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Sir Should any Accident have happened & you receive Intelligence from Solo of the Vessel &c a Conveyance to bring the Sepoys away, We desire you will give them every Assistance in your Power in hiring Conveyances to bring them to Madrass, or wherever you judge it will be convenient for You to receive them on Board, or by any other Method that occurs to you, We shall chearfully pay any necessary Expence you shall be at in relieving these poor People who have been so long distressed at Solo

We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c Council

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Sent the following Letter to Chief &c Council at Cuddalore

To M. John Calland
Chief &c Council at Cuddalore

Gentlemen

As We are about raising another Battalion of Sepoys, You will if you can procure any good Men entertain one Company at Cuddalore, taking particular Care, that none but such as are very fit for the Service be received

Lieutenant a Subadar who has been well recommended proceeds to take the Command thereof when completed, and such is then to be directed to proceed with it to Vellour

Five Companies of Sepoys from Trichinopaly &c Battalion from Vellour having been sent to quell some Disturbances at Vizziapollam, You will appoint a Company's Servant monthly to pay them while they remain there, which will not be long the Tanjoreans & our Sepoys having already dispersed these Disturbers

We

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We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c Council

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Came in the following Letter from Captain James Fitz Gerald Commanding at Pongole

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

Sir

Letter from Captain James Fitz Gerald

The 10th Instant a Padry & one Dutch Man were passing here from Guntoor to Conode the Dutchman I have kept Prisoner, who would not take Service

The Padry informs me there is one Mr Shaffer that was in Hussain Ally's Service and is now in Bazalet Jungs Service, who has four Pieces of Cannon coming and four Hundred Stand of Arms in Boats from Pondicherry to Siere

adviing of the Troops landing Cannon & Arms to be landed at Mounta pollee for Bazalet Jungs Service

I am told they are to be landed at Mounta pollee and that he has 2 Guards of Sepoys & one Frenchman residing there for them Please to let me know if I shall seize them in Case they come I have wrote to General Caillaud concerning them the 10th Instant, but have got no Answer

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servant
James Fitzgerald

Pongole
13th June 1766
10 o Clock in the Morning

To which the following Answer was returned

To Captain James Fitzgerald

Letter to Captain James Fitzgerald

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 13th the Dutchman

with

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who refuses taking Service, should be either Sent on Shore by a Guard of Sepoys, or if you hear the Officers are not gone to Bengal, He may be Sent on to Mazulipatam to accompany them.

ordered to endeavor to seize any Cannon or Stores that may be landed

Any Cannon or Arms going into the Country are to be seized immediately: for this Purpose Sepoys should be placed on the Sea Coast Caracondry is a very proper Post to intercept any Arms or Stores landed at Mountepallee.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Robert Palk

Fort St. George
18th June 1766.

10th Received the following Letter from Colonel Campbell Commanding at Vellour.

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

Letter from Colonel Campbell.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this moment the Honor to receive your Letter dated yesterday, and am greatly oblig'd by the Intelligence you therein give me, which it shall be my Care never to abuse. my Letter of yesterday will before now have Satisfyed you that the Danger is perfectly over. one of the Artillery men has since turned King's Evidence & I accordingly ordered the Court Martial to reassemble on the Tryal of Joseph Fowler. I have no manner of Doubt of his being the principal Promoter of the Mutiny, nor, more, of its being proved on him, should this be the Case, I shall consider very maturely how many Examples may be absolutely necessary and reduce the number as much as my regard to their general Welfare will admit of. I shall not fail to give you-

orders the Court to reassemble

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a particular Account of whatever passes on the Occasion—

I have already made some Enquiry concerning the Exchange, but have been too much otherwise engaged, to be able to explain it as clearly as I intend to do in a few days. let it be ever so bad, it could be no Excuse for what has happened. since the Men were never refused Redress, instead of I have the honour to write you before, I never had any Intimation of it previous to the Mutiny— I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Donald Campbell—

Vellour
17th June 1766—

20th Sent the following Letter to the President & Council at Fort William & Ship Royal Charlotte & Snow Lord Anson, on board of which the following Officers & Men were embarked—

On the Royal Charlotte
Captain Meyers
Lieutenant Fireworker Carr
Mr Crottie Cadet
2 Serjeants
2 Corporals
1 Drum
35 Private—

On the Lord Anson—
Captain Marchand
Lieutenant Fireworker Roberts
1 Serjeant
1 Drum
27 Private—

To the Right Honble Robert Lord Clive
President & Governor &c Council at
Fort William

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Letter to Fort William

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

A Duplicate of our Letter by the Cuddalore Schoon-
-er now waits on you—

We have embarked on the Royal Charlotte the

Indorsing of the Officers Names embarked on the Royal Charlotte & Lord Anson—

following Officers & Men—

1 Lieutenant Fireworker
1 Cadet for Bengal
2 Sergeants
2 Corporals
1 Drum
35 Private
} Infantry—

And on the Anson Captain Marchand who commands this Company 1 Lieutenant Fireworker, one Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 1 Drummer, 27 Private—

A List of them compleat herewith shewing the Dates of the Officers Commissions & the Time of Service of the Men— The Officers are to be victualled by Captains Tingle & Roseboom at the usual Rate, and an Account of the Provisions put on board each Ship for the use of the men is enclosed—

Captain Meyers, who had applied for leave to re-
-turn to Europe, has offered on this Occasion to proceed to Bengal as a Volunteer, to which we have consented and he accordingly goes by this Conveyance—

The Officers from Trichinopoly Madura & Palam-
-Cotah are on their Way hither & shall take their passage on the first Conveyance after their Arrival—

We have desired that those drafted to the North-
-ward may proceed with all Expedition from thence Viz.

