers as well as the Men were greatly dissatisfied with the thoughts of remaining behind the rest of the Garrison, They went to Capt. Brereton to ask why he would not carry them on preference to Black Troops, on which he offered to take the Regiment in the Talmouth & Siam provided We

could

remove the Company's Troops: As We had promised to let
Captain Brereton have 100 Men of the Lascars for the Siam
about 200 Men remained to have Conveyances provided for
for these the Pocock, Revenge & London were not sufficient
however having heard that by taking 13 Pcs of Timber out of
the Siam, she might carry about 200 Men more, & that
a Ship purchased by Commodore Watson might be
repaired by the beginning of April We saw ourselves ena-
-bled to remove the whole Garrison & therefore appointed to
Captain Brereton to order the said Timber to be landed
on the Company's Account (for which they are to pay the
same Price it would have sold for, if carried to Madras)
& desired Captain Watson forthwith to get his Vessel in
readiness — As the Season was so far advanced We could
have wished that our first Distribution had taken Place
but as the Spaniards refused us Cartes & the Garrison
was then greatly discontented & would have been more
so had We not complied with their Application, We
acquiesced; altho' We fear from the Calms & hot Weather
We may expect, at this Season of the Year, during so long
a Passage, as We in all Probability shall meet with, in
such crowded Ships as these will be, We shall lose many
of the Men —

15 By the Revenge Capt. Brereton received His Ma-
-jesty's Sign Manuel for restoring all Conquests under
his Command which he failed not to shew & desired
us to give up Manila to him for that purpose; We ac-
-quainted him with Your Orders to us & observed to him
that Manila not being under his Directions, We were of

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of Interest) but postpone it until I have the Misfortune
of giving you more substantial Proofs of my bad Conduct
which shall always be my Chiefest endeavours to avoid
and remain

Honored Gentlemen

Your most obliged & most dutiful
Humble Servant

Rob Fitzgerald

Camp before Madura
16 August 1764

Duke of Albany arrives from England.—

Arrived this Day the Honble Company's Ship Duke of Albany from England — In Consequence of which the Recruits send on Board the Devonshire from the Vansittart were returned & those arrived on the Albany Ordered to be divided between the Devonshire & Vansittart &

The recruits arrived on here embarked on the Devonshire and Vansittart for Bengall.

24 Received the following Letter from Mr. Brouniere at Tranquebar.—

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

Letter from Mr. Brouniere Intelligences regarding Mr. Haigle

Honble Sir,

I have been honored with Your Favor of the 7th Inst. in regard of Mr. Haigle, I have done my endeavours to come to the true Knowledge of his Intention for the future; all I have found out is that a Man formerly in Mr. De Bussy's Service, done to Devan, actually as Commissioner for Wolff Conn, has been preparing for Mr. Haigle, to Join his Party to some Troops Coos Conn has some where in the Country & in Conjunction to dis- lodge the Arcot Country, as much as possible, in order to withdraw Your Army from Madura, to defend the

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Arcot, the King of Tanjour is into this Scheme, But Mr Heigle
Country

want the abovementioned Transaction should be done directly
in the King of Tanjour's Name, which the King has abso-
lutely refused. Hyder Naick has made offers again to Mr
Heigle to join him with what Troops he can collect &c by
what I can learn this is better liked by Mr Heigle, he has
purchased from one Vartell 300 Firelocks for the use of his
Troops & has recruited his Party to 230 Men; as long as he
has Money he will not stir from hence, but certainly he
will undertake some thing or other very shortly as his
Finances begin to be low. Mr Heigle gives out that he will
undertake nothing without having wrote to Your Honor
before; to allow him and his Party Subsistence &c I am
informed that he has already wrote to Your Honor about
it; for which same Reason I have not yet proposed to him
to come into the Nabob's Service, or remain quiet here
with the Subsistence the Nabob wanted to allow him, as
I think it is better that he has made the first Step by
which Your Honor may do what is most proper; had
I proposed any of the two Conditions before he would have
imagined the Nabob was afraid of him & would sett
dear his Compliance, it was by order of Major Campbell
who in the Name of the Nabob, that I was to hint to Mr
Heigle, either to come into the Nabobs Service or remain
here with a Subsistance & given Caution not to stir
from hence, I have wrote to Major Campbell for his positive
Orders, but have not yet received. The Dutch wanted Mr
Heigle to go to Ceylon with his Party, which he has
refused; I am positive that Mr Heigle is very averse to

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Opinion that the most eligible Method would be to act in Concert which Capt. Backhouse then approved; may Captain Brereton read to Us his Orders from Admiral Cornish to consult with Us concerning the Time & Manner of restoring Manila; And accordingly when the Dispatches from Sen.r Arrola came to hand on that Subject We acted in Conjunction — Soon after the Spanish Governor whom We before wrote You, arrived from Acapulco bringing with him Dispatches from the British Court, having conformed the former Deputies he sent by them the said Dispatches for delivering up any conquered Places; which were the same as Captain Brereton had before read from Admiral Cornish. They delivered them to Captains Brereton & Backhouse to whom they said they were directed. From that Time, these Gentlemen began to treat with the Spaniards by themselves, & almost immediately after Captain Backhouse delivered up the Last of Passig without an Order from the Deputy Governor & Council; on which We addressed Letters to him & Captain Brereton remonstring our Surprize at their taking upon themselves to treat for the restitution of Manila without our Concurrence, or even participating to Us their Intentions, to which they replied seperately, that they looked upon themselves as the only Persons properly authorized to deliver it over. We then called upon Capt Backhouse for a Copy of the Sign Manual from which he claimed such an Authority & finding to be addressed as follows — "To "Major General Stringer Lawrence, Brigadier General "Draper, Colonel Lyle Coote or the Officer Commanding any

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"Part of our Land Forces in the East Indies or to the Com-
"manding Officer in any Islands or Places which shall
"have been taken Possession of by our Arms". We demanded
it as addressed to the Government of Manila, for un-
doubtedly the Conquests in the Philippine Islands were
not under the Command of Capt. Backhouse or Captain
Brereton. To this demand he refused to give any Answer
& he having, as We before observed delivered up Passes
without our Permission & on several occasions refused
to obey our Orders, as well as behaved in an extraordinary
& unprecedented Manner, the Deputy Governor sent the
Town Major to put him in Arrest, he refused it's order's
the Town Major in Arrest; on which Lieut. Colby was
ordered with a Party of the Main Guard to make him
a Prisoner who accordingly went to his House where
he found a Serjeant & 12 Granadiers, whom Captain
Backhouse induced Lieut. Colby's Party to join, by ass-
suring them that Mr. Drake intended to take away
the Colours of the Regiment; so mean a Subterfuge was
he drove to! however Lt. Richbell having afterwards be-
sent with a Detachment of the Grenadier Company he
was secured & soon after conveyed as Prisoner to the Citadel.

16 Early the next Morning (26 March) We received
a Letter from Captain's Brereton & Backhouse (dated the
preceding Day, but the signing of which was then freshly)
demanding the City of Manila &c. in Consequence of his
Majesty's Sign Manual that they might restore them to
the Spaniards, in reply We informed Capt. Brereton (as
Capt. Backhouse was in Arrest) that as We had not Orders

enter into any Black Powers Service, except he is obliged to it by Necessity. He has demanded from this Governor 2 field Peices for Saluting on St. Louis's Day, the 25 Inst.t which will be granted Shear, but whether it will return again is much doubted.

The Country Vessell loaded with Stores is not yet arrived at Karricall; 700 Carriage Bullocks are already arrived from Trichinopoly, the River has been very low lately, in Case it remains so, I shall take the Stores and so send by Bullocks to Trichinopoly. Should the River increase again with Water I shall send the Bullocks on to Tondi, & the Boat with Stores also, all the Stores landed from the Royal Charlotte as 19 & 24 lb Shot and Firelocks, also all the Powder &c.a landed by His Majts Ships Panther & Weymouth are all sent to Trichinopoly & for the present nothing more remains at Karricall. I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obed.t & very hble

Servant

Christian Brouner

Tranquebar
19.th August 1764

In Consequence of which the following Letter was dispatched to Major Campbell Commanding the Army.

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army.

Letter to Major Campbell in Consequence.

Sir,

We have received a Letter from Mr. Brouner of which the enclosed is a Copy. We are still of Opinion that Mr. Voigels Party should not be maintained

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at the Company's Expence & therefore to prevent their doing Mischief, if You can detach 30 European Horse & some Sepoys to join the Nabob's Troops in the Arcot Country, to these We will add 100 or 120 Infantry to be stationed according to the Intelligence You receive from Mr. Brown or suppose at Trenomale or somewhere S.E. of that Place the Officer sent with this must correspond with the and Mr. Brouwer. Madura once fallen Mr. Haigle cannot disturb the Peace of the Provence which he may do at present by joining Wolf Cawn's flying Party or He may march to the Assistance of Hydernaig or the Mavallas, We don't think the King of Tanjore will support Trichinopoly unless he is drove to it by the Nabob's Obstinacy —

In case this Plan is adopted Major Donald Campbell & Captain Knox may march from hence with the Europeans, but Subalterns must be detached from the Army —

We understand that Mr. Roberts who came out a Cadet in the Engineers has drawn in Camp Practitioners Subsistance & Allowance, You will therefore Order him to be paid only as a Cadet & to return what he has drawn at Camp as well as the 10 Pagodas He was advanced here by the Paymaster more than his due for the Month of July. When we hear he merits Preferment for his Experience & abilities We shall be appointed a Practitioner Engineer and not before —

We are Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk &c.a Council

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for giving up the Conquest to him, We cou'd not by any Means to comply with his Demand, here We must beg leave to remark that Captains Brereton & Backhouse received the Sign Manual the 18th March & that it was therefore very extraordinary they shou'd have deferr'd their Application until Captain Backhouse was in Confinement. Captain Brereton however again addressed us observing that the Spaniards wou'd not treat with the Company's Agents or receive the City of Manila from them & Yet We that very Evening received a Letter from the Spanish Governor desiring the immediate Restitution of Manila. Such an inconsistency is very striking as is also Captain Brereton's declaring, that when the Sign Manual arrived our authority as Deputy Governor & Council and not Yet after that acting with us & addressing us as such.

17 About the same time Capt Brereton acquainted us that very Scandalous Charges were delivered to him by the Spanish Deputies against Mr Drake which he sent to us, alledging that he had extorted 10000 Dollrs for the Life of Mr Noriega tried in January 1763 for having supplied the Enemy with Ammunition, & accusing him of having received 2000 Dollrs for the Releasement of Mr Wallacotee condemned for High Treason, as well as of having sold Mr Anda's Library, the Property of the Captors; carried off the Furniture from the Palace & other Things which are particularly entered in the Book of Consultations. We had before had Complaints from the Chinese of their having been oppressed by him, particularly by the Captain & the Norack & Beadle Farmer the latter of

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of whom could not procure leave to act untill he had Paid 2500 Dollrs as promised him a third of his Profits — Some Oppressions were proved by Letters on his own Hand Writing to Mr Kennedy the Corregidor

We cannot help observing that just before the Departure of Messrs Smith & Brooke at the Time he was backing the Struck vc Beetle Farmers Petition for a Reduction of the Rents, & ever since he has continually been pressing the Captain & Seamen for a Sum under the Name of a Voluntary Donation & that these Complaints were the Publick Conversation, We would long ago have called upon him to explain them but were apprehensive it might have occasioned Dissentions among ourselves, which might have been detrimental to the Service; We had therefore determined to acquaint You therewith that a Supervisor might have been sent to examine into them, but the Spanish Commissaries refusing to have connections with Us & the publick Cry required something to be done, as the Honor of the Nation & Credit of the Company's Service could not but greatly suffer in the Opinion of Strangers by such scandalous Aspersions on their Chief Representative, We advised him to avoid more disagreeable Consequences to resign the Government & retire on Board the Admiral Pocock, as the Shortness of our Stay would not admit a strict Examination thereinto till when We could not in Justice to ourselves act in Concert with him without exposing ourselves to the same Imputations We therefore Flatter ourselves Your Honor &c.a will approve our Conduct —

As Mr Alex.r Dalrymple who had attended at

12 or Consultation before was the next of the Company's Servants

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Sent the following Letter to John Lewen Smith Esqr. Chief at Cuddalore

To John Lewen Smith Esqr.
Chief at Cuddalore.—

Sir,

Letter to Mr. Smith at Cuddalore — We herewith send You an Extract of a Letter from Mr. regarding Mr. Hugel. Brouwer — We do not apprehend there is any great Probability of Mr. Hugel's attempting to get away of Riguets Detachment to join him, should his Intentions be to disturb this Province. We think it however necessary to give You this Notice that You may be upon Your Guard — If Mr. Riquet with his Men could by any means be sent hither either together or in small Parties it would be the most effectual Means of securing them with regard to the Horses We think the best may be taken for the Company's Use & the others sold at outcry & the Money deposited in the Company's Casts to assist in maintaining the Men — We are,

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

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Rob. Palk & Co. Council

Sent the following Letter of Rear Admiral Stevens to the President and Council at Bombay.

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

Letter from Bombay 3 Artillery Men enlisted for that Place sent thither

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have taken the Opportunity of sending by Rear Admiral Stevens Captain Moore three Men who have entered into the Artillery for Your Presidency — Enclosed

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is a List of their Names &c.a with the Time for which they are enlisted —

Your Honor &c.a will be pleased to settle with the Captain for the Diet of them on Board, which is to commence from this Day — We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk &.c Council

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27 Came in the following Letter from Mr. Brouwer at Tranquebar

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President and Governor of the Coast of Coromandell &c.a

at Fort St. George —

Honorable Sir

Letter from Mr Brouwer — concerning Mr Heigel

I have received yesterday a Letter from Major Campbell; desiring me, not to hint any thing to Mr Heigle to come to the Nabob's Service, or to remain here without Leave from the Nabob which the Nabob wanted to grant them, Therefore Nabob having altered his mind in that Affair — Every thing remain in the same Situation with Mr Heigle. I hear nothing more of his moving. The Danes have not yet given him the two pilot Pieces for saluting on St Louis day.

A Private French Vessel from the Isle of Bourbon arrives with some Officers &.c.a

The Volant Brigantine belonging to one Mons.r Barry, arrived here this Instant, she left the Island of Mauritius the 2d ult.o the Island of Bourbon the 15th July, no French Ships were arrived there, Mons.r Dumas & three more French Officers, all three Brothers call Desjardins are come in the said Brigantine —

The Boat loaded with Stones, & Ammunition is not arrived Yet at Marricall —

on Seniority & his general Knowledge of their Affairs point-
-ed him out as the properest Person to succeed, We re-
-quested him to accept the Government with which from
our representations he acquiesced — Our Proceedings
from that Time will make a Subject of a joint Letter
with him.

19. Mr. Henry Parsons having acquainted us that
he could not finish his Accounts as Military Storekeepr
before our departure; We thought proper to leave Mr. Dun-
-ning Crawford to act on his Room as Agent for the Company
at Manilla —

20. We cannot conclude without expressing the Concern
We are under on Account of the Publick Disputes We have
unavoidably been led into, Justice to ourselves, however
obliges us to say that had Mr. Drake been on general
more Circumspect in his Conduct, had he without ex-
-ceeding his Authority, constantly persevered in sup-
-porting that Power You were pleased to entrust him
with, those who have opposed him would never have
proceeded to the Length they did — but by having
supported some Persons said to be of bad Characters
he gave his Enemies an Opportunity of speaking Ill of
him & by having, without mention to his Council,
who for a long Time had determined all Criminal
Cases, given an unprecedented Manner a Power to
Captain Backhouse to enquire into such Cases by a
Military Court, He gave a Wound to the Civil Auth-
-ority it never recovered at Manilla and no'd his Coun-
-cil in particular & the Publick in General extremely

for not long after Capt. Backhouse threatened to try Com-
pany's Servants by a Court Martial — We hope what We
have said will not be construed as Reflections, but only
urged in some Measure, to account for the extraordenary
Disputes which have occurred — In the hurry & Confusion
of a new Settlement. In the Distractions of a divided
Government, many Omissions & Mistakes may have
happened, to Persons of greater Experience than We, how-
ever as We have in all our Transactions, alone consulted
the Interest of our Employers, with the Publick Credit
We presume to recommend ourselves of Your Approbation of our Con-
duct. —

21 To what We have said of His Majesty's Commandants
We cannot help adding, that Jealous of the Company's
Agents & presuming on their Commissions, as if His Ma-
jesty considered his Officers only as his faithfull Subjects
& that the Company did not derive their Authority from
the same Source, they have constantly endeavoured to
lessen the Company's Influence — the following Instance
shews to what Lengths they will proceed. Under the
Pretence of a Report (as vague as absurd) that the
Company's Servants intended not to let His Majesty's Ships be
supplied from the Chinese Junks, Captain Brereton or-
dered the Frigate to bring one of them into Cuvita, on
which Captain Flint, at the desire of Mr Nodes having
sent a Guard to prevent running of Goods &c. Captain
Brereton dispatched two Manned Boats on board, who
forced the said Guard to leave the Junk & took Possession
of her, with Orders, if it is said to fire on any Armed Boats

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I have the honor to be with great respect

Honorable Sir

Your most Obed.t & most Obliged

humble Servant

Christian Brouwer

Tranquebar
23d August 1764

P.S This Brigantine has met with an English Ship near Ceylon, bound for Madras, left England in march last.

Monday 27 August

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esq.r Governor President

Stringer Lawrence . Charles Boureher .

Richard Fairfield . Samuel Ardley

Charles Turner . George Stratton

Read the following Letter from John Lewen Smith Esq.r Chief at Cuddalore —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council

in their Military Department at

Fort St. George.

Letter from Mr Smith at Cuddalore concerning the Pequet

Honble Sir &c Sirs

I am to acknowledge Your Favour of the 16th Instant & shall agreable thereto keep the Hussars & their Horses confined till further Orders, the latter I have likewise directed to be subsisted on the Company's Account, but the Piquet having advanced the Men & Officers their pay to the end of the Month, they will want no Subsistance till the expiration of that Time —

I have had the Hussars sounded with regard to entering into the Honble Company's Service, as yet only 8

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have offered themselves the rest are wavering unless they are assured that each Man shall be paid for his Horse & that those who are Serjeants & Corporals shall be continued in the same Stations, in which case they are most of them ready to take the Service, however believe in a short Time they will all be glad to enter, especially after the other eight have shewed them the Example & whom I therefore request to know whether I may entertain, the Term of Years I should engage them for, and the Bounty Money they are to be paid.