Captains Fletcher
Kelly
Drummon
Oakvie—

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Lieutenants Godfrey
Neild
Shaw
Collins
Ensigns Craig
Barnewall
Bideleffe
Grreud
Cadets Patterson
Dunn

We have this Instant received your Letter of the 22d of last Month. You may depend upon our utmost Assistance. Captain Rous is expected daily & shall be despatched from hence without Loss of time —

We are

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St George
20th June 1766

20th Received the following Letter from the Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore —

Cuddalore —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor &c Council in their Military Department of Fort St George

Letter from Cuddalore

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letter of the 16th Instant, and agreable to your Honors &c Directions, Captain Marchand and Lieutenant Villaret have proceeded to the Presidency, and Captain Airey taken on him the Command of Cuddalore

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

John Calland
Robert Dowsett

Cuddalore
18th June 1766

and

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Sent the following Letter to Cuddalore and to Captain Cooke at Warriapollam

To Mr. John Calland
Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore

Letter to Cuddalore

Gentlemen

The Adherents of the late Polygar of Warriapollam being dispersed, Captain Cooke with his Battalion of Sepoys is to remain in those parts that He may be at hand to quell any Disturbances. But as Warriapollam itself is a very unhealthy Situation, We desire you will consult with Captain Cooke & find out a proper place that may answer the End proposed, where you will order Captain Cooke to quarter his People; for which Purpose a Letter directing him to put himself under your Orders comes enclosed.

ordered to consult with Captain Cooke regarding the Sepoys near Warriapollam

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St. George
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To Captain Cooke

Sir

Letter to Capt. Cooke

As We have judged it necessary you should continue in the Neighbourhood of Warriapollam or a Day or two's March of it, that you may be ready to quell any Disturbances; we have directed the Chief & Council at Cuddalore to consult & fix on the most convenient & healthy Situation where you are to remain & follow such Orders as they may give you. We are

Sir
Your most humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

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Dispatched the following Letter to Mazulipatam

To

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punctually observed. at the same Time I beg leave to return my most gratefull Thanks for the Regard you have been pleased to pay to my Recommendation of Howden Lord and of the Officers from the Battalions to the Southward.

The Proceedings of the General Court Martial which are now transmitted to you by the Deputy Judge Advocate will Shew you the Sentences passed on Joseph Fowler and Zacharish Pavey together with my Approbation in Consequence of the Powers you conferred on me. I have pardoned James Sobland and Joseph Swingler who were condemned to die. also Peter Murphy, John Loyd and Robert Mackenzie have been forgiven but as I judged it absolutely necessary to make Examples of those who appeared to have been most active in the Mutiny, I had all the Troops under Arms yesterday afternoon upon the Glacis, and there caused the Ring leaders Fowler & Malore to be executed. Zacharish Pavey also received the Punishment ordered him.

endeavoring of the Example made of the Ring Leaders of the Mutiny.

As every Soldier in the Garrison was guilty so far as having had some Intimation of the Design, I judged the frequent assembling of the General Court Martial, together with the many Discoveries which were made during the Trials did naturally keep them all in constant Apprehension, I gave out an Order, as soon as I had read Fowlers Tryal, that as I had reason to believe I had found out the principal Author, so I desired no further Information nor Enquiry, and that such as had not hitherto been called in question, might make themselves perfectly easy.

It is remarkable that Fowler did not communicate his Plan to so much as one Dr Soldier, all his Agents were men who have not been in the Country above two or three Months, & the greatest part of the Regiment altho' drawn

into that irregular Method, knew not that any thing more was intended than complaining to me, this appears very evidently from their having been defeated by four Officers only, which could not have happened had the Majority of them been determined upon Resistance, and the Posts of those Officers were at a Distance from each other, which prevented their yielding any mutual Assistance for each went to his own Company. He also impressed the young Soldiers with a Notion that since the Kings Troops left the Country, there was no military power which could inflict Death for any Crime and that we read them Articles of War to impose upon them. they have now had but too convincing Proofs of the Contrary, and I am persuaded, they will have the desired Effect. for there is every appearance of perfect Penitence for the Error they have been guilty of.

Of the Exchange of Money.

I have enquired into the Alteration in the Exchange of Money. A Pagoda sells now for 42 3/4 Fanams. a Fanam for a Sum which in the Currency of this Country is equivalent to 66 Madras Cash, by which means as the Soldiers receive them at the rate of 80. they loose or imagine they lose 14 Cash in every Fanam. The Shroffs will give them 8 Madras Doodies, or 80 Cash but they are not Current. indeed Exchange of Money is so fluctuating, that it is difficult to ascertain the Loss; since I have been here I find Pagodas have Sold for 44 Fanams & these last for 43 Cash and as I have already had the honour to inform you no Complaint on that or any other Account reached me. not any Officer in Garrison, except that which Fowler made to Captain Little about four Days before the sitting of the Courtmartial, and it was not untill then that I heard of it.

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I am with perfect Respect &c.

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most Hble Servant

Donald Campbell

Vellour
19th June 1766.

Resolution in Consequence.

The Board approve of the Examples Colonel Campbell has made of the Ring leaders of the late Mutiny And He is to be desired to point out to Us what Method He thinks should be taken with regard to fixing the Exchange of Money in the Garrison of Vellour, that the Soldiers may have no just Cause for Complaint.

100 Recruits to be sent to Vellour

Ordered that 100 more Recruits under the Command of Captain Lieutenant Evans and Ensigne Grinde be sent to Vellour, of which Colonel Campbell is to be advised.

Indent for Medicines wanted for the Army to the Northward.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from Mr James Daniel enclosing an Indent for Medicines for the Use of the Army to the Northward which is referred to the Surgeons here, who are to send what is necessary and can be spared.

Promotions in the Artillery

Lieutenant Fire Worker Buckeen being dead Mr Isaac Manoury is appointed in his room to rank from this Day.

And there being Several Vacancies in the Corps of Artillery by the Removal of the Officers to Bengal, the following Serjeants who are particularly recommended for their Sobriety and Good Behaviour are appointed Lieutenant Fire Workers

Philip Phillips to rank from 24th June 1766.
William Scroggs D^o 25 D^o
Thomas M^c Cula D^o 26 D^o
Andrew Running D^o 27 D^o

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There being a Vacancy for an Adjutant of Artillery in the room of Captain Little, Lieutenant Oats whom Generall Caillaud has recommended is appointed thereto

Lieut. Oats appointed Adjutant of Artillery

Ordered that Ensigns Commissions be given to Mr William Nairne Quarter Master of Cavalry and Serjeant Major Allen Ranken who is well recommended, to rank from the 27th & 28th Instant & that they be ordered to to Bengal

Messrs. Nairne & Ranken appointed Ensigns

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob & the King of Tanjour had made great Complaints against the Governor & Council at Tranquebar, on Account of their having furnished the Adherents of the late Polygar of Worriapellam with Arms & other Assistance, and for giving them refuge within their Bounds and that the King of Tanjour was particularly incensed against them, on Account of the Person whom they had, in Opposition to him, appointed Polygar of the Villages near Tranquebar, and that both the Nabob and the King of Tanjour had threatened to send their Troops to demand Satisfaction. But that He had prevailed on them to defer commencing any Hostilities till we could write to the Gentlemen at Tranquebar on the Subject and receive their Answer — It is therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Tranquebar informing them of the Complaints made by the Nabob and the King of Tanjour, and recommending to them the giving immediate Satisfaction by delivering up such of the Adherents of the late Polygars of Worria-

Complaints against the Governor and Council of Tranquebar for affording Assistance to the Adherents of the late Polygar of Worriapellam

Resolution in Conference

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Worriapollam as may have taken Refuge within their
Districts

Robt Palk
Gn. Bourchier,
Saml. Ardley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
Jn. Bourchier

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In Consequence of the Resolutions of yesterday the following Letters were sent away —

To Colonel Campbell
Commanding at Vellour

Letter to Colonel Camp.
bell

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 19th Instant & are well pleased that the Examples you have made have had so good an Effect on the Minds of the Men —

If you think the men have any just cause for Complaint with regard to the Exchange of Money, We desire you will point out to Us in what manner it may be remedied and you may be assured nothing in our Power shall be want to that End —

A Detachment of 100 Recruits under the Command of Captain Lieutenant Evans & Ensign Garrode with some Cadets arrived this year, sett off for Vellour last night A Return of them comes enclosed —

We are Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St. George
24th June 1766 —

To the Honble Herman Abeelie Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council at
Tranquebar.

Letter to Tranquebar —

Honble Sir & Sirs —

It is not without the greatest Concern we find ourselves under the Necessity of addressing you on the following Occasion —

You are well acquainted that as Allies to the Rajah, we assisted Him in turning out the late Polygars of Warriapollam and Ariyalore on account of their Disobedience and neglect in paying the accustomary Tribute. We could not then

them but be greatly surprized to hear from undoubted Authority that those Polygars & their Adherents after being driven out of the Tanjour Country had taken Refuge within your Bounds & had been furnished by you with Arms & other Assistance to enable them to recover those Places. & that they had actually got Possession of all the Passes leading to the Fort of Vallum-pollam which obliged Us at the Desire of the Nabob to send a considerable Detachment at a large Expence to dispossess them which has been effected. We are now well informed that they have as before taken Refuge within your Districts. And both the Nabob and the King of Tanjour have expressed a Determination to order their Troops to Trangueber to demand Satisfaction from you. We have however prevailed on them to defer any Hostile Measures till we could receive your Answer, not doubting but you will readily make them proper Satisfaction, by the delivery up of any of those Disturbers of the Peace of the Country, who may be found within your Limits. The King of Tanjour has in a particular manner expressed his Dissatisfaction of these your Proceedings, as it is but very lately since he commuted, in Consequence of our Mediation, to the Appointment of the Person for a Polygar to the Villages near Trangueber, whom you had assassinated, in Opposition to the Rajah.

We flatter ourselves you will be thoroughly convinced of the Impropriety of affording these Polygars or their Adherents any further Refuge or Assistance, and rather only tend to disturb the Tranquility of the Country.

We desire to be favored with your Answer with all Expedition, as the Nabob & the Tanjour Rajah are very impatient & it is not without Difficulty They have been brought

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brought to consent to this our Mediation

We have the Honor to be with great Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. humble Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St George
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25th Came in the following Letter from the Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore

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

Letter from Cuddalore regarding stationing the Sepoys near Porriapollam

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favors of the 18th & 20 Instant

A Company of Sepoys shall be raised here agreable to your Honors &c. Directions, and proper care taken that none but fit men are entertained

A Copy of our Letter accompanying your Honors &c. to Captain Cocke, now waits on you enclosed for your permit, as soon as we receive his Answer we shall advise you, and a Company's Servant shall be sent Monthly to pay his Party

We are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Robert Dowsett
William Cunning

Cuddalore
23d June 1766

To Captain William Cook

at Carpoor

Sir

Their Orders to Captn Cook

The enclosed we received under a flying Seal this Morning with a Letter from the Honble President & Council of Fort St George acquainting us that they judged it necessary you should remain in the Neighbourhood of Porriapollam, to be at Hand to quell any Disturbances that may arise. We

Therefore

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therefore beg leave to recommend to you to chuse a proper place for canteening your Party in a Healthy and convenient Situation which done, you will please to acquaint me, and likewise furnish me from time to time with what Intelligence you think of Consequence —

As the Company's Investment at Verriapollam is a grand Object of our Attention, we would be glad you would do all in your Power to endeavour those Weavers and the Inhabitants in general to return who may have quitted that place on Account of the late Disturbances. How we judge will be easily effected, when they find they have a Force sufficient to protect them. We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servants

Robert Dowsett

William Canning —

Cuddalore
22d June 1766.