Some Danish Deserters arrive at Cuddalore

A few Days ago two Deserters came here from Tranquebar & who have offered to enlist in the Service, but being uncertain whether there might not be a Cartel subsisting between the Danish Company & Ours I thought it best to send them to Your Honour &c that You may dispose of them as You judge proper & I have accordingly Ordered them to proceed to Your Settlement under Charge of two Sepoys. I remain with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

J.L. Smith

Cuddalore

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Orders in Consequence

Agreed that Mr. Smith be desired to learn if possible whose Property the Horses really are — and as We do not think any Dependance can be placed on the Men, He is to be directed to defer entertaining any of them in the Service but to take every Opportunity of sending them further by returning Escorts of Seapoys. — With regard to the Danish Deserters, as there is a Cartel subsisting between Us & the Danes. It is Agreed that the Governor of Tranquebar be informed of them as soon as they arrive

that might approach. Such arbitrary & unjustifiable Proceedings, if represented to his Superiors would certainly not be passed over unnoticed; for they are not the Actions of One desirous of fulfilling that Part of his Majesty's Instructions which directs him to be assisting to the Company — We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & Hble Servants

Wm. Stevenson

Franc. Fourdan

Mirabella Bay
16 April 1764

Postcript

In the Months of Janry a Body of Moors have been to the Southward & as their Assistance in case of our having proceeded to Hostilities would have been of great Service We have omitted to acquaint You that We dispatched Mr. Wm Goodlad in the Speedwell with Letters from the King of Soolee, inviting them into the Bay: We are much concerned to add, that since he sailed (the 30th Janry) We have not heard any Thing of him. As We esteemed their having come of great Importance, We thought We could do no less than send one of the Company's Servants, altho' We greatly distressed ourselves thereby as he wrote under the Secretary & acted as Garrison Storekeeper & his Business is in great Confusion — We advanced him 1000 Dollars to distribute among the Chiefs, if they had seemed unwilling to come (having in General found Money to be the most prevailing Argument with these People)

We

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We are

Honble. Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

W.m Stevenson.

Franc.s Sourdeau

Mirabella Bay
16 April 1764

The Unfortunate Accident which prevented these Letters from being signed by Mr. Parsons You will be acquainted with by the annexed Packet

Postcript to a Letter to Mr. James Kennedy Corrigidore 30th March 1764

PS

Mr. Drake's Note to Mr. Kennedy

I received an impertinent Petition yesterday from three Chinese I dont know whether it was by Your Order but Imagine not, therefore send it now for Your perusal, Is it possible to conceive how much consummate Impudence can have got among these People! what is every Body to get their Rights but myself? & I who am their Governor to be the only Person that is to be wronged & abused? what do they think I am made of a Stock or a Stone that my Patience can ever be upon the Stretch & thus tormented as I is I cannot nor will not bear it much longer.

Sign'd Dansonne Drake

To Mr. Kennedy Corrigidore
of the Parian.

Sir,

It was the 29th. of last Month You wrote me that You hoped by to morrow or next Day the whole 5000 Dollrs would be compleated among those that are Merchants & it is 15 Days since You wrote to me again that the Chinese had already subscribed 4000 Dollrs that the Lease

in Order that he may send for them — And Mr. Smith is to be ordered in case any more should desert immediately to advise the Governor of Pondicherry thereof in Order that they may be sent back —

Letter from Major Sherlock of his Majesty's 84 Regiment read as follows

To the President and Council of Fort St George —

Letter from Major Sherlock at 9 Islands

Gentlemen

Give me leave to acquaint You that We sprung a Leak the 24th May last off the Cape, & were obliged to bear away directly for this Harbour where We arrived the 27th Inst. the particulars You will receive from Capt. Morris who Commands here —

On my arrival I applied to the Governor for Quarters and received for answer that as he had not as yet received the Preliminary Articles of Peace from his Court & that his Orders forbid Strangers to land on the Island, (on Account of their Fortifications) He was therefore under the disagreeable Necessity of refusing me but has obligingly granted me Quarters at Bourbon & shewed me every other Civility I can expect. I shall take the favorable opportunity of going to that Island on Board the Middlesex Captain Fletcher where I shall remain with my little Detachment, till the Month of November when the Ships will call to take us up —

I have not Time to write to the Secretary of State or War as the Sloop is just sailing, I shall be [illegible] it a particular Favor your mentioning our Situa

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Situation by the most convenient Opportunity to the Gentlemen in the Direction — I have the Honor to be Gentlemen with great Respect

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

Richd Sherlock

Mauritius

Road on Board the Bascawen Indiaman 2d July 1764

Ordered that a Copy be transmitted to the President and Council at Bombay

a copy to be sent to Bombay

Read the following Letter from Mr James Bourchier at Trichinopoly —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council of

Fort St George —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Jas Bourchier —

I flattered myself from the appearances the Nabob's Son gave me of his intention to repair and Strengthen the Breach made in the Bank of the Island of Seringham, that I should have seen it soon accomplished: But to my surprize I found Day past after Day, without the least Appearance of any Thing being undertaken. I repeatedly remonstrated to him against such unaccountable delay, and as frequently by received from him the fairest Promises, that what I desired, should be complied with, Yet I found all these promises were only meant to amuse me & to wait Some till the Freshes came Down which might then serve him for a pretext to neglect it altogether. indeed I had reason to believe no attempt even towards it would have been made, had I not been honored with Your Letter of the 27.th July inclosing one fro.m the President to the Young Nabob, who assured me soon as he had perused it, that he

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Reason the Subscription was not filled was that several Chinese were absent in Cavita & Sambobo of those that pre-sly & voluntarily subscribe, that the Money would shortly be brought to me by the Chinese Captains & some of the more-ospital Chinese & laid at my Feet in acknowledgement of my many Favors & mildness of Government to them. This & a great deal more You have wrote me, besides giving me Verbal Assurances of the Money being forthcoming pre-dely, but as Yet I have seen nothing of it & tho my dis-tresses have been very great I did not chuse to send to You before nor should I have troubled You now but they admit no longer delay & I must be put to the necessity of borrowing more Money unless You speedily supply me with some I beg therefore You will give me a definitive Answer about this voleintary Donation of the Chinese that I may know what to depend upon for You see may be assured this will be the last Time that I shall ever mention any more concerning it — I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Damsonne Drake

Palace

21st May 1764

Mr Drake's Compliments to Mr Kennedy & begs the Favor he will send him the Account Particulars of what he has a right to expect on Christmas Day from the Ca-vasilia & the rest of the Head Chinese, It will be a particular Satisfaction for him to know this that he may manage some certain affairs accordingly —

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To Mr. Kennedy Corrigidore
of the Pavion

Sir

I beg leave to remind You of Your Promise with
regard to the Present from the Chinese, as I am much in
Want of a Sum of Money at Present in order to settle my
Affairs with Mr. Smith before his Departure, if I could
have that or any Part of the Lappicat before he goes it
would be rendering me a very Sensible Service

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Dansonne Drake

Manila
7th Sept.r 1764

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

Hond.le Sir & Sirs.

Letter from the Gentlemen
from Manila 1

Our last address was p. Luconia a Country Ship
which sailed from Manila the 24th Febry last. Having
now finished the Commission on which We were sent
& the Ships having received the Deuxas of the Troops of
the Garrisons, We beg leave to trouble You with our
Proceedings from the 17th March 1763 when We wrote
to You by the Way of Batavia

2 The Revenge imported here the 8th March sailed
from Cavita the 12th Instant & from Mirabella this Day
3 Of the Arrival of the Admiral Pocock Mentioned
in a former Letter She having received her Deuxa of
Ships sail from Manila Troops sailed in Company with His Majestys Ships
Falmouth, Revenge, London & Viam from Mirabella

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he would directly set People to work so that I should very soon see the Business compleated. its true he made a shew of beginning which was nothing more than a temporary Remedy to stop the Water that had forced its way through the end of the Breach next the Pagoda, and that done in so slight a Manner that I am perswaded the latter Freshes should they be at all violent will destroy again; I represented to him how ineffectual it was even for that purpose & how trifling in Respect to what was required to secure the whole Bank as had been promised by his Father to the Board. Yet notwithstanding, all these Remonstrances I was soon convinced that he was determined nothing more should be done; for the instant the Water was stopd at the little Breach, he sent to acquaint me the Bank was finished. This Message added to a Letter I little before received from the Nabob, confirmed to me what I had all along suspected, that tho the Nabob had given his Consent to make the Repairs You required of him: nothing was more distant from his intention, than the performance of it. Imagining therefore that all further application to the Young Nabob would be fruitless I addressed a Letter to his Father, acquainting him that little regard had been paid to his Commands by the Persons to whose Charge he had committed the Execution of this Business; & that as these Instances of their inattention to his Orders left me no room to hope any thing more effectual would be done by them I had resolved to return to Madras where I should with concern

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Report to Your Honor &c.a the little Success my Journey to Trichinopoly had been attended with. Copy of my last Letter to the Nabob comes inclosed.—

I flatter myself, altho' this Business has not terminated as You might have expected, Your Honor &c.a will be assured no measure was left untried on my Part to have brought it to a more favorable Issue.—

I have the Honor to be with respect

Honble Sir &c. Sirs

Your most Obed.t & most humble Servant

Jaz. Bourchier.

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Copy of a Letter to the Nabob dated 9.th Aug.t 1764

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Bourchier to the Nabob

I deferred thus long writing to Your Excellency flattering myself from the Assurances You gave me in the last Letter You did me the Honor to write me, that I should soon have seen an End to the Business I was sent here upon, but to my great disappointment I find the Persons to whose charge the Execution of this Business has been left to, have been so inattentive & paid so little regard to Your Commands, that nothing effectual is yet done, nor have I reason to hope from the Measures I observe pursued, that any Thing to the purpose is intended by them, I have therefore resolved (tho' my Orders were to wait here till all was finished) to return to Madras, where I shall with the greatest Concern report to my Superiors the little Success my Journey hither has been attended with.—

may

Captain Riddle of the Deveth commended.

the 16th Instant; In Justice to Captain Riddle We cannot help acquainting You, that he has with readiness complied with every request We have made him for the Service, & that he has lost two Officers & 12 Men at different Times on the Company's Vessels.

Ships St. Andrew & ashore.

The Ships St. Aron of which We before advised, sailed in April 1763, with Prince Israel for Sooloo from whence she returned the 23d Inst. & the next Day run on board Gale of Wind drove ashore to the Northward of Manila she however was got off, & her Cargo saved.

but got off

5. The 8th September the London impowered & having agreable to Your Orders been repaired was on the Month of January put under the Orders of Mr Dalrymple.

London put under the Orders of Mr Dal. rymple

6. The Vessels purchased of the Captors We are concerned to observe have been the occasion of an immense Expence partly by not having had a proper Person to superintend the Naval Yard & partly by having been obliged to purchase the necessary Stores, at exorbitant Prices of the Captors, but the Expence once entered into was unavoidable. The following is an Account of such as are lost or missing as well as of those put under Mr Dalrymple or left at Manilha. The ——— remains in the Yard in the same Condition as when purchased, & her Repairs would in all probability, have cost as much greater Sum than She would have sold for.

Acct of Vessels lost or missing

1 The Speedwell Galley, which had been converted into a Brig, was in the Month of January sent under the Direction of Mr Goodlad to Cap. Sooloo for the Purpose to invite the Moors to Manilha. We have not since heard

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the least Account of her &c as she might have returned
in ten Days had not an Accident happened as therefore
very apprehensive she is lost— The Phillippina new
Phillippina Galley Galley was prepared to have proceeded under Mr Dal-
blown ope rymple & had received on Board many Sepoys & some
ammunition, Shott &c.a unfortunately she blew up &
immediately sunk— by this unhappy Accident many
Europeans were hurt & an Officer and several Sepoys killed.

Of the Loss of the Cavita Galley We have already

Cavita Galley lost. 8. vised You—

The Falmouth Schooner accompanied Captain
Falmouth Schoon.r g. at Luban of the Pocock to Dangasinan whither he was sent
Redo necessary to purchase Provisions &c to endeavour to obtain
in Pa gence of the Situation of Affairs there, as well as to
Intelli rage the People) parted Company with the Convoy
encou Captains &c We gave her over for lost— however she
Capt. drove to Luban & there remains, not having been
was able to repair her in Time to come away, as the Padre
Europ at Place, refused the Officer the quantity of Dam-
mer & Oil that was requisite—

The Cumberland & Squirrel half Galleys are
Cumberland and 10 under Mr. Dalrymple—
Squirred under Mr. The Champan which was purchased of the
Dalrymple— Captors with the Gallies, We sold to Mr. Souza for Prime
Cost, as We also have a Boat brought of Captain Jack
—son to Captain Riddle—

The Paug Sloop having sprung a Leak
12 was sent to Cavita to be repaired & in bad Weather
drove ashore— as she required Hauling & Sheathing

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May Success and Happiness ever attend Your Excellency. What can I say more.

Resolution in Consequence

After what We have already wrote to the Nabob on this Subject We cannot but be much concerned as well as surprized at his Obstinacy, when We are convinced he can have no other Reason for it, than an unaccountable desire of coming to an open Rupture with the King of Tanjour; But as such an Event must undoubtedly be very detrimental to the Company's Affairs, It is necessary that some Measures be taken to prevent it, It is therefore resolved that the Nabob be informed that We must insist either upon his repairing the Breaches in the Bank of the Cavery himself, or that he suffer the King of Tanjour to do it, as We are thoroughly assured that the Kings Request in this particular is not only reasonable, but absolutely necessary for the safety of the Pagoda & Island of Syringham, as well as for the Cultivation of the Tanjour Country & can be no Ways prejudicial to the Nabobs Districts —

The Nabob to be obliged either to repair the Bank or permit the King to do it.

The Paymaster acquainting the Board that the Sepoy Cowps Orders relating to invalided Lascars & Topasses

There were five wounded Lascars sent in from Camp namely Patramtanapan, Tiruvilicam Srinivangatum, Perungemelecoman, Tirutore Vencatachellum & Chicar Mootu; It is ordered that they be put on the Invalid List & as the first of them hath lost both his Arms & is thereby rendered unable to help himself, Ordered that he be allowed 1½ Pagoda P Month & that the whole

whole Amount be charged to the Nabob, and that the Invalid Lascars and Seapoys be reduced to the same Allowance.—

Three recruits returned to Europe

The President acquaints the Board that there are three Recruits, Viz.t John Walden, Peter Bequest & James Packer the first of whom arrived last Year on the Neptune and the other two on the Lord Holland, who will never be fit for any Duty — It is therefore Agreed that they be sent on Board the Ships now bound thither, and the Honble the Court of Directors be advised thereof.

A Supply of Musquet Flints to be requested from Bombay

As the number of Musquet Flints in Store is very small on Account of the small Quantity received this Year from England, the large Supplies furnished Bengall & the considerable Demands from Cauppi, Bombay &c It is therefore agreed to request of the Gentlemen at Bombay to send us by the first Opportunity as many as they can conveniently spare, and ordered that the Secretary do recommend to the Several Commandants & Storekeepers to be very carefull in the Expence of this Article.—

Resolution regarding the Guns intended for Bengall

As We shall not have sufficient Conveyances for transporting to Bengall the heavy Guns designed for that Place — It is resolved to recommend it to the Gentlemen there to supply to Captain Fonteen to leave with them as many of the 12 & 24 lb.r Guns belonging to the Medway as He can spare & he may, on his arrival here, take on Board, as many as may be wanted of those landed from His Majesty's Ships.—

It

being on Post at the Seven Anchors; [illegible] to have been able to repair her at a cheaper Rate [illegible] however upon the Revenge arrived she was in so bad [illegible] a Condition that not having Stores [illegible] obliged to leave her behind with [illegible] under the Care of the Company's Agent [illegible]

Of Rents &c.

Of Rents &c. 13 The Arrack Farmer having [illegible] Manner represented to us by [illegible] from be had engaged for the Ar[illegible] on Account of the great Trouble [illegible] Petition which was backed by [illegible] having been judged reasonable [illegible] 10000 Dollrs p Annum & the Dis[illegible] Provisions being still greater [illegible] expedient to recall the Courts, the [illegible] under the Pretence of preventing the [illegible] of Arrack &c. had armed Men who frequently took [illegible] Provisions from the Natives who were bringing them into Manilha.

Of His Majestys & the Company's Troops.

14 On acquainting the Officer with Your Answer to their Application, they presented us with a fresh Memorial setting forth their Distress on Account of the great Scarcity & high Prices of Provisions, the Difficulties they laboured under having greatly increas

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after that Application, their pay of Course was very inequal to their Support, therefore We granted a temporary

20 Dollrs P Month allowed the Subalterns — — Allowance of 20 Dollars P Month to all Subalterns in lieu of half Batta, the Charge of which would have been much more considerable. If We ever presume to deviate from Your Orders, it is only when the necessity of the Service requires it, & We cannot have Your immediate advice or when We think if You were present You would act in the same Manner —

15 Mr Mackay recommended to be continued in y Rank. Mr Hector Mackay having requested leave to enter into the Company's Military We gave him an Ensign's Commission in the Month of July & having since given him a Cornet's Commission, as he is particularly desirous of continuing in the Horse, We take the Liberty of recommending him to Your Notice —

16 Capt.n Horne applies for an Allowance as Firemaster — Captain Matthew Horn the Commandant of Artillery having applied to Us for an Allowance as Firemaster &c. We promised to lay his Application before Your Honrs & accordingly beg the Favor of Your taking it into Consideration. He has shewn himself here an alert & good Officer —

17 On Major Folla's recommendation We appointed Mr Miller a Serjeant of the Regiment a Seapoy Officer but are sorry to acquaint You that having been Guilty of getting drunk on his Post / detached from the Force / which he then abandoned, We dismissed him the Service & Mr John Spencer was appointed in his room He unfortunately was blown up on the Philippinas.

18 When the Mindanao Ambassador returned to his

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It having been usual to issue Stores for the Nabob's use at prime Cost & to give him Credit for them at the same Rate when they are returned, whether they are damaged or not, by which Means the Company are considerable Losers. It is therefore resolved that in future the Nabob be charged 30 p Cent advance on all Stores delivered to him — And when any are returned, that he be only credited for their real Value, which shall be settled by the Military Storekeeper and proper Officers.