27th Came in the following Letter from Captain James Fitzgerald

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

Letter from Captain James Fitzgerald

Sir

Your favor of the 18th Instant I have received this Day, & shall keep Sepoys on the Sea Coast since I received the Fort's Intelligence of any Stores coming this way, likewise have Sepoys at Conveyancery for that Purpose —

Last Night I received an Order from General Caillaud to send two Companys of Sepoys in Quest of them, and have given Orders to the Serjeant of Flefunds any Stores he Land or in Boats, to seize them & send them to Mazulipatam in Case he cannot send them here without risking his people

Sepoys in Search of the Stores —

for

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he is to destroy them as much as possibly he can – I have wrote to Mr. Sybus to know if the Gentlemen are gone from Mazulipatam or no, if they are not I shall send the Dutchman thither – I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t & most Hble Servant

James Fitzgerald –

Ongole
22d June 1766 –

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President

Charles Bourchier, Samuel Ardley

John Call ——, George Stratton

George Dawson, James Bourchier –

Letter from Mr. Hay Paymaster at Trichinopoly read as follows –

Monday 30th June 1766 –

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George –

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Hay in answer to the Remarks of the Committee of Accounts Regarding Oil necessary for the Garrison of Trichinopoly –

I have had the Honor to receive yours of the 31st. enclosing an Extract from the Report of the Committee of Accounts the 19th May, and in Consequence of the order you have been pleased to give regarding the Allowance of Oil for the Use of this Garrison, Colonel Wood and I have taken a particular Account of every Light that he thinks absolutely necessary for to be kept in this Garrison, and that the Oil for those Lights can be no less than 248 Seers p.r Month. We therefore beg leave to represent to your Honor &c.a that the Allowance of Pagodas 11 that you have been pleased to order will not produce a sufficient Quantity of Oil for those Lights by 52 Seers – allowing 11 Seers for

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a Pagoda, which is the price of the Oibat this present Time sometimes we can not get more than 11 or 12 Seers for a Pagoda I therefore should be glad of your Honor &c. will be pleased to inform me how I am to act in this Case —

The 1000 Skains of Country Match (or more properly called Country rope) that the Gentlemen of the Committee are pleased to take Notice of has not all of it been made use of for making Match only a small part of it the rest of it has been applyed to sundry other Uses such as lashing the Tumbrils and compleating the yokes and for compleating some spare ones we can they may at any Time be wanted, as likewise for lashing the Bamboos together & making a Matting for the same which serves for a Shelf in the Laboratory to stow away sundry Stores upon, and this we are obliged to do for want of proper Shelfs for this purpose, One Skain of this small Country Rope is about 6 Fathoms which cost Pagoda 1/4 ₣ 100 Skains —

The large Rope from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 has been used in making Yokes for the Tumbrils &c. which have been repaired & made compleat and ready for Service as also some spare Yokes for them —

The 100 large Bamboos have been made use of in making of those Shelfs in the Laboratory and in the Store Houses as before mentioned and likewise in the Magazine for stowing away the Powder upon, and this we are obliged to do for want of proper Stores for that purpose. The Cloth that we make use of is course Cloth about 8 Ell long.

I have only to assure your Honor &c. that I always take Care to see the Stores that is ordered for the Labora-

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Laboratory applied to the use that they are endorsed for.

I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and Hble Servant

James Hay.

Trichenopoly
19th June 1766.

18 Pags pr Month for Oil to be allowed at Trichenopoly.

Agreed that 18 Pagodas pr Month be allowed for Oil for lighting up the Garrison of Trichenopoly.

The General Letters from the Honble the Court of Directors of the 13th & 21st December 1765 & their Seperate Letter to this Department of 24th December being now read, the following Observations and Orders are made thereon.

General Letter 13th December 1765.

Remarks & Orders on the General Letters from England.

Par. 48. recommending that Enquiry be made of Recruits on each Ship be examined and regarding the Recruits reported from England.

48 Ordered that the Condition & Number of Recruits on each Ship be examined and reported.

Par. 51 & 52 Recommending our assisting the Gentlemen at Bengal all in our Power.

51 52 Agreed that our Honble Masters be informed that we have sent two compleat Companies to Bengal & we are sending about 50 Officers from this Establishment & if they shall hereafter stand in need of further Supplies, we shall assist them all in our Power.

53 Advising of Capt. James Tod returning to India with his Rank.

53. By this Paragraph Captain Charles Tod is to take Rank according to his standing on this Establishment and which is not to be prejudiced by his going to England. He is to have the first Vacant Company. & in the mean Time until such Vacancy happens to receive 10 a Day being the Pay of a Captain, & whenever a Vacancy of a Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel happens he is to be appointed to such Vacancy —

General Letter 24th December 1765

Par 47 Concerning sundry Out Standing Ballances which appear due from several Persons by the Commissary Generals Books —

Par 47 The several Outstanding Ballances here mentioned are particularly explained and adjusted by the Commissary General's Report entered in Consultation of 26 April last —

Seperate General Letter dated 24th December 1765

Par 2d Recommending our discouraging the Nabob from having any thoughts towards the Deckan —

Par 2d We have taken all Opportunities of disapproving the Nabobs strong inclination towards the Deckan, without our Assistance he can do nothing on an Offensive Sight, we are glad however our Honble Masters have signified their Disapprobation of such Attempts of that Kind because such a System would be very inconsistent with the Companys Interest —

3d Advising of the Leachment of the Nabob of the manner of presenting to him —

3d Ordered that the Coach be presented to him in the manner directed. Fearing it would be more acceptable could it be presented compleat, resolved that Enquiry be made for a Suit of Horses —

4 Recommending our utmost Endeavors for preserving a good Understanding between the Nabob and the King of Tanjour.

4 We have hitherto with some Difficulty prevented the Nabob from injuring the King of Tanjour or violating ancient Customs & so strongly encouraged the Doctrine of Harmony & strict Compliance with the meaning of the Treaty that we have no greate Apprehensions of its being

being much interrupted in future. Jealousies will constantly arise and for the sake of Peace, we are obliged to keep a watchful Eye not only on their Conduct, but over that of all the other neighbouring Powers. Having the Protection & Defence of the Carnatick in our own Hands. We are for the sake of Tranquility to give it the same Attention as if the whole Government rested with us also.

5 Recommending great Caution in our Northern Expences as it Transactions regard ing the Northern Co. coast.

5 Our Proceedings with regard to the Transactions which appeared to us, by the Company's Interest & their Intentions & Commands intimated in their Letter of the 26th April last year, as well as in this, and of which we have already particularly informed them by the Pacific & Bay will receive a further Account of our Transactions by the next Ship. We were so precautiously attended to the Northward, the Investment so liable to be interrupted by the contending Zemindars & the Exactions of the Government over which We had before no Check, that without establishing the Company's entire Authority there we plainly saw no durable Tranquility could be expected, and we were convinced the French would leave no Method untried to reestablish their former Influence in the Circars.

We

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6 Recommending the securing the all the Passes in the Nabobs Possessions leading into the Carnatic

6 We have already had a Survey taken of several Passes leading into the Carnatic & a Report of them is entered on Consultation of 5th May last By which it seems necessary some Work should be constructed on the Damalcherry Pass, an Estimate of the Expence of which as calculated by the Chief Engineer will amount to about Pagodas 40,000 And the Nabob having been informed thereof proposes setting about collecting Materials that a Work which seems so necessary may be undertaken

7 Recommending the cutting Roads thro the different Woods in the Country

7 Many of the Polygars have been reduced & Zemindars and thro their Woods, the continuing this Method as Opportunities offer, will most effectually reduce them to Obedience and good Government & promote the Cultivation of large Tracts of Land which have hitherto only afforded a safe Retreat to Banditti

The Nabob is so well convinced of the necessity of this Measure, that People are now employed on this Service in many parts of the Carnatic

8 Representing the Necessity of preserving the Nabobs Dependance on the Company

8 We have the Satisfaction to find that what we have recommended, has been our constant and invariable Rule The Nabob becomes daily more and more dependent on the Company the Sepoys in his Pay for want of Discipline & proper Officers, are of no other Use than to assist his Extortions in the Collection of the Revenues, which obliges him entirely on the Companys Forces Protection

For

Fort St George 30th June 1760

In February last the Nabob requested that the Forts of Arcot, Wandawash, Permacoil Gingee, Worriapollam, Tegar, Jerryour & Ramgarry might be evacuated by the Company's Troops and garrisoned by his People. We acquiesced to withdraw them all except Permacoil, Gingee & Tegar (which are Barriers round Pondicherry) on account of their little Importance, & in general very unhealthy Situations, & We accordingly delivered over Worriapollam & Ramgarry. But the little Resolution his People have shewn in the Defence of those two Places immediately attacked by the Polygars, has given Us sufficient Cause to change our Intentions, & to continue the Company's Troops in every Fort, from whence they will not be removed, & the Nabob seems thoroughly convinced of the necessity thereof, as it is not only more safe but less expensive. With respect to the Commanding Officers in them being solely confined to the Duty of each Garrison. Our Honble Masters will find it a standing Order laid down in the Book of Military Regulations under the 1st Article of General Orders.

9 Recommending the charging the Keeping in readiness a Field Train to the Nabobs Account.

9 The Nabob is charged with every expence the Company are at in the Need of keeping Peace in the Provinces except the bare Subsistance of the Europeans.

11 Recommending

11 As soon as proper People can be found

to

a General Survey of the Country to be made

to take Surveys of the whole Province, It is agreed that they be employed, & their Charges carried to the Nabobs Account, who will be very glad to be at the Expence of such a Survey—

12 As also Surveys of the Companys Garden—

12 As to the Surveys of the Company's Territories, The Engineer is directed to set about them as soon as possible—

13 Recommending our endeavouring to maintain a good Understanding between the Nabob & the King of Travencore—

13 The Nabob and the King of Travencore are at present on good Terms and it seems to Us that the Disputes between them are either adjusted or very near it.

Letter from Colonel Campbell Commanding at Vellore read as follows—

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

Letter from Colonel Campbell regarding the Exchange of Money at Vellour—

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of your Directions in your Letter of the 18th Instant I gave out in publick Orders your Thanks to the Officers under my Command for their Behaviour at the late Mutiny—they have requested me to signify to you, their most grateful Acknowledgements, for your admitting as meritorious their Efforts to acquit themselves properly on that dangerous Occasion—to which they were incited by every motive but by none more forcibly than the Sense they had of what they owed to the Service, and their Desire, every way to merit your Approbation, for my own particular part, it makes me perfectly happy that my Conduct hath been to your Satisfaction,

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and I am truely sensible of the Obligations I am under to you for the very obliging manner in which you have been pleased to make it known to me —

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Since receiving your Letter of the 24th I have made further Enquiry into the Nature of the Exchange of Money on the Bazar, the Result of which is as follows — At present the Fanam sells for 63 Cash — The Shroffs inform me that 70 of those Cash are equivalent to 80 Madras ones the only method I can point out for settling the Affair, is either to procure from the Nabob, an Order to make Madras Doodees of ten Cash each Current here at the rate of 8 to the Fanam, or to give this Currency at 70, which is equivalent —

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Captain Hopkins with the Recruits arrived the 24th — after marking over to the two Companies of the 3d Regiment, the Number which by their Uniforms I concluded for them, I distributed the Remainder in the Second — The Battalion Companys of the latter are now ninety nine noncommissioned rank & File — those of the former seventy nine — the Difference is occasioned by the late Reduction of two Companies in my Regiment, of a proper Proportion of the Clothing comes with Captain Lieutenant Evans — I shall take Care to compleat them on a footing of equality —

& the regementing of the Recruits sent thither —

The third Regiment hath no Grenadiers, and of the Recruits which are arrived here, only two are proper for that Service, I should imagine it must soon, if not now be a good Opportunity of forming them out of all the Recruits which came out this Year, more especially as the first and second Regiments are not in want of any —

I have posted a Volunteer to each Company, as far as their Number can admit of, under the Care of the Officers commanding

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commanding them respectively, who will lose no Opportunety to instruct them in their Duty, and when they shall have acquired some knowledge of their Business, I shall not fail to advise you thereof I am with perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Vellour
28.th June 1766

Donald Campbell

Resolution in Consequence

When the Recruits were sent to Vellour, it was left to Colonel Campbell to regiment them as He should judge most for the Service, on which He was to consult with General Caillaud. As soon as the Detachment with Captain Lieutenant Evans arrives at Vellour, He is to be directed to draft as many as shall be found fit for Grenadiers for the 3.d Regiment and to advise us of the Number that may be wanted to compleat the Company that they may be sent from hence.