The Nabob to be charged 30 p Cent on all Stores supplied him

And to be credited for those returned according to their Value —

The President acquaints the Board that Mr Floyer at Trichinopoly had applied for some Person to assist him in the Care of the Stores there — John Willoughby an Artillery Man in that Garrison being recommended as a proper Person, ordered that He be discharged from the Artillery & appointed to that Employ — And that He do receive 8 Pagodas p Month in Lieu of all Allowances whatever —

John Willoughby appointed to assist the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly —

His Allowance —

Letters from Ramana Paut the Nabob's Manager at Nellore, Bancala Venkata Puttar Naique & Pachaya Naique were entered in Country Correspondence N°160, 161 & 167 — advising that the Nabob of Cudapah with a considerable Body of Troops, had arrived in the Marutta Province, & that it was said He purposed entering the Nellore districts & taking possession of Gocalpullee, on Account of the Nabob's not having delivered up to him the Pagoda of Chilivenbrum with its Districts according to some Agreement between them.

Advice of Cudapah entering Nellore District

If the Nabob of Cudapah should have any Design on the Fort of Nellore, He would in its present weak

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State find it no great Difficulty in getting poſſeſſion thereof, which muſt be attended with bad Conſequences. — The President therefore with the Concurrence of Ge-

a Detachment ordered to be sent thither

-neral Lawrence propoſes ſending thither a careful non Commiſſioned Officer and 19 Infantry with ſix Artillery Men & two Field Peices with the neceſſary Stores for the Defence of that Place — Which is Agreed to, and Ordered that they be got ready to embark in a Boat now lying here ready to receive them — And that Orders be prepared for Serjeant Major Rea who is recommended by General Lawrence as a diligent and proper Perſon to be ſent thither — and in Caſe this Force is judged inſufficient — It is reſolved to Order two Compa-nies of Seapoys from Maſulipatam to join them — It is alſo reſolved that a Letter be wrote to the Nabob of Cudapa deſiring to know his reaſon for taking this Step.

Nabob's Son transmits Bills in further Payment of July Inſt.

Read a Letter from the Nabob's Son as entered in Country Correſpondence 1764 accompanying Bills for Pagodas 32,000, being in Exchange for Rupees 112000 in further Payment on Account of July Inſt. —

Ordered that the receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Seapoys Ordered to be ſent to the West Coast —

There being a Ship about to Sail for the West Coast in a few Days. It is ordered that the Seapoys arrived on the Worceſter be ſent thither on her, together with thoſe others who have been entertained here for that Place.

Capt.n Lieut Colsford applies for leave to return to England on Acc.t of his Health

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Colsford one of the Engineers had long laboured under an ill State of Health & that he had for ſome Time paſt propoſed applying for leave to proceed to England for his Recovery

(Captain Sleigh) an Opportunity to object to the Orders being given out publickly, alledging that Mr. Dodds authority was expired & therefore no Orders could come from him. To obviate this the Council altered the latter Part of the Order to the following effect Viz.t That the Deputy Governor having resigned his Authority it devolved on the Remaining Council, in Consequence whereof they appointed Mr. Dalrymple Deputy Governor &

Disputes between our Prop.rs & His Majesty's Officers.

it was accordingly given out Signed by the Secretary but Captain Sleigh still refused to admit it to be enter'd in the orderly Books or to be published. & assuming an Authority himself, went to the Citadel & released Captain Backhouse then a Prisoner, in Consequence of these Steps it was resolved to deprive him of the Command & accordingly a Protest, a Copy whereof makes N.o 2 in the Packet was sent by Mr. Stevenson, but Captain Sleigh would neither receive nor hear it read, as expressed in the Declaration annexed to it.

3. As Captain Sleigh would not receive the Protest & was thought necessary to address the Corps of Officers & Captain Backhouse having withdrawn the Fortin Guard by which the Chinese Parian was exposed to the Resentment of the Spaniards & a stop put to all Communication with & Assistance from thence on which a great Measure depended our Embarkation, this was also mentioned in the address. But before it was published, on a report it was intended to give up the Parian Gate in the afternoon & none of the Baggage was sent off, an Order was dispatched to Lieut. Gordon

Commanding there, enjoining him on no Consideration without Directions in writing from Us or the Deputy Governor to deliver up or withdraw his Post or admit the Spanish Troops to approach as this Order he was directed to deliver to the Officer who might relieve him —

4 Directions were then sent to Captain Flint who commanded at Cuvita to Captains Horn and Fawcan Commanding the Artillery & Company's Troops to obey no Orders except from Us —

5. On a report that a Party of the 79th Regiment was intended for Cuvita a Commission was delivered to Captain Stevenson as Deputy Governor thereof to be dispatched thither with the greatest Expedition —

6 In the Afternoon an orderly Serjeant was sent with a Letter to the Officers of the Garrison (N3) importing that Mr Drake having resigned the Government the Administration of Affairs devolved upon Us that Captain Sleigh having without our Permission removed Captain Backhouse & aided him in giving up the Fort in We had protested against him (Captain Sleigh) desiring their aid & Assistance in support of our Legal Authority, & protesting against them in case of Neglect or Refusal. and at Roll Calling on the Publick Parade the provisional Deputy Governor attended by the Council, addressed the Officers of the 79th Regiment & all others, that he had something to communicate to them on the Part of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East

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but as there was Service in the Field he had hitherto postponed his Request, but finding his Disorder increasing, He now desires he may have permission to go to England by the first Ship — And that he may be recommended to the Court of Directors in such a Manner as may induce them if his Health will permit Him, to give him leave to return with his Rank — As We have the greatest Reason to be well satisfied with Mr Colsford's Behaviour during the Time he has been in the Service — It is agreed that His Request be granted —

Granted

Rob.t Palk
Stringer Lawrence
Ch.s Bourchier
Rich.d Fairfield
John Ardley
Charles Turner
Geo. Stratton

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29 Sent the following Letter to Major Campbell Commanding the Army

To Major Charles Campbell

Commanding the Army —

Sir,

Letter to Majr Campbell

We herewith enclose to You a Copy of a Letter received from Mr Pigott with our Answer & his reply — as he seems to threat; thereceiving the Hussars into our Service at Camp a Breach of the Capitulation, & which he says he objected to at that Time, We desire You will inform us particularly of this Matter & We are surprised if he really did express his Disapprobation that You did not make us acquainted therewith. We are likewise informed from Mr Brounjer that You had actually wrote to him to get Mr Heigel & his Party either to enter into the Nabob's Service or to offer them Subsistance to remain quiet — We cannot conceive how You could take such a Step without first advising us — We are however well pleased to find Mr Brounjer had not mentioned it to Mr Heigel —

Ordered to explain the Affair regarding Pigott's Hussars —

Blamed for having wrote to Mr Brounjer to make any Proposals to Mr Heigel —

We are

Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Fort St. George

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Rob Palk & Council

Dispatched the following Letter to John Lewen Smith Esq.r Chief at Cuddalore —

To John Lewen Smith Esq.r

Chief at Cuddalore

Sir,

Letter to Mr Smith at Cuddalore —

We have received Your Letter of the 24th Inst.t We

East Indies/ The adjutant of the Regiment having declined to call the Officers together for that Purpose) And then he read the Letter to them & Protest against Captain Sleigh & declared that he left them to act as they thought proper.

7. Having taken every Measure that We could conceive prudent and due to our employers thereremained nothing more but removing, as soon as the Company's Treasure was embarked, & accordingly the next Day in the Afternoon We went on board the Revenge & proceed to Cavita in Company with the Pocock & London —

8. In Justification of the Corps of Artillery & the Company's Troops, it is necessary to observe that they would not receive any Orders from Captain Backhouse, but were ready to observe such as were given out by Us —

9. The 2d of April Capt Sleigh demanded of Us the Citadel of Cavita that he might restore it to Don Joseph Iriate, agreable to an Order he had received from Captains Brereton & Backhouse. To this We directed the Secretary to reply, acquainting him that We would nothing to say to him or Captain Backhouse untill it became necessary to make good their Prosecutions before a proper Court. Hereto is annexed Copy of a Letter from Mr. Stevenson Deputy Governor of Cavita advising of Captain Sleighs having endeavored to surprize Puerto Bago & other his extraordinary Proceedings —

10. At the particular desire of the Governor appointed to receive Cavita, We directed Mr. Stevenson to deliver up to him Puerto Bago some Days before the Citadel on his giving his Honor that no Deserters should be —

received, nor any Persons employed under Us be in the least molested during our Stay, yet on any of our Men got off which they could not have done without his Assistance or Connivance.

The Spaniards apply for Military Stores

11 As the Spanish Government represented that they should be distressed for want of Military Stores We consented to leave with them all our Musket Ammunition however as nothing but making a just return to any Courtesy we might have shewn us, could have justified our leaving any Part, We directed Mr. Crowfoot to acquaint the Spanish Governor that unless the Deserters should be returned We should embark the whole of our Stores accordingly all our Stores except 196 Muskets for which the Castiliano gave a receipt were shipp'd off

12. As soon as the Illocos was ready to receive the Men We restored the Citadel to the Castiliano Don Joseph Triano his receipt for the same as well as for all the Stores found therein is enclosed.

Agreement regarding the Freight of the Illocos

13 It having been found necessary to take up the Illocos to assist in carrying away the Garrison We agreed with her Owners on the following Conditions. That a Premium of 20 ℔ Cent be allowed to them on the difference between the Prime Cost Charges & Premium & the Value of the said Ships, by Appraisement at Madras be made up to them by the Company. We are very sensible this is a large Sum, but the Necessity of Circumstances made the Spanish Owners insist on a high Price for their Ships & the extravagant Rate of all Materials made the small Repairs which were necessary amount to a large Sum

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Ordered to make Enquiry regarding the Horses of Piguet's Troop.

should be glad if You can give Us any Information whose Property the Horses really are which by getting some of the Hussars to Mr. Piguet Face to Face You may easily find out —

To send the Men hither — — — —

We have already told You the State of Your Garrison, it would [illegible] that considering the Mr. Piguet with his Men be sent to [illegible] most advisable could [illegible] gether or in small Parties by [illegible] out to Madras either to We cannot think any dependance [illegible] manning Works of Defence. We would therefore defer, for the [illegible] more can be placed in Store -ing any of them in the Service [illegible] present at least entertain [illegible]

Receive no Deserters from the Dane —

As there is a Cartel subsisting between Us & the Danes, We shall on the arrival of the Deserters You men -tion advise the Gentlemen [illegible] thereof, that they may send for them as [illegible] more come off to You. We desire You will immediately inform the Governor of Tranquebar that he may send for them.

We are,

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Rob Palk & Council

Fort St. George

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30 Delivered the following Orders to Serjeant Major Rea

To Serjeant Major Charles Rea

Orders to Serj. Rea

You are to proceed to Nellour with one Corporal and 19 Infantry, and one Corporal, two Gunners and three Matrosses of the Artillery, a Boat is provided on which You are to embark with the whole Detach -ment two Field Peices & Stores according to the enclosed

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enclosed List —

You are to make out a Pay Roll and receive from the Paymaster Subsistance for the Month of September drawing only Serjeants Pay for Yourself —

On Your arrival at Nellour You are to take a carefull Survey of the State of the Fort, the Garrison and the Stores making a return to me Monthly of the latter as also to me & General Lawrence of Your Detachment.

You are to draw from Mr Bouchier Commissary General six Days Batta for the whole which will be sufficient & also four Pagodas for yourself as Serjeant Major & three Pagodas for the Artillery Corporal, as a Reward Monthly for his Care of the Artillery Stores &c —

You are to advise me of all Occurrences sending Your Letters to the nearest Tappal, You are to represent to the Nabob's Officer what appears to You necessary for the Defence of the Place, from which You are not to Stir without Orders from hence, the Intention of Your being immediately to take Care of the Fort, should however the Nabobs Officer apply to You for any Stores which You judge may be spared, on his Demand in writing and a Receit You are to supply him —

You are to assist in disciplining the Nabobs Sepoys & making them fit for Service —

I am

Your assured Friend

Rob Palk

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

But as it was impossible to remove without Shes Ships We thought there was no room to hesitate which was the most eligible Measure.

14 Several Chinese having been murdered by the Indians, they in General placing little or no dependance on the Amnesty granted by the Spaniards throw them selves under our Protection. As they had incurred their Resentment by their attachment to Us We could not but readily grant it, as to have abandoned them would have been a reflection to the British Name. This has occasioned many warm Representations & Protests from the Spanish Government who accuse them of having carried away several Champans belonging to them which they do, We replied that Time would not admit of immediate Examination into their Complaints, which were We observed too general as that the Chinese had left Effects in their Houses & Shops in the Parian to a greater amount than all their Champans together by their Account to near 100000 Dollrs

15 By an unhappy Accident the Philippina Snow blew up Mr. Spt. Mr. Spencer an Ensign of Seapoys several Seapoys & Chinese were killed & the Gunner of the Ship & some Lascars wounded.

16 In the Months of December, Jany. Febry Parties had been sent out to bring in Provisions from the Laguna, Camboa Province &c. The Proprietors soon after applied for the Remains which We thought it but reasonable to pay. After many exorbitant Demands, when the Definitive Treaty arrived We judged it most expedient to leave it to the Commissaries to deliver in Accounts attested by them of the several Things taken from them and

& accordingly directed Mr. Crauford to pay the Remonst.

17 Mr. Nodes having applied for leave to remain as Resident at Manilha was informed that Mr. Crauford had been appointed, & that his Appointment had been notified to the Spanish Governor. He however received a second Let. from him, claiming a superior Right to Mr. Crauford from his Seniority in the Service & applying for 600 Dollars to pay off Disbursements; in reply We repeated our former Answer & added that when he should have delivered in his Accounts, the Sum he desired should be advanced him He then addressed to us a third Letter acquainting us that as his Enemies would endeavour to hurt him he resolved to return to Madras, but protesting against us in the Sum of 400 Dollrs for Effects which by the short Notice he said he had had, he was prevented from carrying with him as well as for leaving a junior Servant at Manila in preference to him.

18 This Letter being in reflecting & unbecoming Lan-

Mr. Nodes complained of

-guage, We returned by the Secretary, whom We directed to desire him to address us with more respect & to inform him We were greatly surprized to find his Accounts so back-ward as they were, in Consequence whereof, We ordered the whole of them should immediately be laid before us in default of which, We should be reduced to the Necessity of taking such Measures as our Duty to the Company demanded, & as he still neglected his Business Messrs. Parsons & Jourdan were ordered to take an Account of every Thing under his Charge & to acquaint him that his Behaviour would be represented to Your Honours &c.

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor,

Honble Sir,

Letter from Major Campbell

His Conversation with the Tanjore Jemidars

Since I received a Letter from the Board of the 13. I have had one of the Tanjore Jemidars with me & from his discourse I find that they are Jeatous of the Nabob's Friendship & imagine he is so of them. but they seem very sensible of the justness & Friendship of the Governor & Council & say they would be extremely sorry to give the English any reason of Complaint and their not coming to visit me & not furnishing their Proportion of Horse for Patroles &c.a is because they received no particular Orders from the King to that Purpose, but that the whole of them is ready to obey my Orders to act at any Time against the Rebels or any other Enemy — I asked them about entisting Horse Men out of the Nabobs Service, they acknow-ledge while at Trichinopoly that they took 200 into their Service which left the Nabobs, but that those very People formerly belonged to them; but they abso-lutely deny tampreing with or attempting to entice any of the Nabobs Troops since they came here, in short Sir from what I can find out the Water affair (as You have been pleased to observe) has given them uneasi-ness, but I can find nothing which can make me believe that they have any Thoughts of being Enemys to the Nabob or Company — a Month ago I sent to Trichinopoly 80 of the worst of the Sick & wounded Soldiers & have built Pandalls sufficient to hold 250 Sick

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close to our Camp on a fine Spott of Ground, by which Means We have by much, fewer Deaths & the Men recover faster — I have had no Extraordinary News from the Fort for two Days past — I have not had the Honor of a Letter from Tod since the 20th last Month — Captain Clark is an exact & carefull Man in disciplining Soldiers. would Tellow be a good Place for some of the Recruits.

I am with the greatest Respect,

Honble Sir

Your most Obliged & most Obed. Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp
24th Augt 1764

Dispatched the following Letter to the President and Council at Bombay & Pattamars —

To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esq.

President & Governor &c Council at

Bombay —

Letter to Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed are Duplicates of our Letters of the 19th July and 25 Instant — We have received Your Favours of the 28 June and 7th July the former enclosing Lists of Military belonging to Your Presidency doing Duty on this Coast, Your Honor &c may be assured We shall comply with Your desire regarding their renewing their Time, & We have sent Directions to our Paymaster at Camp accordingly —

We herewith send You an extract of a Letter from the Paymaster at Camp as also a Copy of a Letter from Captain Brewer to him — As We are unacquainted with

and accordingly We beg leave to refer it to Your Consideration

Refuse to put the Ships
under the Orders of
Capt. Brereton —

Captain Brereton has frequently in a very ex-
=traordinary Manner demanded the Ships to be put un-
=der him, but as Weare of Opinion it will be eligible after
the Ships have passed the Islands of Celebes & Borneo, to
make the best of their Way to Madras, We have refused
to comply therewith. The Letters which have passed on
this occasion make Numbers in the Packet as do also
his Orders to Mr. George Nodes late Commander of the
Philippina who was thereby obliged to leave her two or three
Days before the unlucky accident happened to her —

20 It was not without some surprize that We heard
Capt. Brereton delivers
the Powder shipt on
board the Salmouth
to the Spaniards

from Mr. Crawford that Captain Brereton had landed all
the Powder he had received on board the Salmouth for
the Company & delivered the same to the Spaniards —
He tendered the receipt to Mr. Crawford who refused it, not
having been advised thereof by us. Such an illegal
Step it will be unnecessary for us to make any Remarks
upon as We assure ourselves proper Notice will be taken
of it by Your Honor &c.a; You will be pleased to observe that
in our Letter of the 29th. March We protested against
him or any Persons that might be assisting in the Escape
of Capts. Backhouse & Sleigh from Justice & that We de-
=clared those who had deprived us of the Power of exec-
=uting our Functions by their illegal Proceedings, respon-
=sible for every Thing belonging to Manila —

Honble Sir & Sirs — Your most Obedt. Hble Servants

Dalrymple

Wm. Stevenson

Evans Jourdoze

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P.S. The above Letter was wrote in the Passage to Solo with an Intention on our meeting with Mr. Dalrymple to have sign'd & clos'd the Packets they having before been approved by Mr. Parsons, who was unfortunately murdered the Day after our arrival, at a Village a few Miles to the North ward of Soolos. We acquainted Mr. Dalrymple therewith who We persuade ourselves will use his endeavours to bring the Perpetrator of this Cruelty to condign Punishment. enclosed are General returns of Stores found among his Papers.

Wm. Stevenson
Fra.s Jourdan

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Copy of a General Order given out at Manila

Several scandalous & false Accusations having been lodged against Mr. Drake which however the shortness of the Time limited for our Departure will not admit of refution, the regard he has for the Honor of his Country & his Employ will not suffer him to act in so conspicuous a Character as the Chief Representative of both while unable to obviate such infamous Charges he therefore retires on board the admiral Pocock & waits with Impatience to vindicate his Conduct before the President & Council of Fort St. George to whom alone he can with Propriety give an Account of his Actions.

By this Departure his Power & Authority devolve upon Alexander Dalrymple Esq.r The Company's Senior Agent here. Alexander Dalrymple Esq.r is accordingly declared Deputy Governor of Manila and is to be obey'd as such

A true Copy.

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with the Establishment of the Troops on Your Coast, We have left it to Your Honor &c.a to settle the Matter with Captain Brewer — And We have in the mean Time directed the Paymaster to issue the Pay to the Men agreable to the Pay Rolls he receives from Your Commanding Officer of the Detachment so that they correspond with the Muster Rolls taken by the Commissary in Camp.

Lieutenant Roebuck of Your Artillery having died at Camp We have directed Major Campbell to appoint one of the Volunteers, who came round with the Detachment an Officer in his Room; as soon as We are informed of such Appointment we will immediately advise Your Honor &c.a thereof —

desired to send a Supply of Shots

The small number of Musquet Flints sent us from England this Season, together with the consi-derable Supplies sent to Bengall & the large Ex-pence of them during the Expedition against Ma-dura, have reduced our Stock extreamly low; We must therefore Request that Your Honor &c.a will take first Opportunity of sending us as many as You can spare. —

advices of Affairs at Bengall —

By the last Advices from Bengal We learn that our Army was in Camp[ments] near Patna & that Shuja Dowla was not returned to his own Country but was encamped with his Army at Buxar near the Carramnassa. — We hope[d] by the Assistance of the 200 Men from this Presidency & Yours who are marched with Major Munro, &c of the Recruits sent Down this

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this Year who already amount to near 400 Men, together with those expected a Finishing Stroke will be put to the Troubles there; as soon the Season will permit & Our Honble Masters Affairs there soon be reestablished once more in Peace & Tranquility. —

Enclosed is Copy of a Letter from Major Sherlock of his Majesty's 84 Regiment received by a Brigantine which arrived at Trangquebar the 23d Instant, she left Mauritius the 2d Bourbon the 15 July — at that Time no Ships were arrived at the Islands from France —

Our Troops are still before Madura. They are now endeavoring to reduce it by a Blockade, by the Accounts We have of the Distress of the Garrison, We are in hopes it will soon fall — but if the Rebell should find means of throwing himself into Palamcotah (which We are endeavouring to prevent) it will take Time to reduce that Fort also, the only one besides Madura in his Possession —

Mr. Heigel who came round in the Portuguese Frigate is still at Trangquebar having increased his number to 280 Men & has been solicited both by the Marattas and Hyderaig to join them, the same Overtures have been made to us & that very pressingly by the latter —

We have not heard from Manila since the arrival of the Seaford. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. Humble Servants

Rob. Palk & Council

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A Protest against Capt. Sleigh

We the provisional Deputy Governor & Council of Manila deprived of the Power of executing our Functions committed to our Charge by the Appointment of the Representatives of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to whom his Majesty has been graciously pleased to commit the Charge of this Place & its Dependancies In the Name & behalf of His Majesty and the said United Company reserving to ourselves all objection to the want of due Form herein Do by these

(L.S.)

Presents protest against you Jeremiah Sleigh Esqr Commandant of the Troops in Consequence of Captain Tho. Backhouse late Commandant being in Arrest. And all others concerned in countenancing or assisting You in depriving Us of our legal Authority & in all other illegal Proceedings of You the said Jeremiah Sleigh & all others Your Abettors. Declaring You & such Persons Answerable for all Consequences And do further Declare You Jeremiah Sleigh so far as rests with Us deprived of all Authority & that the next Officer in turn shall take the Command of the Troops & obey such Orders as He may receive from Us

Given under our Hands & the Seal of the said United Company in Manila this 29th March 1764

Dalrymple Prov.t Dep.y Governor
Henry Parsons
William Stevenson
Francis Fourdan

We whose names are undersigned are Witnesses that Capt. Stevenson in presence of us did tender the above Protest to Capt. Jeremiah Sleigh as Commandant of the Troops

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in the Name & by the Order of the Provisional Governor &
Council which he repeatedly refused & afterwards Captain
Stevenson read it with an audible Voice but Capt. Sleigh
went away declaring that he had nothing to do with him
Capt. Stevenson or the Provisional Deputy Governor and
Council -

Quinton Crauford
John Watson
Wm. Thomson Lt. 79th Regt.
Thos. Dairies Lt. Regt. Artr
James Povery Town Mayor

To Captains Francis Dupont
John Mure
Thomas Sefton
Abraham Fauzan
Matthew Horne
John Des Plans
Capts. Lts. Thomas Saunders
William Russell
&c.a Officers of the Garrison of Manilha and its Dependencies -

Gentlemen

Letter from the Dep.y Governor & Council to the Officers at Manila -

Whereas Dawsonne Drake Esq.r having on Application to the Council obtained leave to resign the Government of this Place, the Administration of Affairs devolved upon the Provisional Deputy Governor and Council, upon Captain Jeremiah Sleigh then Commander of the without our leave & Permission resuming or else Hist[illegible]g Captain Thos. Buckhouse then a Prisoner

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Sent the following Letter p. Ship Vansittart to the President & Council at Fort William

To the Honble Henry Vansittart Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort William

Letter to Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to what We advised You in our Letter
of the 23d. Instant by the Devonshire a duplicate of
which comes enclosed; the remainder of the recruits
arrived by the Albany now proceed to You on the
Vansittart except 16 who are now in the Hospital
& unable to embark, a list of them & two from the
Vansittart comes enclosed.

advised of the Troops sent thither

As We have not been able to procure Con-
veyances for the Guns intended to be sent to Bengall
We would recommend to Your Honor &c.a to request
of Captain Tinker to leave with You what 18 & 24 lbr.
Guns He can spare belonging to the Medway & he
may on his arrival here take on board as many as
may be wanted of those landed out of His Majesty's
Ships.—

Enclosed are Lists received from England of
the Military put on Board the Vansittart & Duke
of Albany.— We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

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31 Received the following Letter from John Lewen Smith
Esq.r Chief at Cuddalore.—

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council at

Fort St. George.—

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Smith at Cuddalore

Your Honor &c. Favour of the 25th Instant inclosing an Extract from Mr. Brouwer's Letter lately received & in Consequence of the Intelligence contained therein shall take all the Precautions the State of our Garrison will admit of: as it will be certainly more secure to send Mr. Riguet and his Men to Fort St. George, I propose therefore sending the former with his Corps to Morrow & half of his Men the Day following with sufficient Escorts, the rest should any proper Conveyance offer of sending them before the return of the Seapoys sent with those aforementioned I will embrace it, but if not on the Seapoys return will send the remainder, the Sea We have not permitting me at present to spare more for this Service Mr. Touches the Lieut.t of Mr. Riguets Troop being very Ill with a Paralitick Disorder, & incapable of any Service did not confine him & imagining as he is in such a State it is not necessary to send him shall therefore permit him to remain here.—

Purposes sending Mr. Riguet & his Men to Madras

I will reserve the best Horses for the Honble Company's use as Your Honor &c. direct & the rest put up at Outcry after giving Publick Notice thereof.—

I remain with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs — Your most Obedt Humble Servt

P. L. Smith

Cuddalore

the

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and aiding the said Captain Backhouse in withdrawing the Guards & giving up the Fortin. We did in the name & behalf of his Majesty & the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Protest against the said Jeremiah Sleigh & all others concerned by the hands of Capt. Stevenson. But the said Jeremiah Sleigh refusing to receive or leave the said Protest as appears by a Copy of the Declaration thereunto annexed We the Provisional Deputy Governor & Council do enclose the said Protest to You, repeating the same in as full and ample manner as if herein literally inserted desiring Your Aid & Assistance in support of our Legal Authority against all Persons who do or have opposed it agreeable to the Articles of War protesting against You in case of neglect or refusal

Given at Madras under our Hands & the Seal of the United Company

Alexander Dalrymple
Henry Parsons
Wilkinson Stevenson
Francis Fourdain

To Alexander Dalrymple Esqr.
Provisional Deputy Governor & Council

Gentlemen

Letter from Sr Stevenson to the Deputy Govr & Council

In Obedience to Your Orders I took upon me the Command of Castle, from 29th Augt in the Evening on the 7th April arrived Ca[illegible] Sleigh & without acquainting me ordered Ft. Geo[illegible] Majesty's 79th with a Detachment of that Regt [illegible] belonging to the Garrison

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from a Post where I had ordered them to return to the Citadel & take Possession of it. Mr. Scott sent to acquaint me of it & I ordered him to stay at his Post which he did. In the Evening during my absence Captain Sleigh sent for the Town Adjutant & gave himself out for Publick Orders as Commandant by the authority of Captain Backhouse which Orders I on my return tore out of the Orderly Book on the Parade at Roll Calling. Capt. Sleigh then Ordered the Town Adjutant to take off one of my Centinels & my Orderly Man who were of the Regiment those were undoubtedly unsufferable Insults in my own Garrison however as I was unwilling to proceed to lengths that might increase our Disputes I only dismissed the Town Adjutant who was an Officer of the Regiment and appointed Corporal Mackay of the Company's Troops in his room, giving Orders that Captain Sleigh should on no Account be admitted into the Citadel of St. Philips or Port Iago nor any Officer of the Regiment unless they first gave their Word not to interfere with any Thing, when Capt. Sleigh found he could not get admittance he ordered Lieut. Scott under pretence of going into Supper to take upon him the Command, but Mr. Scott not chusing to give his Word was prevented going in.

The Day You ordered me to deliver up the Port Iago to the Spaniards Captain Sleigh crept through some broken Palisadoes & while Lieut. Mackane who commanded that Place was speaking with the Spanish Governor & the Spanish Troops were advancing Capt. Sleigh slipt into the Post & shut the Gates against Mr.

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September 1st Sent the following Letter p. Ship Maria Marcelina to the President and Council at Fort Marlbro'—

To the Honble Roger Carter Esqr
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort Marlbro'

Lr to Fort Marlbro'

Honible Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Letter of the 31st May last —— By our Honble Masters Ship Worcester there arrived here nine Arabs, whom Captain Hall had at their Request received on board at the Island of Joanna; They were taken at the West Coast, and carried to the Island of Mauritius, from whence they were returning in a french Vessel bound for Tranquebar We now take the Opportunity by the Ship Maria Marcelina of sending seven of them to You, one of the other two declining to go over and the other having absconded. Enclosed is a List of their Names, with an Account of the Money paid Captain Hall for their Passage, as well as what has been advanced for their Subsistance, for which We have debited Your Presidency —

We have also entertained for Your Place Arabs, who take their Passage likewise by this Vessell — a List of their Names, as well as an Account of what has been advanced them here comes enclosed — for which You will be pleased to give us Credit. —

We have left it to Your Honor &c.a to settle with Captain Roberts for their Diet during the Time they are on Board, the usual Allowance paid by us is four fanms p. Day each which We have acquainted him with.

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We have been obliged to turn the Seige of Madura into a close Blockade & are encouraged to hope the Place will soon fall —

After Shuja Dowla's repulse near Patna of the 4th May. He continued sometime in the neighbourhood, & then marched off and put his Army into Cantonments near the Caramnassa; by the Assistance sent from hence & Bombay, and what is arrived & expected from Europe, the Bengall Provinces will have nothing to fear from these Invaders —

We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

Fort St. George
1st September 1764

Monday 3d September

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esq.r Governor, President

Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier

Richard Prideaux, Samuel Ardley

Charles Turner, George Stratton

Read the following Letter from Mr. Monckton Paymaster at Chingleput —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George —

Honble Sir & Sirs —

As the Monsoons will shortly set in, I must desire Permission of Your Hono.rs to repair the Paymasters Quarters at Chinglepet, most of the Timbers

Letter from Mr. Monckton desires leave to repair his Quarters at Chinglepet

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Mr Hane an Action for which had Mr Mc Hane shot him on the Spot he would have been justified for having to advise me of it & Ordered him if he could get in again to keep Captain Sleigh a Prisoner till the Post should be delivered up to the Spaniards & he got a receipt from the Spanish Officer who relieved him for the Fort & Military Stores, luckily Ensign Spencer was in the Fort & pull'd Capt Sleigh from the Gates by Force & he in Lieut Mackane who kept Capt. Sleigh a Prisoner till he had delivered up the Place in Form, had I not been unwilling to enflame the Disputes already gone so high I should have sent him Prisoner on board the Revenge. he this Morning embarked with the Detachment of the Regiment on board the Siam & I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obed. Humble Servant

Wm Stevenson

Cavita

April 1764

To William Brereton Esq.

Commanding His Majesty's

Ship Falmouth —

Sir

Letter from the Dep. Governor & Council to Capt. Brereton

In Consequence of the Complaints lodged by You with the Council against Mr Drake, That Gentleman having been called upon has denied the Charge & has given an Engagement to be responsible at Madras. as there was not Time to clear them up before our Departure. He also to avoid any Difficulties to the publick Service from these Reflections on his

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Character, obtained leave to resign his Office and the Government has devolved upon Us.

As Captain Backhouse & Captain Sleigh are under Arrest, We must request that in case of their going in any of the Ships under Your Command They may be secured in such Manner, that they may be brought to a trial on their arrival on the Coast of Coromandel. We think it our Duty thereby to Protest against You or any other, who may be contemplating or assisting in their Escape from Justice.

We have received Your Letter but think it more eligible that the Revenge & Admiral Pocock be left at Liberty to take such Measures as their Commanders may judge most convenient. The others are under the Direction of Mr. Dalrymple.

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servants

Manila
29.th March 1764

Letter from Capt.t Brereton to the Dep.t Gov.r & Council —

Gentlemen

I received Your Letter of Yesterdays date & am sorry to find You let Mr Drake escape the full Conviction it is in my Power to produce against him however I shall not fail to have proper Vouchers for the Charge I have lodged against him, in the mean Time I desire that You will send to him for the two Obligations given him by the deceased Mr. Noriega which he must be delivered upon the Money is paid.

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being rotten have given greatly & was it not for some Props, would let the Roof entirely fall in, the Rain now penetrating thrô every Part of it; The Floor wants to be raised, as it is now much lower than the Ground, it is all a Puddle after the least shower of Rain; They are also in want of Doors and Windows & several other little Necessaries as Cook Room &c.; the whole of which to be put into very good Repair wont exceed 60 Pagodas — Hope my Request will meet with Your Honors Approbation as the Apartments will be entirely ruined if not repaired before the Monsoons, I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & most Hble Servant

Cow.d Monckton

Chinglepet
29.th August 1764

Granted —

Agreed that he have Permission to repair his Quarters provided the Expence does not exceed the Sum he mentions —

The King of Tanjours Proposal for having the Harricall Districts restored to him —

The President acquaints the Board that on conversing with the King of Tanjours Vaquil regarding his repeated Demand of the Restoration of the Harricall Districts — The Vacquil had acquainted him that the King was willing on having the Districts usurped by the French delivered up to him to relinquish to the Company the whole amount of the Revenues received by them on the Company's giving up their claim to the Sack of Rupees which remained due by Virtue of the Agreement made with Mr. Bourchier in June 1760 & on their returning the

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the Sum of 50,000 Rupees which was advanced on that Account and that in case his proposal was accepted, He would in a few Days procure Bills for the Lack of Rupees which remained due on account of November Hist last as also for five Lacks the Amount of the April Hist deducting therefrom the 50,000 Rupees to be refunded as afore-said.—

Agreed to—

The Board taking the King of Tanjour's Pro-posal into Consideration are of Opinion the same is very advantageous to the Company, as from the following State-ment it appears that exclusive of the Charges and Expences incurred in taking and Maintaining the said Districts they have received Pagodas 55775.17.59.

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				By Do rec'd Robert Bilke Esq Share rent from 30th Dec 1762 to 30th Sept 1763	21000.—
				By Do rec'd of Trematrow Vistnagee from 30th Sept 1763 to 31st July 1764	14000.—
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Errors Excepted

Rich. Fairfield

Accomp.t

N.B. Bufsovapah Chitty stand indebted to the Company on acct of the Harricall Country Pag.s 7600 which is a desperate Debt—

Trematrow Vistnagee likewise owes the Company the Sum of Pag.s 6000 on the same acct: but this it is thought will be recovered.

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You know that my Sentiments were Your Government was dissolved, when I received the Kings Sign Manual which absolutely superceded the Authority You were invested with by General Drapers Instructions & You also know I have protested against Your usurping any Command by Force of Arms. Therefore I can never acknowledge You as Governor & Council, Mr. Drake's refusing to relinquish his Government & employing his Champans in carrying away his ill gotten Gains has retarded greatly our Embarking the Troops, I must now acquaint You that the Commandant of the Troops & I have resolved to deliver up the City of Manila to morrow being the 31st March so that You will do well to embark the Civil Department without Loss of Time leaving on Shore proper Persons to deliver over the Archives &c.a that You were charged with at receiving the Place agreable to the 22d. Article of the Definitive Treaty.