With regard to the Exchange of Money, It is agreed that the Nabob be requested to give Orders for the settling it in such a Manner that there may be no Cause for Complaints. †

Letters from Lieutenant Scrle and Ensign Watson read as follow.

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

Letter from Lieutenant Scrle

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having laboured for upwards of Four Months under every severe Indisposition, occasioned by a Disorder in my Nerves, & having been advised by the Doctor, whose Certificate I enclose, to proceed to Chine, as the only probable Method of recovering my Health without going to Europe, I have to request your Honor &c.a Permission for that purpose, and flatter myself, in Case I should be so happy as to

Desiring leave to go to China for the Recovery of his Health

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recover, that you will be pleased to grant me the Rank I enjoy in the Honble Company's Service — I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & Humble Servants

J Serle Lieut.

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

From Ensign Watson to the same purport

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having labourd for these five Months past under a very severe Indisposition, & having been advised by the Doctor to have Certificate Enclose, to proceed to China, as the only probable Method of recovering my Health without going to Europe, I have to request your Honor &c will grant me a Furlough for that Purpose, and flatter myself, in Case I should be so happy as to recover, that you will be pleased to grant me the Rank I now enjoy in the Honble Company's Service — I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

J. Watson

The Certificates from the Surgeon being also read setting forth the Necessity of Lieutenant Serle & Ensign Watson's proceeding to China for the Recovery of their Health, It is agreed that they be permitted to go thither & to return when their Healths are reestablished —

Granted —

Mr Sinclair Surgeon at Palamcotah having requested Permission to come to the Coast for the recovery of his Health it is granted him, & Mr Gordon is appointed Surgeon & ordered to Palamcotah in his Stead —

Mr Sinclair to come to the Coast for his health granted —

Mr Gordon appointed Surgeon & ordered to Palam Cotah —

The Fort St George & Antelope being about to sail for Bengal, It is agreed that Lieutenants Cotgrave & Duncanson & Ensign Watts & Mr Nairne Quarter Master of Cavalry who

Officers ordered to Bengal on the Fort St George & Antelope —

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Quarter Master Norris appointed Ensign —

is to have an Ensign's Commission, be ordered to proceed on the former, & Lieutenant Knox, & Ensign Moore on the latter —

Officers sent from the Northward to Bengal —

✕ The President also acquaints the Board that the following Officers had taken the Opportunity of proceeding to Bengal by a Vessel from Bandarmalanka Viz.t Captain Fletcher, Lieutenants Gravely, Godfrey, Neale & Shaw, & Ensigns Cregg & Bolcliffe, with Quarter Master Patterson, & Cadets Dixon and Barker, of which the Gentlemen at Fort William are to be advised —

Invalids to be sent home by the Way of Pegu —

† There being several Invalids, who have desired their Discharge — It is ordered that they be sent home on the Pegu Ships as Charter Party Passengers —

Mr. Robert Chatterjs & Mr. James Cowper admitted as Cadets —

Mr. Robert Chatterjs who came out on the Duke of Kingston & Mr. James Cowper on the Glatton having requested to be received as Cadets into the Service & being well recommended they are accordingly admitted — And Mr. Charles Benjamin Bearsley who arrived on the Duke of Kingston is also at his Request admitted a Cadet for Bengal —

Rob.t Palk
Bourchier
Sam.l Bradley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
J. Bourchier

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Sent the following Letter pr. Ship Fort St. George to Fort William — & a Duplicate pr. Antelope —

To the Right Honble Robert Lord Clive
President & Governor &c.ª Council at
Fort William —

Letter to Fort William advising of the Officers sent thither on the Fort St George Antelope &c. & that from Bandarmalanka

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

We have embarked on the Fort St. George 2 Lieuten= ants 2 Ensigns and on the Antelope 1 Lieutenant & 1 Ensign as pr. Lists enclosed and General Caillaud informs Us that 1 Captain 4 Lieutenants 2 Ensigns 1 Quarter Master of Cavalry & 2 Cadets had proceeded to you on a Vessel from Bandarmalanka —

Mr. Fryce who came out a Free Merchant & has been a Lieutenant in England & is a Gentleman of good Character proceeds in the Maria Marcelina, We have given him Encouragement to expect being admitted on his Rank —

One Captain, one Captain Lieutenant & 8 or 9 Subalterns will proceed on the next Conveyance & we shall leave it to your Lordship &c.ª to appoint whatever Officers you may judge proper to the two Companies sent You from this Establishment — We are

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.ª Council —

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July 2d Came in the following Letter from Cuddalore —

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

Letter from Cuddalore

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your Honors Directions of the 18th Ult.º we have compleated a Company for Vencatrow — As we thought the Sepoys might be wanted at Vellaur

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we have sent them thither this Morning. Two Jemadars have offered themselves, one Tondrea recommended by Captain Avery for his gallant Behaviour with Major Preston during the Siege of Madras the other Vige Nadaun, who has been in the Service fifteen years, five of which as Jemadar and in all the actions with Colonel Ford to the Northward, but quitted on the taking of Mazulipatam, he is very well recommended by Lieutenant in whose Company he formerly served. Not being willing to detain the Company here we send them with it, till such time as we are favored with your Honors &c. Approbation.