Was I to be influenced by such selfish Views as You seem to be, I should have gone to China to have repaired my Ship (which is represented in a very bad Condition) & taken on board as many of the Kings Troops as I could accommodate, & sailed the 12th Inst. which would have secured my Passage to India the common Track, but on Your representing the Company's Affairs in a Dangerous Way in India I have (at the Hazard of His Majesty's Ship under my Command & at the Hazard of a large Ship & Cargo the Property of the Captors in which the Company is nearly

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concerned) undertaken to transport the Troops thither without Loss of Time, And as We must go a very dange-rous Track, I think it necessary the Ships should allso together that in case of any Accident happening they may be assisting to one another: & as the small Vessels in particular may be of infinite Service in this un-dertaking, I desire and demand that they are all im-mediately put under my Command & Protest against You or any of You, at Your Perils to give Orders to the contrary & should You so far forget Your Duty to Your Majesty or Your Employers I thereby make You answer-able in Case of any Accident befalling the Falmouth & Siam for the Damages that the Crown may sustain on the Captors, as if she has been detained on Account & at the Risk of the Indeix Company

I am now to acquaint You that I have no Clerk & that the Pen is not my Province! I must therefore decline carrying on any further Correspondence as I have Affairs of Moment to attend to, therefore if You have any Business with me, I beg You will depute a proper Person to Communicate it to me, who shall receive my immediate Reply. I am

Gentlemen

Your most humble Servant

W B. Preston

P.S. I desire each of the Company's Ships & Vessels may be supplied with a White & a Blue Flag, each for sounding Signals as also with Leads & Lines for the same Service

On His Majesty's Service

To Messrs. Dalrymple, Parsons, Stevenson, & Jourdan

Agents for the East India Company

Orders in Consequence

It is therefore Agreed to make over the Districts to the King on the Terms proposed by him, and that it be stipulated that He shall not cede them to the French or any other European Power & Ordered that an Agreement for that purpose be drawn up to be executed by the King & by us.

of Tanjore

The annual Tribute for Deve Cotah expected to be given up.

The President further acquaints the Board that he had spoke to the Vackeel on the Subject of the annual Tribute paid Yearly to the King of Tanjour on account of Deve Cotah amounting to 1100 Pagodas ℔ Annum & which he was in hopes the King would likewise give up to the Company.—

The President acquaints the Board that the Persons who brought the Letter from Seyed Abdull Huckeem at Cochin regarding our renewing the Trade with Cudda waited for an Answer.—

Resolution regarding renewing the Trade with the King of Cudda's Dominions.

Agreed that the receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged, and that one be addressed to the King of Cudda assuring him of our readiness to forget every Thing that has passed & to renew a friendly and amicable Commerce with his Dominions.—

Rob[t] Palk
Ringer Lawrence
P Boundsin
Rich[d] Fairfield
Sam[l] Ibbetson
Charles Turner
Geo[e] Stratton

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5 Received the following Letter from John Lewen Smith Esqr. Chief at Cuddalore—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Smith at Cuddalore regarding Mr. Piquet's Troops

I have received Your Favour of the 29th Ult.o but Mr. Piquet being previously set out for Madura, prevented my taking the Method You recommend of informing my self to whom the Horses really belong, however I inclose You a Paper delivered me a few Days ago by the Hussars which they say is a translation of the Agreement they made with Mr. Piquet on their leaving Madura & now subsisting between them, the Original they refuse producing tho' pretend it is in Possession of one of their Offr.s 2 Serjeants, 2 Corporals and 8 Private, which agreable to my last Letter I have this Day ordered to proceed to Your Settlement under an Escort of Seapoys; as Your Honors &c. by this Inquiry seem desirous to have the Property of the Horses cleared up, I thought it better to defer for a few Days the Sale of them till I can have Your final resolution thereon—

I shall in future observe Your Directions in regard to any Deserters that may come here from Trav.r -quebar, but to prevent any Mistakes of this kind happ.g -pening again as well as for my Guidance in their Matters apprehend it would be proper Copies of the several Cartells subsisting between the Foreign Nations should be trans

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To William Brereton Esqr.
Commanding His Majesty's Ship
Falmouth

Letter to Capt Brereton

Sir,

Mr. Gaulord is left Agent for the East India Company at Manila. But he has no charge of the Company's Effects for as We have been deprived of the Power of executing our publick Functions as Provisional Deputy Governor & Council the Company are no longer responsible for any Thing there. And We have protested & do hereby in the Name & Behalf of His Majesty & the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Protest against all Persons concerned in such arbitrary & unjustifiable Proceedings & do declare such Persons alone answerable for every Thing belonging to Manila.

We have already informed You the small Vessels are on another Establishment tho' We may observe in answer to Your Letter that the Company have paid enough for them to be entitled to their Services.

As You inform Us You have Affairs of Moment to attend to We shall only observe that We do not pretend to enter into a Discussion of Your Duty & We shall be directed in Ours by our own Judgement & the Directions of Our Superiours, to whom We shall leave the Examination of our Conduct, but as Britons We are engaged to oppose every Encroachment of Arbitrary Power in which We shall shew in the most sincere Manner our Attachment to his Majesty, who has declared himself the Patron of Liberty & as such can never be hurt in the Affections of

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his Subjects but Here the Presumption of His Officers

We are

Sir

Your most humble Servants

Cavita

31 March 1764

To William Brereton Esqr

Commanding His Majestys Ships

Tatmouth

Letter to Capt Brereton

Sir,

We have received a Letter from You of the 7th Instant

— No such Packet as You mention was sent by us, We had

none committed to our charge from Captain Matthewson

or it would have been dispatched immediately on the

Revenge's arrival —

We have repeatedly informed You that the small

Vessels are not under this Establishment & were We to

grant that the Administration in India have complied

with the request of the Sea Officers when for the public

Service We must observe they always reserved to them-

-selves the Privilege of judging when the requests were

reasonable as if We mistake not, in the Instances of

sending the Chesterfield Home when Admiral Watson

desired to carry her to Bengal & in refusing Mr Lovis

the Tyger Snow to accompany his Squadron to

Manila —

As the Company's Agent at Manila informed

Us You refused to receive our Letter as not directed "On

His Majestys Service" You might easily have accounted

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transmitted me, having got only that with the Dutch.

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed humble Servant

I. L Smith

Cuddalore
3d Sept. 1764

A Copy of our Accord, which We have made with our Captain translated.

Copy of Mr Rigauds Agreement with his People

1. The first We pretend our Cloathing, as usual by the Howard.

2. Our Pay usual by the French, to 7 Rupees p Month and our Horse Feeding as long the Nation comes.—

3. That the Horse our own with his Furniture & when the Nation comes, to there full Price, of the Company used to be paid.

4. If some of our Horse should die, before the Nation comes that the Company is obliged to pay them as good as the rest.

5. If they Keep this Accord, our promise is this, that We will serve the Nation, truly & dutyful, upon Capitulation which the Commander en Chief shall give, according to the Custom of France, but in case, the should not keep this our Accord that We & our Horse may take Service at any Place We like.

6. Wife & Child is to die & our Captain should die before the Nation comes, so is our Pretend or Will, that the Officers, which follows after him, to keep this Accord due, as good as our Captain— and that in Time of need We can make our Complaint of Necessity to them as well like before.—

Come in the following Letter from Tranquebar.—

To the Honible Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor and Council of Fort St. George.

Letter from Tranquebar concerning Mr Vaupel

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are honored with your Favor of the 22d Instt.

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and are much obliged to You for the Notice you are pleased to give Us of the Request Mr Vogel has made You & Your answer thereto, altho We cannot but look upon this Affair as wholly strange to Us, having no Dealings at all in the Concerns of that Gentleman — He came here from Goa with a Detachment of Troops, remainder of the French Forces in India & solicited a Stay in the Company's Territory, till the arrival & resettling of his Nation, that was expected this Year & We knew no Reason, that could induce Us to refuse it, for all the while he shall behave as becomes him and Us, whereof as You may easily believe We took his Assurances before he was admitted — 'tis true that We have supplied him with some Arms & Ammunition & We ingeniously shall tell You the Reason of our so doing. It was agreed, before he landed his People that they should be without all Sorts of Arms during their Stay here & so they were in the beginning for some Time — About that Time it was reported here that the Rajah of Tanjour designed to send some Troops into our Boundaries, in Support of the intended Usurpation Personal Attack of which Affair We have [illegible] to inform You in our Letter of the 28th past & on this Emergency Mr Vogel took occasion to represent, that as his People are lodged in an open Village, it was against all Rules of Prudence to leave them in a State that disabled them to defend themselves at a Time when an Invasion was to be feared, which representation seeming to Us not to be Groundless, We furnished him with a small Quantity of Arms, they are

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for its being received so late, however as You imagine there is a Mistake in the Direction We repeat that it was directed to You.

As We do not think it can answer any good purpose to enter into Altercations with You We have only to repeat that We leave our Conduct to the Judgement of our Superiors & sincerely join with You in wishing the Transactions at Manilla may induce his Majesty ever to let People again act out of their own Sphere.

We are

Sir

Your most humble Servants

Revenge off Cavite
8. April 1764

Deferred coming to any Resolution regarding the Conduct of the Gentlemen at Manilla 'till the receipt of their Consultations

The Gentlemen from Manilla not having transmitted Us any of their Consultations of later date than the end of Febry 1763 Copies of which have been sent to the Court of Directors, We cannot pretend to form any Judgement of their Proceedings since that Time.

We are concerned to find that such Disputes have arose between them & His Majesty's Officers regarding the Restoration of the conquered Places, as We conceive the Intention of His Majesty in sending Orders to His Officers was only for the delivering up such Places as might be in their Possession — whereas Manila with the other Places conquered were delivered over to the Deputy Governor & Council on behalf of the Company to be held by them 'till his Royal Will should be signified — They alone ought therefore to have restored them to the Spaniards conformable to the Treaty of Peace.

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Remark regarding the repairs of Vessels

We cannot but observe that the Sums expended on the Repairs of Vessels, have been very extraordinary, particularly as they have not advised us what Service they were procured for, nor at what Rate they were purchased.

The appointing Mr. Dalrymple Dejuty Governor disapproved of.

With regard to the Disputes that have arose between our People & His Majesty's Officers relating to their Authority, We can only say that We are much concerned thereat, when We conceive they might have been prevented, if they had only attended to their proper Department, We must suspend our Judgment concerning the extraordinary Step they took in appointing Mr. Dalrymple Deputy Governor in which We however think they have taken upon them a Power they were not vested with, nor do We observe that it answered any good purpose.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. Dalrymple received by the Hands of an Armenian.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Dalrymple accuses Mr. Drake of Mal-Practises.

I am much concerned at the occasion of this address. The regard due to the Company's Service & to the Publick Credit makes it a Duty to take Notice of every Thing which may be the Source of Reproach to either. The General Disgust of every Thing like the Character of an Informer makes this the most disagreable of all

to be returned at any Time on our Demand.—

This We thought very necessary as an Answer to Your before mentioned Favour, We shall further add that We are very sensible to be answerable for our Conduct & are glad to be so, it being entirely consistent with our Inclinations to act in a Manner never to give Offence to any Body and least of all to You, Horible Sir & Sirs whose friendly Behaviour towards Us on all Occasions would alone determine Us that Way, if Duty did not.

We have the Honor to be with the most perfect Esteem and Consideration—

Horible Sirs & Sirs

Fort-Dansbro
31st of August 1764

Your most Obed Humble Servants
H. Abbestée
J. H. Gille
D. Falk
P. Hurlbech
C Bie

Received the following Letters from Major Campbell Commanding the Army—

The Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor—

Letter from Major Campbell

Honble Sir

I am favored with Your Letter of the 22d, the Seapoys who continue to desert from the Fort still give the same Intelligence of the Distress & Discontent of the Rebells and as I have no news of the Stores sent from Harricall being arrived at Tondy, I have all reason to believe that before every Thing can be—

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brought here to put Us in a proper Condition to begin another Attack it will be about the 10th. October & then the Weather will be very precarious — In short all Circumstances fully considered I am firmly of Opinion that it is much better to wait with Patience for the fall of the Place by Famine than to run the Hazards & Loss of Men & Expence of Stores in another Attack. The Blockade being now my final Resolution I shall immediately discharge 900 Men & Bullocks, continue the Lascars & Coolies to widen the Trench & raise the Wall round the Fort, to put it more out of the Power of the Rebels from escaping & I will send more Europeans & Sepoys to Shut the Enemy up closer at Palamcotah to prevent Wooff Cawn's getting in there if he should escape from Madura —

Purposes discharging some Bullocks

You are pleased to Observe that the Committee of Accounts seem to think the Expence of the Army enormous and especially the Article of Intelligence, the Expence in General is to be sure very great, but I can assure You Sir that from the first Day I came to the Command till now, I have not charged a single Cash for Intelligences. neither have I encreased the number of Vakeels from what I first found them. Tho' the Army has been so much divided on the contrary I discharged 30 of them the beginning of this Month — I hope during the Blockade to be able to make the European & Seapoy Officers & Men quite perfect in their Discipline, for I shall pay constant attention to them —

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Tasks to those who have no interested Views —

The Company's Credit is much more severely injured in new Settlements by the Misconduct of Individuals than in their old ones where their general Mildness of Government washes out the Stain of any unworthy Members, whom the Company's Resentment has always shewn they will never protect in Acts of Oppressions But here the Peace putting an End to their Jurisdiction, if the first Delinquent is not called to Account the Opprobium is spread every where & must be attended with the worst of Consequences. I think it a Duty incumbent on me to represent succinctly the reasons of Complaint against Mr Drake's Administration the more especially as the Consequences will be most fatally felt in that Quarter where the Company have been pleased to impress some Confidence on me which I should ill requite by my Silence —

I am sorry the Situation of Affairs here will not permit a publick Representation on the Spot of these Complaints that Mr Drake might have it in his Power to vindicate himself. It is too well known how difficult it is to make out any Charge against a Person in Power for almost any Man to run the risk of the attempt & I much question whether at present the Terrors of the Chinese would not make them disavow many Complaints were they publickly canvassed & nothing less than a superiors Presence could dissipate all such Apprehensions & either clear Mr Drake's Character from their Aspersions or obtain them that Justice not less they than the Company

have a right to expect; General Misconduct may be obvious to every Eye but is scarce reducible to a formal Charge & had not Mr. Drake been a Person of the utmost Imprudence it would have been too tender a Point for any Man to have ventured to complain formally; to do it here would be the Source of incessant Altercation & expose the Spaniards & Chinese to still greater hardships unless there was a probability of removing this Season which becomes more distant every Day. These & the many other disagreable Consequences it would be productive of, are sufficient to any Step of this nature at present as this Representation shou'd the Settlement not be withdrawn till the latter End of the Year, will afford You the occasion if it shou'd be thought expedient to send some Person to make that Examination which is due to Individuals & necessary for the Company's Credit & the future Trade of Manila

I don't repeat every Story to Mr Drake's Disadvantage current here, but confine myself to those which have come more immediately under my own Knowledge

When the British Armament arrived at the Philippines Assurances were given to the Chinese &c. that they shou'd be exempted from all Taxes & personal Services & they alledge this was afterwards confirmed to them in the Company's Name for three Years, however a Tax of 6 D. 3 R. was laid on every Chinese half Yearly which amounts to 1. 4 ¼ p. Annum which has been chiefly applied to the Expence of the Corrigidon & his Officers, soon after another Tax of 4 p. Quarter was laid on each Chinese which I have been informed was to have been

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advises of Mr. Ramacle & Vander Mott's the 15 Bay Detachment being appointed Ensigns by that Presidency.

Yesterday Captain Brewer received a Letter from Major Govin acquainting him that the President & Council of Bombay had been pleased to make the following Promotion in his Detachment Viz.t 2d. Lieut.t John Chambers appointed 1st. Lieut.t & Messrs.rs John Ramacle and Hendrick Vander Mott Cadets appointed Ensigns so that there are no more Cadets in that Detachment to be provided for — I have the Honor to be the utmost Respect.

Honble Sir

Your most Obliged & most

Obed.t Humble Servant

Char.s Campbell

Camp before Madura

28 August 1764

The Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor —

Letter from Major Camp bell —

Honble Sir,

Major Call has shewn to me your Letter of the 23d. it is not unlikely but that Mr. Flugle may at least make the appearance of being troublesome & perhaps use his endeavours to get the Sanoorians to work at some of their Troops joining him, as also to try to persuade the Dindigull People to enter again some Part of the Arcot Country. But the Scheme You are pleased to mention of sending out Major Donald Campbell, will in my Opinion effectually secure the Peace of the Country & prevent Mr. Flugel or any of Mysoff Cawn's Friends, from coming to any considerable Head or being able to do much Mischief —

I suppose it was convenient to make Major Donalds Detachment 130 or 140 R & File I can well spare

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spare 400 Seapoys, one Troop of Horse one Officer & 20 Artillery Men & those are now encamped near to Trichinopoly a Detachment which Some Time ago sent to drive Wooff Cawns Plunderers back to Dindigull consisting of 300 Black Horse & 300 Seapoys & 4 Field Peices. when all is joined with Major Donald it will make a pretty little Army. but I think about Outatoor is the best Place for that Detachment to be for then they will be So situated as to prevent the Dendigull Troops from joining Hugel either by the Way of Tanjour or through the Worriarpollam Country & can also easily move towards Trimomely or the Coast if necessary, besides they will be so near Trichinopoly, the Seringam & Worriarpollam Country's that they will be a great Check upon the latter & can be reinforced with Men & supplied with Stores from the two former Places if wanted, as the Field Peices beforementioned are the Nabobs I do not imagine they are in the best Condition, I would therefore recommend to take two of our own from Tritour. —— I shall immediately write to the Nabob to make all his Scattered Troops about the Country joind the others & encamp at Outatour & will again repeat how exceedingly necessary it is for him to avoid giving the Tanjorians any reason of Complaint — The Detachment from hence for to join Major Donald Campbells will be ready to march the Moment I am favoured with your further Orders & as I have Pandalls finished for part of the Army, I shall have ready Tents & Bell Tents for all the Officers & Men that compose

Purposes detaching a Party to oppose the Hugel in Case he should offer any Disturbances

rented for 5000 or 6000 Dollars p Annum & that the Person who was to have had the Farm gave the Deputy Governor a Gold Snuff Box on making the Agreement. This Tax was formerly levied Clandestinely & applied to the Spanish Governors use. However on Mr Amiah's Complaint it was stopd & the Chinese Captain who had been forced in against a great Majority of Votes dismissed on a Pretence that he had set it on Foot without Authority.