We are with great Respect.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Robert Dowsett

William Cuming

Cuddalore
1st July 1766.

At a Consultation Present.

Robert Palk Esq.r Governor President.

Charles Bourchier, Samuel Ardley

John Call, George Stratton

George Dawson, James Bourchier

Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn.

Read a Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence No.5 expressing great Desire to live on the most Friendly Terms with the English, and desiring that his Vaquil may return to him. The President also acquaints the Board that the Vaquil had received a Letter from his Master from which the following is an Extract. "I have got a large Force, the English have the same, if both be united the Mogulleans & Morattas can do nothing: If there be occasion on that Side my Troops will go to their Assistance and

Sends for his Vaquil

Extract of his Letter to his Vaquil.

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"if on my side their Troops will come to my Assistance, both
"can easily defeat the People that may come against either, —
"Mention this to the Governor & if he is of the same Opinion and
Desires a Person may be sent to settle the Terms of Friendship — "the Gentlemen of Council agree thereto, the settling it cannot
"be managed by a Correspondence of Letters, for which reason
"you should bring a proper Gentleman + — and a Letter under
"the Seal of the seven Counsellors, If You come, & bring these
"with you, all Matters shall be talked face to face & the Agreement
"sent. If it be their sincere Intention to maintain Strict Friend-
"ship between Us & to send their Vaqueel with a Letter from the
"Governor & Council, you must bring them with you, If they
"dont send, you may come yourself alone — You have been
"there a long time, some things are proper to write & some to
"speak, If you come I will then talk face to face & send you
"back" —

+ European —

"What reason has the Governor to be displeased at
"Mauphuz Cawn's Coming, If a Firm Friendship is established
"between the Governor & Me, I know how to give him a proper
"Answer" —

And in another Letter to the Vaqueel received after the above is the following Paragraph — "You should tell the
"Governor to let you come soon and bring a proper Person to
"conclude all Matters — But if this is not granted you must
"come yourself alone" —

A Letter from the Nabob is also read enclosing the follow-
ing Intelligence regarding Hyder Ally Cawn —

Translate of a Letter from a trusty Person belonging to Hyder Naigue
to a Relation at Arcot —

Intelligence regarding Hyder Ally Cawn —

Mahofphoz Cawn is arrived at Serah, from whence
he has dispatched by Nizam Ally's Hircarahs (who came with
them)

him the Sanads, He brought for Hyder Naigue for the Subah-
dar ship of the Pacan Ghaut Country; upon the Receipt of which
at the Village of Punchancolah about eight Coss from Seringa-
patam, Hyder Naigue seemed exceedingly glad, ordered the
Nobut to be beat, Guns fired & Sugar to be distributed all thro'
his Country — In answer to Mahopshoz Cawns Letter, he wrote
that he was then going to Seringapatam, & from thence to Bun-
galoor, where he would settle Matters agreable to the Sanads
& hire Mauphus Cawns Advice — Hyder Naigue seems greatly
pleased with Mahopshoz Cawn — to his Deputies of the Forts of
Colaar, Hoodenaugud, Meturang Gudda, Hyder Naig Dirog-
& others dependent upon the Pauyghaut & Balagaut Countries
situated near the Pass he has not only sent written Orders
but People also to enforce those Orders, by which they are
directed to collect together, in their respective Places, con-
Quantities of Provisions & Military Stores of all Sorts for the
use of his Army, upon occasion the strictest Orders have
also been despatched for the enlisting Europeans, Topasses
Carnatic Peons, Horse & Sepoys — Mahomed Ibrahim his
Deputy at the Fort of Bungaloor is sending from thence,
other Places (a great Distance off) to the Forts situated near
the Pass, Sepoys, Carnatick Peons & Artillery — so that the
Forts will soon be well stored with every thing — Hyder
Naigue is well informed of every Intelligence belonging to the
Europeans at Madras & Mahomed Ally Cawn — By the men
of Rajah Saib (Chunda Saibs Son) the greatest Friendship
is established between him & the Governor of Pondicherry
who has promised to furnish him with great Quantities
of Military Stores —

The Consideration of there being no kind of Difference
between His Hug ordered me to be thus particular, on what

for which you will be so obliging as to acquaint me what Troops there are in the Forts of Vellour, Arcott Sautgudda & Trichinopoly —

Hyder Naygue has lately sent Mons.r Lubbee with a Letter to the Governor of Negapatam, wherein he informs them That Mons.r Fleigle an Officer in the Dutch Company's Service (commanding 300 Foot & 50 Horse) was desirous of entering into his Hyder naygue's now that the War with the King of Candia was at an End — but owing to some Pay being due to him still remained there, He Hyder Naygue therefore, demanded that whatever was owing him should be discharged, or else he would take ten Times the amount from Eachin — In Consequence of which Letter, Intelligence has been received that the Governor of Negapatam has paid Mons.r Fleigle Forty thousand Rupees & given him his Dismission in the politest Manner, he is probably arrived at Bidelnore by this time —

The Intelligence concerning Mahophoz Cawn's sending the Sawedy to Hyder Naig & the Letters Joy on the Occasion, has been received also by Burinamaudaloo's Vakeel.

Opinion of the board with regard to Hyder Ally Cawn

Tho' the late Conduct of Hyder Ally Cawn in sending Mauphuz Cawn to Nizam Ally & thereby encreasing his Treasury against the Nabob, in the favor he shews to Rajah Saib the Son of Chunda Saib, and leaving his Conquests on the Malabar Coast, going to Syringapatam & placing a Child upon the Throne and according to the Nabobs Account, accepting and publishing Nizam Ally Cawn's Sawedy for the Government of the Balagaut & Paungaut Countries & intending, as is said to proceed to Bungalore, which is opposite the Passes leading into this Country, & his suddenly sending for his Vakeel from

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home, cannot but appear very extraordinary, We are however the less willing to hope that He is too sensible of his own Interest, to attempt any thing to ours or the Nabobs Prejudice, as He must be well convinced He can never establish his Authority in this Country, and that his engaging in a Quarrel with Us must in the end terminate in his own: on the Contrary, We judge he must see very plainly that it is his real Interest, as well as the Nabobs & Companys if a Friendship & Alliance could be established between them, We think that every possible Means should be tried to bring about so desireable an Event.