Application was made for a Sum of Money under Denomination of a free Donation & by earnest Treaty (which in a Manila Government is irresistable) it seems the same Captain got a Sum subscribed to by the Chinese am.t to 3000 Dollars of which 2000 has been paid to the Deputy Governor who was so extreamly urgent with the succeeding China Captain for the remainder that he addressed a Petition to the Chinese Committee setting forth his Distress. In this he represents that he had been unable to collect more than 2000 Dr.s of the Money promised by the former Captain which had been paid to Mr. Drake together with 2500 which he was obliged to give before the Deputy Governor would sign the Contract made for the Arrack Farm on which he afterwards insisted to have ⅓ of the Clear Profits. The Chinese Captain begd that this Petition might not be mentioned to the last Extremity as he had been before imprisoned without knowing what was laid to his Charge & was afraid of the like Disgrace & Hardships.

In former Times scarce any Thing was free from Imposts

in imitation of this the Privilege of selling Pork & making Plow-Shares were farmed, The Pork Farmer by his own Confession to me stipulated to pay 2500 Dollrs p Annum to the Deputy Governor & paid a Sum to Mond.r Faillet as a present to obtain this Farm for a Year. This was abo-lished on the Representation of the Committee tho' the general dread the Chinese have of a Governor's Power makes it impossible to give that Satisfaction & Confi-dence which ought to be enjoyed under a British Government.

I shall not add the many other Reasons of Complaint of the Chinese. These will all appear distinctly if You think it proper to make a minute Examination.

I ought perhaps to mention that it appears the Sultan of Sooloo has received from Mr. Drake some Cause of Disgust tho' I hope it will not be productive of any ill Consequences if the Equity & Impartiality of our Government is made to appear.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servant

Dalrymple

Manila
23. Febry 1764

Read also the following Letter from Mr. Drake.

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

Letter from Mr. Drake

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am just informed from Messrs. Stevenson & Jourdan that they have dispatched the Revenge directly

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his Detachment — I have the Honor to be with great Respect —

Hon'ble Sir

Your much obliged & most

Obedient Hble Servant

Char. Campbell

Camp
29 August 1764

In answer to which the following Letter was wrote to him

To Major Charles Campbell
Commanding the Army
Sir,

Letter to Major Campbell in Answer

Your Letters to the President of the 28th & 29th August (the) have been communicated to us, We have as yet no advice of the Vessell which carried a large Quantity of Stores being arrived at Carricall, nor of what was forwarded by Mr. Brouner by Sea to Tondy, it is not therefore reasonable to expect if these are necessary they can be with You in Time to make another assault on the Fort of Madura, The only alternative left is to concur with You in Opinion, that all Circumstances considerd it is best to wait with Patience the Event of a close Blockade, a slow but more certain Method of getting Possession at last, & in which We have a good Prospect of not much increasing our Loss of Officers & Men a Loss much regretted & not easily to be repaired —

You will therefore prepare for the Monsoon strengthen Your Works, provide the best Cover for Your Men lessen Your Expences where it may be done without Prejudice to the Service & reinforce as You intend Captain

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Captain Harts Command before Palamcotah to prevent if possible the Rebels retreat to his last Stake—

We much approve of your Disciplining your Troops because it keeps them in Exercise & Health and able, as well as ready to do their Duty—

We shall advise the Gentlemen at Bombay that their Promotion of Lieut.t Chambers & Ensigns Ramacle and Vott has taken Place

We have just received a Letter from Tranquebar of which a Copy is enclosed in this inducing us to think We may for the present at least suspend marching the proposed Detachment from hence especially as the Monsoon will be at hand before they can join & as the Nabob of Cuddapah seems inclined to disturb the Nellore Districts, which has obliged us to give some attention to his Motions & to reinforce that Frontier Garrison with a small Party of Europeans & some Stores—

If however Your Detachment should have marched from Camp, We leave it to You either to recall them or to make the Junction You propose with the Nabobs Seapoys, this You will determine from the Intelligence You may receive in the meanwhile Some from Mr. Brooke Your own Situation with respect to Madura and Palamcotah

We might have added that the heavy Expence is another Reason why We would wish to protect the Country without sending another Army into the Field—

The present Plan being to wait the Event of the Block-ade, We imagine there will be no occasion for the

to Madras & that the Latter takes his Passage on her.

So short a warning gives me no Time to entlarge on the Treatment I have met with from those Gentlemen as well as from Capt. Brereton & Backhouse. I shall therefore only request that as I am well convinced they have told their own Story in their General Letter & that Mr. Jourdan goes with no other Intent than to back it, You will suspend your Judgement until I have the Honor of making my Appearance before You & convincing You that no Man has ever undergone so many unmerited Hardships nor suffered so much Cruelty as myself.

Desiring y^e Board to suspend their Judgment of things till his Arrival.

I am very sensible of the Disadvantages I labour under, my Enemies are numerous, they are powerfull in Machinations & they have the Opportunity of making the First Impression which is generally the strongest, but altho' the Load of Calumny which they have contrived to throw on my Character may influence the Minds of the Vulgar, from your candour & Justice I have the most pleasing Prospect.

I am with the most perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t humble Servant

Dawsonne Drake

Admiral Pocock

8 June 1764

We cannot pretend to form any Judgment of the Conduct of Mr. Drake till his arrival, when He will have an Opportunity of answering such Charges as may be alledged against him.

Resolution in Consequence

Ordered that the Accounts received from Manila be laid before the Committee of Accounts who are to deliver in

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in their report thereof —

Letter from Captain Brereton Commander of His Ma-
=jesty's Ship Falmouth read as follows —

On his Majesty's Service

To Robert Palk Esq.

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George —

Gentlemen

Letter from Capt. Brereton

You will have heard by Captain Leighton what a
pretty Passage the Company's Frigate made to Manila &c
that I shall be silent on that Head —

So soon as I received Admiral Cornish's Instructions
the 8th of March, I hastened to Manila to put them in Execu-
-tion; but Your Government having involved themselves
in a world of Difficulties We made but slow Progress to-
-wards our Departure before the new Spanish Governor
arrived. Happy for Us!

The Scene was now changed & the Spaniards seeing
the Kings Warrants (for the act of delivering over the Conquest
to them) was directed to his Commanders by Land & Sea they
declared they would Negociate no more with Your Agents.

Soon after the Spanish Commissioners laid before
me some fraudulent & scandalous Practices committed
by Mr. Drake to the dishonor & Disgrace of our Nation —

Mr. Drake did not chuse to stand the Test of an
Enquiry & the next Morning quitted his Government
& sneaked off on Board the Admiral Cocock —

The next Day the Council absconded & took with
them the Company's Ships & Vessels & all the Boats &c.

whole Corps of Engineers continuing in Camp and therefore We direct that Mr Call send in one or two, who may be best qualified to superintend the Works here —

We are,

Sir,

Fort St. George
5 September 1764

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk &c.a Council

7.th Came in the following Letter from John Sybers Esq.r Chief at Masulipatam —

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

Letter from Mr Sybers

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with Your Commands of the 17.th instant inclosing Letters for Siraj Ally & the Prime Minister which were forwarded from hence by express Hircarrahs the 24.th being the Day they came to hand —

forwards the Letters to Siraj Ally —

The Plan Your Honor &c.a seem inclined to pursue for getting Possession of these Circars appears the only Alternative left, as 'tis not in our Power to assist the Subah with a Body of Troops sufficient to establish his Authority in the Decan. But if by the Northern Circars Your Honor &c.a meant to include Chicacole & Mootasanagur with the other three, I fear the Sum You propose to offer will not be thought a sufficient Consideration for them —

The Answers I receive from Camp to Your

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Dispatches shall be forwarded to You the Instant
they come to hand —

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & very humble Servant
John Pybus

Masulipatam
31st August 1764

Received the following Letter from Major Campbell
commanding the Army —

The Honble Robert Palk Esqr
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell — regarding the Detachment appointed to watch Mr Hugel's Motions

I have the Honor of Yours Favor of the 24th inst. closing a Copy of a Letter from Mr Brouner, but had before mentioned my Sentiments regarding Mr Hugel to the President which I imagine makes it unnecessary to trouble You on that Subject now, I will however Detach immediately 1 Troop of Horse & Companies of Seapoys, 1 Officer & 20 Artillery Men, & three Subalterns Officers with Tents & Bell Tents as I mentioned to the Governor and will order the whole to rendezvous near to Outatoor. The Place which I really think best situated to prevent any Black Troops from joining Mr Heigle, and to be ready to march to him in case he makes any Movements towards the Arcot Country. & I have wrote to the Nabob to send some Seapoys to Chillumbrum, as the most likely Place he may first attack, Tho I cannot imagine when Mr Hugel knows that We are forming a Camp to watch his Motions, that he will dare quit the Tanjour Country

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belonging to the Place & set up a new Government at Cavita where they bid Defiance to the Kings Forces by Sea & Land.

The Confusion Affairs were thrown into by these Violent Proceedings, must be a Matter of Regal Enquiry in England I shall only observe here, that it prevented my sailing from the Bay of Manila until the 17th April, all tho the Ships under my Command were ready and might have sailed by the 10th March or sooner, if they would have listened to my re-peated Advice (& even Protests) of Accommodating with Mr. Anda & preparing for our Departure, but so far from mak-ing any Preparations for our evacuating the Conquest, they run the Company to an immense Expence in preparations for War, in Contempt of His Majesty's express Commands to the Contrary.

And when Orders came to withdraw the Troops, I found they had not only sold the Company's Store Rice, but 30,000 Cavans of new Rice Captain Backhouse sent down from Pasig & even after the Orders came they spared the Company's Salt Provisions to the Spaniards, this last me two Days more in send-ing back Stowages, for as I had no Salt Provisions for the Troops that were to go in the Siam, I was obliged to send an Officer to the Spanish Governor who at last sent it off the Moment before I sailed from Manilha.

I should be very much wanting in Gratitude if I did not tell You how much We are obliged to the new Spanish Governor as well as the much injured Mr. Anda who labour-ed to furnish us with necessaries for our Voyage & personally went to collect Water Vessels for the Siam from the private Houses.

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As I saw there was no Dispatch made in embark
ing the Stores, Troops &c^a I very early desired the Ships
Vessels &c^a might all be put under my Direction, which
Your Agents refused &, altho' I undertook to conduct the
Ships thro' an almost unknown Passage to us, Yet they
would not consent to my having the Command of the
Company's Ships, I think I can boldly affirm that I
should have arrived at this Port a Month sooner at least
than I did & saved many poor Mens Lives besides preventing
the accident that has happened to the Cocock who has
either lost her Passage or is entirely lost —

I am now to acquaint You Gentlemen that I can proceed
no farther, the Siam will hardly swim into this Port nor can
I spare Men to navigate her I must therefore sell her for what
I can get —

I have had two Surveys on the Falmouth the Carpen-
ters report she cannot go to Sea without being repaired
& the Revenge waits to hear whether the General & Council
will Order her to be repaired if they will not do it I shall
push for Bombay, sink or Swim —

I have the Pleasure to forward two Letters to You one from
the Spanish the other from his Commissioners with those
Covers —

I also send a Copy of a List of the Furniture carried out
of the Royal Palace at Manila by Mr Drake & sent on
Board the Admiral Cocock: If she should arrive at
Madras I flatter myself You Gentlemen will do justice to
the Heir of the late Arch-Bishop, who out of Civility left
the Furniture in the House —

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And if the Nabobs Hamuldars do as I recommended to them I think if Mr. Heigle should move that they may soon distress him much.

A French Serjeant who deserted from the Fort Yesterday, agrees with all other Accounts about the distress of the Garrison, he adds, that the severe Rains We have lately had, & bad Rice & Provisions that are served, has such an Effect on the Troops that they Swell & become dropsical & die with a few Days Illness, that 3 more Europeans were coming off with him, but were taken and I suppose hanged, as Mooff Caun does every body he Catches, it is astonishing how he can keep his Troops from delivering up himself and the Fort, for by all reports every Body is ready for such an action, the French Man & Seapoys say that dead Horses, dead Men Women & Children lie unburied among st the Ruins of Houses, which must I should think increase Sickness, in short if Credit is to be given to any Intelligence that comes from the Fort, They must be in a Terrible Situation.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect.

Camp
31st Augt 1764

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obliged and
most Obedient Servant
Char. Campbell

Dispatched the following Letter to the Govern & Council at Tranquebar —

To

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To the Honble Herman Abbestée Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council at

Tranquebar.

Gentlemen

Letter to Tranquebar

We have been favored with Your Letter of the 31st. August & are well satisfied with the Assurances You give us regarding Mr. Heigel & We hope We shall have no further occasion to trouble You on his Account —

regarding their Disputes with the King of Tanjore —

We herewith send You a Copy of a Letter received from the King of Tanjore in Answer to one addressed to him at Your desire concerning his Vigiador Pemal Naigue, By what We understand from his Vaquil here, He is by no means pleased that You should interfere in the Appointment of his Officers, as He says he does not concern himself with those whom You employ — All We can say is that it would give us great Satisfaction to be any Ways instrumental in bringing about a happy Reconciliation between You —

We are,

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Humble Servants

Rob.t Palk &c.a Council

Fort St. George

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Received the following Letter & Papers from the President & Council at Fort William —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Fort William

The enclosed is duplicate of Our last under

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When the Spaniards took an Account of the Remains of Warlike Stores they found a great deal had been wantonly thrown away in rejoicings Firing at Hala Ambassadors &c. &c. Your Agents having absconded the Captain General wrote to me for a supply as there was scarce any Powder or Ammunition left in the Place for its Defence. I therefore landed 105 Barrels of Powder & Ammunition belonging to the Company & took a Receipt for the same which I offered to Your Agent at Manila that he might Account with the Spaniards, but he refused to accept it I therefore now inclose a Copy to You.

Your Agents having taken with them all the Chavaprams from Manila, I was under the necessity of borrowing a large China Junk (or Ship) to carry down the King's Troops and Stores to the Siam who was laying off Carile; so soon as she was cleared she put off to some Distance & Anchored & soon afterwards a guard of Your Troops seized upon her & in a Piratical manner carried her away & she never has been returned to the owners. I had several Personal Applications from the Spanish Governor to have her restored, & a Petition from the Captain of her, who was on Shore at Manila & who has sustained great Damage for want of a Ship to return to his own Country.

I have thought proper to send You a Copy of the Chinese Captains Petition that Justice may be done him.

I have at last got an Answer from the Dutch who have given leave for the Falmouth to be repaired, but

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as the Builder has reported it will be the Month of Janry before she is fitted for Europe, it will then be too late for me to pay You a Visit at Madrass, if therefore You have any of the Kings Troops to send Home I shall be glad, in all that Time You will continue to send them here.

The Kings Troops I transported hither will proceed to the Coast so soon as Vessels can be procured. Mr Jourdoen proposes to call at Bencoolen to desire Mr Carter to send two empty Ships We hear he has three to be employed on that Service.

I am much concerned Your Agents put it out of my Power to serve the Company in the Manner my Power, might have done & Inclination dictated to me I shall complain loudly of them to the Admiralty who must be judges of my Conduct.

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

Fr. Brereton

Falmouth in Batavia Road 5.th August 1764.

Captain Brereton must have been Mistaken in saying "he was ready to come away from Manilha the 1st March" since in a Letter to the President of the 13th March he declares it as his first resolution to proceed to China with the Falmouth & Siam & it was not till the next Day He informed the Deputy Governor & Council, that he would make a Point for India provided they would be ready by the end of the Month.

Com.t thereon

The President acquaints the Board that he had received a Letter from Captain Brereton wherein he complains

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date the 12th Instant, since which We have received Your Letters of the 5th & 15th —

We are extremely concerned at the Repulse which Your Army met with in the Attack of Madura on the 26 June. But We still depend that the arrival of the reinforcements from Europe will enable You to compleat the Reduction of that Place as well as to send to us the necessary Assistance for prosecuting the War against Shuja Dowla who still remains in Budgeprore Country.

We are

Horible Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. Humble Servants

Fort William
30th July 1764.

Henry Van Sittart
I. Spencer
Warren Hastings
Rand. Marriott
H. Watts
Sam. Middleton
R. Leycester
John Bourchier

In Answer to which the following Letter was wrote to go by the Ship Ganges —

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

Horible Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honor &c. Letter of the 30th July — The great Expence of Men and Stores the Uncertainty of succeeding in another Assault on the Fort of Madura & the Necessity of Your being sufficiently rein-

answer thereto —

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reinforced as soon as possible to carry on the War successfully against Shuja Dowla has determined Us to continue the Blockade & patiently wait the Fall of Madura, which We have Reason to believe will happen before the Commencement of the Monsoon, the expected reinforcements will We hope effectually put a Stop to all Disturbances both here & at Bengall —

Mr Heigel who with his Detachment made his Escape after the Reduction of Pondicherry & has been with Hyder naig in the Mysore Country ever since, embarked at Goa on a Portuguese Man of War & landed lately at Tranquebar, from whence he wrote to Us for a Loan of 15000 Pagodas or desired that Karricall with its Districts might be delivered up to him which We have refused, his Detachment consists of two hundred and eighty Men, who have been armed and Necessity may oblige him to enter into engagements to maintain his Party. We are endeavouring to prevent his reinforcing the Rebels Garrison at Palamcotah which will be difficult if he is so inclined, We mention this to shew You the Necessity of our being reinforced in Case the expected — Ships from Europe should arrive at Your Presidency —

We are

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Rob Palk & Council

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Capt. Watson of the Revenge accused of not having made the best of his Way to Manila —

greatly of the Behaviour of Captain Watson of the Revenge on Account of his having in his Passage to Manila staid much longer at Malacca than was necessary & his not having attempted to persevere from the Mouth of the Streights off Pedro Blanco & by that Means endeavoured to have got thro' the China Seas — Instead of which He left Captain Matthewson in the Panther off those Streights & bore away for Batavia where he staid much longer than he ought to have done —

His Journal to be produced

Ordered that Captain Watson be informed thereof & directed to lay before Us a Journal of his Passage with his Reasons for the Deviations complained of —

Ordered that the Spanish Papers accompanying Captain Brereton's Letter be translated —

Letter from Mr. Richard Dodd read as follows.

To. Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council of Fort St. George —

Letter from Mr. Dodd Purser of the Falmouth —

Hon.ble Gentlemen

Captain Brereton has informed me His Majesty's Ship Falmouth will sail for Europe from this Place & the Siam Prize not being fit to proceed farther with the Troops: I am to beg the Favor You will please to order the Resident here to settle with me for the victualling of them at the same rate You Pay Commodore Watson —

Applies for Payment for victualling the Troops &c.a on board that Ships —

I have in my Hands about 6000 Dollars of the Company's & as in all Probability I may not be on the Coast any more have sent a Copy of the Captns Account with the Hon.ble Company —

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If it would be attended with any inconvenience to You Gentlemen to settle it at this Place, I will transmit the Lists to the Coast to Mr. Jourdan who is my Attorney.

I am with great respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. & most Hble Servant

R Dodd Purs. of Falm.

Batavia

4 Aug.t 1764

By William Brereton Esq.r Commander of all His Majesty's Ships & Vessels &c. &c. &c. at the Philippine Islands &c.

Whereas the Deputy Governor & Council at Manila have requested me to embark the 79.th Regement & some of the Company's Troops on board His Majesty's Ship Falmouth & the Siam Prize under my Command &c.

You are hereby required & directed to Victual them as the Ships Company & to settle for the Amount of the same with the Honble East India Company as the Government is not to be put to any Expence in Victualling them.

For which this shall be Your Order.

Given under my Hand on board His Majesty's Ship Falmouth in Manila Bay this 1.st Day of April 1764

Wm. Brereton

To Mr. Richard Dodd

Purser of His Majesty's Ship Falmouth.

a Copy of the Original

Orders in Consequence

Ordered that the Account Current accompanying the above Letter be laid before the Committee of Accounts.

Letter from Mr. Francis Jourdan at Batavia

read as follows —

To

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Jourdan

I had the honor to address You by the Illocas acquainting You of the want of Conveyances for the Removal of the Regiment the Falmouth & Siam being both in too bad a Condition to put to Sea at present & that the Revenge at my particular desire was to push for Fort Marlbro' to request the President & Council there to send hither the Neptune & Earl of Middlesex for that purpose

I did intend to have proceeded to Fort Marlbro in her to have seconded that Application (which was dispatched by a Proa a few Days since) accordingly I addressed myself to the General for Leave to land the Powder &c. belonging to the Company on board the Siam intending to leave the Permit with Mr. Bennet an English Gentlemen inhabiting this Place. thro' the negligence of the Shawbander not being presented in proper Form it was returned with a Letter informing me that a Company's Servant must be left to take Charge of the Stores & not any Inhabitant of this Town. I was at a Loss how to proceed — The Siam had 6 Feet Water in her Hold & I had heard that Orders had been given for running her on shore if the Water should gain on her. In such Case the Powder might be greatly damaged & would require the utmost Care & perhaps the greatest Part might be lost — As therefore one of the Principal Reasons of my having been sent with the Packet was to make You

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Honor &c.a acquainted with the Particulars of what had
pass'd at Manila &c as You will have the most material
relative to Captains Brereton & Backhouse in the General
Letter which will be delivered to Your Honor &c.a by Cor=
-net Mackay &c which in their absence may suffice &
as I think it my Duty to remain with the Stores, taking
aside every other Consideration I have come to a Resolution
to stay here for that Purpose &c as the value of the Stores
must be more than 16,000 Dollrs I persuade myself You
will excuse the want of the Consultations the delivery
of which will be thereby retarded more than a Month.

I address a second Letter to the Gentlemen at Fort
Marlbro &c if they send the Ships to put an End to the
Manila Expedition my utmost endeavours shall be
exerted to expedite the Service —

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t Hble Servant
Franc.s Fourdan

Batavia 6.th August
12 Clock at Night —

The President lays before the Board the following
Extracts of a Letter from the Honble Roger Carter Esq.r to him
Extracts of a Letter from Roger Carter Esq.r Governor of Fort Marlbro
Cats: acts of a Letter from Roger Carter Esq.r to the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r
dated 23.d August 1764

By our General Letter You will see We have pro-
vided for* their Deliverance & Hope the Ships will be
with You by December, how the Company will take
our altering the P. August's Voyage I can't say, but
the other two would have been insufficient — Hope it
will not be much loss to the Company, as I fancy there

* The Troops at Ba-
tavia —

Extract of a Letter
from Mr Carter at
Fort Marlbro —
Ships appointed

to assist in transporting the Troops from Batavia

will be many Ships in China as the Supra Cargoes will have money for, add to this the improbability of the Augusta's losing her Passage were she dispatched to China, & she is in want of repairs, the leak she had on her leaving England still continuing — She Ships will sail for Batavia in about 8 Days —

I must beg you will return us the Admiral Watson as requested in our publick Letter as she was sent out on a particular Occasion & nothing but the present Necessity induces us to alter her Destination —

We are much obliged to the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro' for having ordered some Ships to assist in transporting the Troops &c.a from Batavia — But are concerned that the Publick Letter mentioned therein is not come to hand —

Stores landed from the wrongs to be valued —

Ordered that the Stores landed from the Revenge be surveyed & valued by the Military Storekeeper & Commandant of Artillery, that due Credit may be given to the Expedition to Manilha for their Amount —

R. Pk
Stringer Lawrence
W. Bourchier
Rich.d Fairfield
Sam.l Bradley
Charles Turner
Geo.e Stratton

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Dispatched the following Letter to Bruce Ann to the President & Council at Fort William.

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council at

Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to the President & Council at Fort Wm. regarding the Illocos

A Duplicate of our last Address now waits on You

— The Illocos not having arrived here from Batavia, altho she left that Place with the Revenge, We think it probable she may have proceeded to Bengall, We therefore enclose to You an Extract of the General Letter from Manila regarding the Terms on which she was taken up, for transporting Troops &c. from thence, in Order that Your Honor &c. may settle with the Persons appointed by the Owners to receive the Amount of her Freight; of which We request You will advise Us that We may debit the Expedition to Manila for the same.

Usoff Cawn has lately sent out Mr. Marchand with Proposals of going off to Pondigullo with 1000 Seapoys & 300 Horse a Couple of Field Peices with two covered Waggons & evacuating Madura & Palamcotah & promises to give neither Us nor the Nabob any more Trouble. He has been informed that the only Terms he can expect are those of surrendering at Discretion so that We shall soon expect to hear of his attempting to get away — We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Co.l Council

Fort St. George

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Sent the following Letter of Mr. Palk to the President & Council at Bombay.

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To the Honble Charles Crommelin Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council at

Bombay

Letter to the President & Council at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with Your Letter of the 5th August by the General Lawrence with a Packet for the Honble the Court of Directors & another for the Presidency of Bengall: The latter has been forwarded agreeable to Your desire & the former will be sent by the Duke of Albany.

The President & Council at Fort William in a Letter of the 7th of August inform us, that a Spirit of Mutiny had again broke out among their Seapoys, who were therefore by no Means to be depended on as that their Europeans were greatly reduced by Sickness & the Fatigues they have undergone; They have therefore requested of us in the most pressing Manner to send them all the Assistance in our Power to enable them to prosecute the War against Shuja Dowla as soon as the Season will permit them. Your Honor &c. will perceive how impossible it is for us yet to return the Troops belonging to Your Establishment all the Decruits on the Coast & Bay Ships being sent on to Bengall— Wooff Cawn yet holds out. He has indeed lately made Proposals of going off to Dindigull with 1000 Seapoys 300 Horse with two Field Peices & two Covered Waggons & has promised to evacuate both Madura & Palamcotah & to give neither us or the Nabob any more Trouble. In answer to which he has been informed He must expect no other Terms than those of Surrendering at Discretion, so that We daily expect to hear of his attempting to make a push

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to get off.

advised of the Intelligence recd from Manila

The Revenge arrived here the 20th Instant She left Manila the 17th April in Company with the Falmouth Siam, Admiral Pocock, London and Illacos, with all the Troops & Stores on Board except about 100 Sick left behind. They put in at Sooloo where they left Mr. Dalrymple with the London. They parted Company with the Pocock about the Latitude of 2 Degrees South between the Celebes & Borneo near the Clein Pater Noster. The Revenge arrived at Batavia the 12 July & all the other Ships (except the Admiral Pocock) about eight Days afterwards. The Revenge staid upwards of twenty Days at Batavia during which Time they heard nothing of the Admiral Pocock. The Falmouth & Siam were in so bad a Condition that Captain Brereton purpared repairing the former, which he hoped to accomplish by the Month of January & proceeding directly for Europe. The latter became so Leaky that they were obliged to run her on Shore. It was therefore judged necessary for the Revenge to call at Fort Marlbro to request of the Governor & Council to send some Ships to assist in transporting the Troops &c. from Batavia, who had in Consequence thereof, agreed to send the Princess Augusta, Admiral Watson, on this Service, so that We hope We may expect them here by the Month of December

Major Campbell Commanding Officer at Camp has informed us that Messrs. Rannacle & Vander Vlott of Your Establishment have been appointed Officers in Consequence of Your Orders communicated to Captain Brereton by Major

Gover-

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Major Govenor,

As soon as the Revenge can be got ready she shall proceed to Bombay.

We are,

Fort St. George
29th. September

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Rob.t Palk & Council

At a Consultation Present

Monday
1. October

Robert Palk Esq.r Governor, President
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.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Campbell Commanding the Army.

Herewith I have the Honor to send a Copy of the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry & of the other Papers concerning Ensign Drought. In presence of the Court of Enquiry he accused Captain Orton of giving an unfair Evidence for which he is now under an Arrest by that Gentleman's Orders, he gave almost all the Officers in the Army a great deal of Trouble by insisting on their being sent for from their Posts & adjourning the Court untill they were relieved, without having any Material Question to ask & in my humble Opinion he is as bad a Man & as dangerous Disputation as any ever was in an Army &. that it appears by the Court of Enquiry. that he has been

Sentence of the Court of Enquiry on Mr Drought

Guilty

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guilty of being drunk on Duty &c of many other Crimes &
Irregularities unbecoming an Officer & a Gentleman I
hope You will not think him deserving of being indulged
with a General Court Martial, if You do I beg it may
be put off for some Time, as I am certain what with Mem-
bers & Evidences that he will keep all the Officers in the
Army fully engaged for 15 or 20 Days — The Proceedings of
the general Court Martial on Ensign Mills I have this Day
sent to the General, he is unanimously acquitted — The
Nabob & two of his Sons arrived here this Morning.
Captain Hart writes me that the Seapoys desert from
Palemcotah fast to him —

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged & most

Obedient Hble Servant

Char Campbell

Camp before Madura
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opinion of the Board thereon —

The Board being of Opinion that Mr Draught has by no Means acquitted himself of the Charges alledged against him on the Court of Enquiry & has asserted an absolute Falsity in saying that He had fully convinced us that Major Campbell's Behaviour towards him proceeded entirely from Prejudice — And as the whole Tenor of his Conduct during the Time He has been in the Service hath fully satisfied us of his Troublesome & Turbulent Disposition — It is therefore Agreed to dismiss him the Service & that Major Campbell be directed to acquaint him of his Dismission —

Dismissed the Service

The Translation of the several Spanish Papers rece

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with the Letter from Capt. Brereton are now laid before the Board —

To the Governor & Council of the English East India Company residing at Madras —

Letter from the Commissioners of the Superior Spanish Government at Manila — demand the delivery of Mr. Orandaine —

The Commissioners for the Superior Spanish Government of these Islands —

We represented to the English Governor & Council of Manila that they should do us Justice in seizing the Person & confiscating the Effects of Don St. Iago de Orandain, but they Violating the Sacred Laws, instead of delivering this Criminal, proscribed by his Majesty before the taking of the Place, protected & assisted him in such a Manner, as to enjoy the Confidence of the said Deputy Gov. & Council.

Seeing the Injustice with which the Governor & Council of Manila proceeded regarding the Delivery of the Person & Effects of the said Orandain We had Recourse to Capt. Brereton & Backhouse, on whom We have found joined to that Honor & Disinterestedness so conspicuous in the British Gentlemen in general, a particular desire & earnestness to obey & carry into Execution the Orders of their Sovereign, notwithstanding this Recourse & the Orders which Captain Brereton in Consequence gave to the Captains of the different Ships. He could not prevent the said Don St. Iago being embarked on board the Ship Admiral Pocock by her Captain Thos. Riddell, whom he had changed as well as the rest to deny him a Passage.

This Captain received on board the said Ship —

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Admiral Pocock the abovementioned Don St. Iago de Orendain with his Family by Order of Your Deputy Governor & Council of Manila, His answer to Captain Brereton's Demand Where- close, & the Letter which that Gentleman wrote us, begging us to forbear any more Applications for Orendain, to avoid inflaming Disputes with those with whom he ought to maintain good Harmony & Friendship in the Service of his Sovereign, without concurring with them in in a blind Desire of protecting a Criminal as is Don St. Iago de Orendain.

To Your Lordships them We addreſs ourselves in the Name of our Catholick Monarch with the Authority which We represent as the Deputies of his Governor & Captain General of these Islands, The very Honble Don Francisco de la Torre, — The said Don St. Iago de Orendain was a convicted Criminal & proscribed in this City of Manila by His Catholick Majesty our Master before the Army of his Britanick Ma- jesty came to conquer it; — and for that Reason ought (in Conformity to the Definitive Treaty which Commands the Subjects of the Sovereigns respectively to live in a mutual Friendly Correspondence & that Prisoners shall be free ex- pecially such as are liable to Criminal Prosecutions) to be delivered over to Us — Don St. Iago de Orendain was a con- victed Criminal towards the Catholick King our Master before his Britanick Majesty's Arms conquered Manila It therefore follows that he ought to be delivered into our Hands —

Don St. Iago de Orendain has broke thro' the Sacred Laws established for the good Government of the Community by carrying away & concealing his Effects in Order to escape

paying his Debts which exceed 60,000 Dollrs & what is more that he might not pay the Royal Funds of the Misericordia of this City 27,000 Dollrs which he owes them — whose Protection is the Apples of the Eyes of our Catholick Monarch for the Holy Ends of its Foundation, by all which it is plain that Don S.t Iago Avendaño ought to be given up with his Effects —

He is likewise answerable to the Credit which the English Nation has always so deservedly bore & which suffers by his Machinations for the Effects of the Augustine Convent.

He is likewise a delinquent for having carried away over & above his Effects many Publick Papers Royal Schedules & other Archives which concern the good Government of this Community, by Means of the Protection given him by Your said Deputy Governor & Council, and for that reason We demand that his Baggage be searched & that as many Papers as You shall meet, be by Your Lordships transmitted to Us —

And We demand of Your Lordships in the Name of our Catholick Monarch & his Government in these Islands that the said Don S.t Iago de Avendaño be seized & his Effects confiscated by a Publick Decree of the Town of Madras & be sent to this City of Manila, secured in the Manner that is necessary for a Criminal who has secreted his Effects & broke thro' the sacred Laws established by their Catholick & Britannick Majesties for the good Government, Harmony & Administring Justice to their Subjects. & on the contrary We protest against You for all the Losses & Prejudices which may result from Your not complying with our

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Demand. & We shall give an account of such Injustice to our Catholick Monarch that he may do us Justice, that the publick Cause may not suffer unpunished & that His Catholick Majesty our Master may have proper Satisfaction. And that all the World may see the Justice of our Demands & the Right which in Case of Your Refusal we have to protest which We do again—

Nicolas d'Echaus y Beaumont.
Franco Xavier Salgado
Mariano Tobias

To the Spanish Commissioners

Copy of a Letter from Capt. Brereton to the Spanish Commissioners.

Gentlemen

In Consequence of Your demanding Mr. Orendain, I wrote to the East India Company's Agents who had given him Protection, a Copy of which Letter I now enclose You as also of two Orders I gave to the Captains of their Ships on leaving Orandain was embarked on Board the Ships Admiral Pocock, I sent one of His Majesty's Officers to demand him, & I also enclose You His reply to my Demands—

I am sorry I cannot proceed further in this Affair as it might be productive of Bloodshed, therefore must beg of You to make Your demands to the Governor & Council of Madras who I am persuaded will do You Justice—

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

W.m Brereton

Manila
31 March 1764

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were kept Possession of by the Arms of His Britannick Majesty. & I understand that Your Lordships intend entering into an alliance with the said King of Pelo & to establish a Factory in one of the Ports of his Dominions for the Protection of a Commerce to be carried on between his Vassals & the Servants of the Company. Agreable to the Attention which it is my Duty to pay unto every Thing which concerns the Service of my King or the Welfare of his Subjects. I am under an indispensable necessity of representing to Your Lordships that if this is true, or that any Thing of that Kind is Your Intention it is expressly contrary to Treaties & to what has been agreed to by their Britannick, most Christian, most Catholick & most Faithfull Majesties, in the Definitive Treaty of Peace signed at Paris the 10th Day of Febry 1763 which expressly mentions in the 2. Article a Summary of the several Treaties, subsisting between the high contracting Powers untill the date thereof.

It is particularly contrary to the Treaty of Westphalia made 30th of Janry 1648 with the United Provinces of the Netherlands, for the extension of their Territory & the Navigation of the Spaniards in India, which Treaty was guaranteed by the King of great Britain.

Likewise in the 8th Article of the Treaty of Renewal of Peace, made at Madrid the 23d Day of May 1667 between the Crowns of Spain & that of Great Britain it is stipulated, that as far as relates to both Indies or any other Places, Spain desires, that whatever has been gran-

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the Treaty of Munster dated in the Year 1648 shall be understood to be granted & made over to the King of Great Britain & his Vassals in as full and ample a Manner as if the same was inserted Chapter for Chapter —

By those Treaties & the others which are ratified in the above mentioned 2d Article of the Definitive Treaty it is evident that the Subjects of his Britannick Majesty cannot without breaking thro' those sacred Agreements establish either Factory or Commerce in the Island of Polo —

This Island is included in the number of the Philippines being situated within their Limits. The King of it is an Ally & a Tributary to the King my Master. He has entered into a Treaty of Alliance & Friendship Offensive & Defensive with this Government during the Administration of my Predecessor, for which reason any thing he has Agreed to contrary thereto must be null & Void —

I set forth to Your Lordships the abovementioned Reasons that You may refrain from any kind of Treaty of Commerce, Establishing a Factory or any other negociation which You intend or may have already settled with the said King — and that such may be null, on Virtue of the above quoted Treaties & the Limits referred to; & I protest that whatever You shall do to the Contrary shall be void & that I shall have recourse to my Sovereign accusing You of breaking thro' the Order of Yours —

Protesting against their settling at Polo

I beg You will consider me as Your Servant & that

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God may preserve You many Years Manila April 9th 1764 —

I Kiss Your Lordships Hands

Your most Obedient Servant

Franco De la Torre

Consideration thereof deferred

Agreed to defer taking the said Letter into Consideration till the arrival of Mr Dalrymple or till We have advices from him of his Proceedings at Solo —

Information regarding Mr Dalrymple —

The President acquaints the Board that he has been informed that the London, with the Squirrel & Cumberland Galleys & 9 or 10 Sampans containing about 1000 or 1200 Chinese were left with Mr Dalrymple who had with him an Officer 39 Coffores, 81 Seapoys & 4 Artillery Men with a large Quantity of Military Stores intending to make a Settlement at Ballambanga —

account of Balambangan

From the Bay of Borneo in about 5 N. it is said to Antony Gipsons Cape in about 2 North, The Solo's have Possession of the Sea Coast with about 180 Islands bounded to the Eastward by Bajsilan & to the Northward by Pascaguan —— The Island lying North of Borneo called Ballambanga is uninhabited & seems the best situated for a Settlement, but it is unhealthy — One part of it is low & the other Rocky, The Soil thereof is good & there is plenty of good fresh Water —

Opinion of the Board thereon —

We cannot but be much surprized at Mr Dalrymples having upon himself to detain so considerable a Force of the late Regents at Manilha coming into such a Measure as We do not conceive We can think of forming

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reconcile it with his earnest request of returning to Eng-
land, We wish that his Proceedings may not involve
us in Disputes either with the Dutch or Spaniards —

The following is a Translate of the List of Furniture
which Mr. Drake is accused of having taken out of the
Place of Manila

Translate list of Furniture in the Palace of Manila

Furniture which was in the Royal Palace at Manila & belonged
to the most Illustrious the Lord Arch Bishop & Governor —
2 new Globes with red Stands — 2 Hand Scritoires of Canton
Wood with Silver Mounting, Lock, Key, Hinges &c. — 1 large
new Cristal Lustre or Chandelier from Batavia — 1 Screen
in good Condition of 6 Folds or Leaves all Gilt — 4 Bird Cages
of China Wood & brass Wire Gilt, 3 Curtains of Green Taffata
in good Condition with Iron rings — 3 painted Pictures with
Glasses — 2 square Pictures little less than half a Yard each
in which were represented 2 Ships in Action, exquisite
Peices — 4 looking Glasses painted with Birds — 4 square
pavatings with gilt Frames & Glasses, Dutch Peices —
another small Cristal Chandelier — another Screen with 12
Folds Lacquerd — 24 Stools — 1 Glass Lanthorn — 1 Dozen of
wooden Sconces for the Wall gilt — 15 Brass for China Copper
Candlesticks — 1 Gilt Coll — 1 Table of 9 Boards or Peices
round at the Head —

The Secretary lays before the Board the following
Letter from Mr. Mackay whom he had got to translate
the Spanish Papers —

To "

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To John Maxwell Stone Esqr.

Sir,

Letter from Mr Hackey in Vindication of Mr Drake —

Observing among the Spanish Papers given me to translate a Compliant against Mr Drake for having taken away the Furniture of the Palace in Justice to that Gentleman I cannot forbear making You acquainted with the whole Affair not as it has been misrepresented but as I know it to be Matter of Fact —

When Mr Drake took Possession of the Palace, he sent his Compliments to the Archbishop, with an Offer of his Permission to take the Furniture to his House imagining it to belong to the King of Spain, in which Case Mr Drake as Governor had a right to the use of it — but having very little occasion for it was willing to waive that right out of Complaisance to his Predecessor — The Archbishop in return acquainted Mr Drake that the Furniture was not publick but his own private Property — and that he could not oblige him more than by accepting of it as a Mark of his Affection — When Preparations were made for Embarkation, Mr Drake shipp'd such part of it as could be carried with least Trouble on board the Admiral Pocock — but finding not made a Part of the Charge exhibited against him by the Spaniards thro' the Means of Captain Brereton, he desired Captain Riddell would order them a Shore — upon the Commanding Officer on board declaring that they were stowed away in such a Manner as not to be got at, he sent for the Complainant express'd his Concern for the impossibility of returning him his Things as he now called them & desired, would set a Price upon

them

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them which he would chearfully pay. All this I know
& Mr Drake afterwards told me he had paid him I
think between 3 & 400 Dollars —

I am very respectfully

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

Hector Mackay

Fort St. George

1st October 1764

Resolution thereon

We cannot come to any Determination on this Affair till
Mr Drake's arrival, tho' with Respect to the Furnitures according
to Mr. Mackay's Report; the Accusation is without Foundation.

The Committee of Accounts lay before the Board the following
Report of the Cash Accounts received from Manila —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President and Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Manila Cash Accounts

1 We have examined the Cash Accounts received from
Manila by the Revenge from the 23.d Sept.r 1762 to the 20.th March
1764 that is, from the Day of arrival to the Day the Ballances of Cash
being Doll.rs 1058644..4..5 wks shipp'd on board the Revenge and
Admiral Pocock for this Place —

2 We must remark that in general these Cash Accounts
have been kept in a very irregular & incorrect Manner & by
no Means answer the end of a Cash Account more especially
as no other Accounts are yet arrived to refer to —

3 The whole Amount received as the Company's Share
of the Captains is Dollars 196188..—..2 of which Dollars 54000
appears to have been received in Plate & surely It was very
irregular to bring this to Account as Cash, when it was after

afterwards obliged to be delivered to the Mint to be coined &
has been the Cause of the Errors We are about to point out to Your
Honor &c.

1 In July and August 1763 Cash is Credited 37000 Dollars
in Plate delivered to the Mint to be coined into Rupees which
is the whole that appears to have been delivered of the 54,000
received for the Capture. In September 1763 Cash is debited for
23500 Dollars received in part of Plate delivered to Mr. de Souza
& in November for 23000 received of him in further Part.
This Mr. de Souza We presume was the Person who provi-
ded over the Coinage; The whole received from him is 46500
Dollars when there appears to have been only 37,000 delivered
& as We before observed there was 54000 Dollars received in
Plate no Part of which (by the Accounts) remained when the
Ballance was shipped off, so that there seem to be three great
Errors in this Article which cannot be cleared up untill Mr.
Drake's Arrival.

5 In July 1763 D.r 12000 are borrowed of Mr. Barnewall,
in September he is paid with an addition of 150 Dollars on
the Exchange of Dollars, As this Sum seems to have been
received & paid in Dollars, We cannot conceive how any Loss
could arise by Exchange.

In October 1763 it appears D.r 700 were advanced Capt. Sawkins
for Major Winters Company of Artillery which Sum is not Paid.

In November 1763 D.r 600 are paid to the Widow of Don
Fernando Norronga as half the Customs collected the preceding
Month & no Reasons is given for so doing. And in January 1764
the same Lady is paid 53 Dollrs for half the Repairs of St. Fer-
nando, without any Reason assigned.

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In February 1764 Edmund Matthews has Credit for 63 Dollars as the Ballance of a Voyage to Soolos; The Outsett of which Voyage no where appears. In the same Month his Majesty's Troops are debted Dr. 2587½ - advanced Richard Garrons quarter Master without any further Explanation.

The whole Amount of the Customs received is for the Sea Customs 5524-7-6 Arrack Farm 1400 - in all Dr. 6924-7-6.

The Amount of Money advanced for Secret Service is Dr. 3206 -

There appears from December 1762 to March 1764 to be advanced Dr. 64794.4.6 to Don Manuel Antonio de Roxa former Governor of Manila for the Subsistence of the Royal Spanish Officers for Bills on the Royal Treasury of Madrid but the Bills are not arrived -

The Amount of the Advances to Mr. Dalrymple is Dollars 12152 -

The Amount of the Advances to Mr. Richard Dodd Attorney to the Agents for the Captors of Manila is Dr. 23,000 & to Captain Brereton Dr. 5000. This last We apprehend Mr. Dodd includes in his Account as he gives Credit for 28,000 besides Dr. 1243...6 received of Mr. Nodes for Bills, which appears not in these Cash Accounts -

This Account transmitted by Mr. Dodd from Batavia is by no means clear, The Debtor Side being where the Creditor should be. The whole Amount of Stores supplied by him to different Vessels being Dr. 35,744.7.2 by which a Ballance appears to be due to him of Dr. 6531.6.8 and Yet in his Letters he says he has in his Hands 6000 of the Company's Money. We suppose this Difference to be occasioned by his not having yet settled with

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the Company for their third of the Captors Stores sold by him to His Majesty's & the Company's Ships, nor does it appear by the Cash Accounts that one Dollar has been received on this Account altho' the Company had paid Mr. Dodd D.rs 35,764 for Stores of which one third was undoubtedly their Property: But We are willing to hope the Gentlemen before they left Manila took Care to settle the Accounts with their Agents for the Captors altho it does not appear in the Accounts of Cash, otherwise it will be next to impossible ever to settle them —

We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hble Servants

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Ch.s Bourchier
Rich.d Fairfield
Charles Turner
Ja.s Bourchier
Claud Russell
Tho.s Kelsall
Alex.r Davidson

To be transmitted to gether with the Manila Cash &c.a to the Honble the Court of Directors

We must defer coming to any Resolution thereon till the arrival of the Gentlemen from Manila — It is therefore requested that a Copy of the said Report together with the Cash Accounts be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors in the Packet by Albany —

Letter from Lieut.t Kennedy read as follows —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut.t Kennedy —

The occasion of my troubling You with this address

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applies for the Pay as Commissary of Stores from the time of his leaving Manila till his arrival ——

is to acquaint Your Honor &c.a that on the 9th of March last I was appointed by the Governor & Council of Manila upon the Evacuation of that Garrison, Commissary of Stores in which Capacity I have remained until my arrival Here. I have therefore to Request of Your Honor &c.a that the Customary Allowance of 10/ p.r Diem may be paid me during that Time.

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honor &c.as most Obed.t & hble Servant

John Kennedy Lt. 39th Regt.

Fort St. George

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Deferred coming to any Resolution till the arrival of the Gentlemen from Manila ——

Defer

As we cannot think there was any Necessity for a Commissary of Stores after they were embarked and as the Gentlemen at Manilha have not informed Us of any such Appointment. We must defer taking Mr. Kennedy's Request into Consideration till their arrival.

General Lawrence acquaints the Board that Mr. Horne by his Commission as Captain of Artillery given him at Manilha has superseded Captain James his Senior Officer.

Ordered that a Captain's Commission be made out for him to take rank next after Captain James — And that he do receive the Off reckonings of all the Men exceeding two Companies according to the Company's Establishment.

Capt. Horne to have a Captain's Commission to take rank next after Captain James

General Lawrence also acquaints the Board that Mr. Hector Hercules Mackay who was appointed a Cornet of Horse by the Deputy Governor and Council at Manila had applied to have his Rank given him in the Cavalry here.

Ordered that there being a Vacancy of a Cornecy in the Cavalry ordered that he be appointed thereto to take Rank from the 16th November 1763 next after Cornet Gilchrist.

Mr. Mackay to have a Cornet's Commission to take rank 16th Nov.r 1763 next after Cornet Gilchrist.

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The President acquaints the Board that He had received a Letter from Serjeant Rea at Nellore advising advising that he was still refused Admittance into the Town by the Nabob's People who had made him & his Party an Allowance of Batta.

Serjeant Rea's refused Admittance into Nellore

Agreed that a Copy of the said Letter be sent to Major Campbell who is to be directed to press the Nabob to send immediate Orders to his People to receive the Party into the Garrison, — The Serjeant is also to be acquainted that He is not to draw Batta; as all non Commissioned Officers are victualled in the same Manner as the Private Men when the Troops are in the Field.

Resolution in Consequence

Extract of a Report of the Committee of Accounts read as follows.

Extract of a Report of the Committee of Accounts dated Fort St. George 19th September 1764.

We cannot avoid representing to Your Honor &c.a that We observe in the Military Paymasters Accounts the Company's of Artillery & Military & Troops of Horse still greatly exceed the Establishment in non Commissioned Officers, We have abstracted the Number of Serjeants, Corporals & Drummers charged on the Rolls of the several Companies in April & May above their Complement & find the Medium of Excess in those Months no less than 22 Serjeants, 14 Corporals & 12 Drummers besides these We observe there are Supernumeraries charged seperate.

Extract of a Report of the Committee of Acc.ts

Resolution in Consequence

It is probable that the Excess complained of in the above Report is occasioned by the extraordinary Number of non commissioned Officers received from His Majesty's

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Regiments, in proportion to the Number of Men; & from many being Sick and others detached with small Parties. It is however resolved to put them on the proper Establishment as soon as the Expedition is over.

Letter from Mr Floyer Paymaster at Trichinopoly read

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 Paymaster at Trichinopoly

This Instant received an Indent signed by Major Wood and Mr. Ogilvie Quarter Master at Camp for 10 Officers & 40 Private Tents of which I have only three of the former & 20 of the latter in Store, which are now preparing to be sent to Camp in Part Compliance with the Indent. Altho' the — quantity indented for is immediately wanted, I think it incumbent on me to wait Your Orders rather than make up the Tents here which are required —

On the 20th at Night I received 200 Barrels of Powder from Vellour, which Mr Pyne informed me, he had sent hither to be forwarded to Camp. I have however detained them here, having advised Major Campbell thereof, until he may be desirous of their being sent to the Army.

By Major Campbells desire, the Nabob delivered to me 800 Barrels of Powder at the end of last Month, 600 whereof were sent to Camp in that Month & the remaining 200 are still in this Garrison — I remain with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs — Your faithful & Obt. Servant

Charles Floyer

Trichinopoly

22d September 1764

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Monday 10th September

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President

Stringer Lawrence, Charles Bourchier

Richard Fairfield, Samuel Bradley

Charles Turner ..... George Stratton

Letter from the President & Council at Fort William

Peter Perkins Esqr. Chief of Berdey Retch read as follows.—

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

at Fort St. George.—

Letter from Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Letter of the 25th Ult.o by the Ship Ali Boesch.—

In our last of the 30th Ult.o We advised Your Honor &c. that Shuja Dowla still remained in the Budgepore Country and mentioned the Necessity of Your sending us Reinforcements to enable us to prosecute the War against him, We have also made the same Representation to You in many preceding Letters, but the Spirit of Mutiny which has broke out afresh among our Seapoys, calls upon us now to repeat & enforce all that We have urged on this Subject in the most strenuous Manner. The greatest Part of our Europeans are worn out by Sickness & the Fatigues they have been subjected to from the Length of Time they have continued in the Field — and our Seapoys in their present Mutinous Disposition which seems to have increased from a Notion of their own Superiority for

a Defection among the Seapoys there.

are by no means to be depended on: The Situation of the Company's Affairs in Bengall are of Course rendered very precarious under the Expectation of a fresh Invasion from Shuja Dowla as soon as the Season opens & so little Relyance to place in the Strength & Disposition of our own Army. We must therefore earnestly request that Your Honor &c.a will not only forward to us by the most speedy Conveyances every Man that is destined in this Years Supplies for recruiting Our Forces but whatever more You can possibly spare from Your own Services. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed humble Servants

J. Spencer

Sam Middleton

R. Leycester

John Burdett

Fort William
17 August 1764

Resolution in Consequence. We have much concerned at the Intelligence contained in the above Letter, & more particularly as it is at present out of our Power to send them any Reinforcements. By the following Return it appears We have during the Course of this Year sent them 165 Men which considering the Situation of Affairs here we cannot think unwise.

Return of Troops sent to Bengall from January 1764 to 6.th September 1764

	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Gunners	Matrosses	Pioneers	Total
of His Majesty's 96.th Regiment	2.	4.	"	2.	6.	6.	3.	46.	"	"	"	61.
Recruits	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1.	4.	"	5.
Recruits	"	"	"	"	3.	4.	"	15.	"	1.	2.	25.
Recruits	1.	"	"	"	9.	5.	1.	14.	"	"	3.	32
Recruits	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	3
Recruits	"	"	"	1.	1.	1.	"	31	"	"	6.	39
Total	3.	4.	"	3.	19.	16.	4.	106.	1.	5.	14.	165.

But We hope by the Assistance of the Recruits sent down this Season, together with those that are expected in the Marines that are going down on the York they may be able to put an End to the Troubles there. The following Letter is therefore now wrote & ordered to be sent to them.—

To the Honble Henry Van Sittart Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council at

Fort William.

Letter to Bengall in consequence.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing your Honor &c. the 3d. Instant We have been favored with a Triplicate of Your Letter of the 17th August by the Betsey Hatch — It gives us the greatest concern to find the Situation of Your Affairs stands in such pressing[s] further Assistance, especially when it is so much out of our Power to send You any more Men — Our Army before Madura is by Sickness & Action greatly reduced many are disabled & worn out in the Service, in so much that We are obliged as We have already advised Your Honor &c. to wait the fall of Madura by a close Blockade not thinking it prudent to make another Attack, but You may be assured as soon as the Rebel is reduced, We shall lose no Time in supplying You with every Man We can possibly spare should any Reinforcements be absolutely necessary when this Event happens tho We hope that the Recruits sent down this Season, together with those expected by the Fort William, Success, Lord Anson, and Prince of Wales which our Honble Masters inform Us would bring

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about 1100 Men — and which We imagine on Account of the lateness of the Season may proceed directly to Your Presidency, will enable You to put an End to the Troubles & entirely Defeat the Designs of Shuja Dowla.

We are,

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obed humble Servants

Rob Palk & Council

Fort St. George

10th Sept 1764

Read the following Report from the Committee of Accounts

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor &c Council of

Fort St. George —

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Report of the Committee of Accounts — 1.

We have at several Meetings examined the Accounts of the Paymasters to the Army & the Out Garrisons for the Months of April, May and June —

2.

We observe in the Camp Accounts that a Reward of three Fanams is paid for every Shott or Shell picked up & brought on to the Ordnance Stores. It has hitherto been usual to allow only one Fanam half or two Fanams at most —

Ordered that the 2.&3. Paragraphs be sent to the Paymaster at Camp who is to be directed to explain the Articles mentioned therein.

3.

In the Month of June We find a Charge of 18 Pagodas for Pioneers Batta; but it does not appear whether they are Europeans or Blacks.