The engaging in a War must be attended with Trouble and Immense Expence as well as great Loss to both Governments especially to this Province whose Revenues, on which We intirely depend, would immediately fail. It is therefore agreed to accept of his Invitation tho We do not give much Credit to the Nabobs Intelligence, that a proper Person be sent to him, to endeavour to settle the Terms of Friendship & Alliance, and as the deputing a Member of the Board well acquainted with the Companys Interest & Sentiments will have greater Weight, and a Letter is at the same time to be addressed to Hyder Ally Cawn from the Board, assuring him of our sincere Desire to establish a firm & lasting Friendship with him. And that he may be convinced how little the French have it in their Power to afford him any Assistance, Mr Bourchier is to be furnished with Copies of the 11th Article of the Treaty of Peace & of the Articles of Agreement between the Nabob & Mr Law which He is to make use of as he may judge proper. Mr James Bourchier is fixed upon for that purpose for whom the necessary Instructions are to be prepared. It is also resolved that Mr Boswell who speaks the Language, and a proper Person be sent from the Nabob with Mr Bourchier. The

Mr Bourchier is fixed upon for that purpose for whom the necessary Instructions are to be prepared.

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Mr Bourchier one of Council to be sent to treat with him

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Vaquil being called in and made acquainted with our Resolution is ordered to write to his Master, to determine at what Place his Master will appoint the Interview, a Letter from the President is also now wrote to him to the same purport But lest all our Endeavours to bring about an Accommodation should prove abortive, & Hyder Ally Cawn, intoxicated with any Conquests & Power he has lately acquired on the Malabar Coast should be bent on Hostile Measures, & puffed up with his own Consequence, It is requisite that proper Steps be taken that we may be ready to oppose him. For which purpose it is necessary to form as many Troops, as we can draw together into two Bodies, the one, which should be the strongest, to be stationed at Vellour, and the other at Trichenapoly or near it. And here the Impropriety of the Nabobs Conduct, with regard to the several Polygars whom he has lately dispossessed of their Country appears in the strongest Light, and We think that other Measures less inconvenient ought to be immediately adopted, especially with regard to Ramgarry and Terriore, & the Pollams inland of Madras, the keeping these places in the Manner We do at present by mere Dint of superior Force, not only deprives us of a considerable Body of Sepoys which might otherwise be ready for Field Service & puts the Nabob to greater Expence than the Revenues of the Country amount to, but also leaves a Number of troublesome Enemies who are ever attentive to regain their former Privileges, and are watching for an Opportunity of raising Disturbances and plundering, whenever we are engaged in other Affairs, and cannot attend to their Motions. Add to this that Terriore is extreamly unhealthy, and besides destroying many European Sergeants, ruins every Month one third Part of two Companies of Sepoys, which are sent from Trichinopoly to garrison it.

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Resolution to be made here if Hyder ally should not come to Terms

Impropriety of the Nabobs Conduct with regard to the reduced Polygars censured

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This being the real State of the Case, and the Polygars or Reddys who were formerly in the Possession of those Places, being, as We understand willing to submit to any reasonable Conditions, to have their Countries restored to them - It is ingrs agreed/ that the Nabob be pressed in the strongest Manner to ease Us & himself of the Inconveniencies above described and sacrifice to good Policy his Ambition to acquire & keep new Conquests, & that it be again recommended to him to leave no Disputes unsettled with the several Powers under his Orders under the Government that they shall be may be & ready to act with Vigor & Unanimity - In order to form the two Bodies of Troops the following Removes should take place as soon as it can conveniently be done -

For Vellour

There are already Artillery Men sufficient & they must equip for immediate Field Service two 12 Pdrs four 6 Pdrs two 3 Pdrs & two Howitzers with Tumbrils for the Ammunition & Draught Bullocks -

There is also the 2d Regiment of Infantry compleat of which We compute at least 550 will be able to take the Field with the second Troop of Horse which is also to be stationed there -

The 5th Battalion of Sepoys is already at Vellour, with 3 Companies of the 6th and four Companies more of the 6th must be ordered thither from the Pollams, & the 1st Battalion from Ongole - The new Battalion ordered to be raised must also be stationed at Vellour & even then after garrisoning Cadapanatham, Sautgud, Vellour & Arcot, there will be not/ above 2 Battalions & half for Field Service, & only 1500 till the the new Battalion is raised -

The Company of the 6th stationed at Wandawash being made independant, another is to be raised to supply its place.

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Of 1350 Black Horse which the Nabob has at Palnaud Timmery Cotah Nellour & with Mohundoroo 1000 should be ordered to Arcot, Above 200 are there already, all those with Captain Mackain near Worriapollam, those here with the Nabob, and the few which are dispersed in several Places on this Side the Coleroon making together about 800 should also be ordered to Arcot that there may be about 2000 when all are joined. All the Nabobs Sepoys with Mohundoroo at Angole those with Captain Mackain near Worriapollam & 1000 of those at Arcot should be ordered under the Command of Colonel Campbell at Vellore & formed into two Battalions, with such European Officers & Sergeants as the Nabob has, and Care should be taken both here and at Trichenopoly that the Nabobs Troops are provided with good Arms & Ammunition

Besides these the Troops of Bommeraauze, The Kalasthy & Vincatagherry Polygars should be collected, & repair to Arcot to act under the Orders of Colonel Campbell

For Trichenopoly

Disposition for Trichenopoly

From the 10th Battalion of Sepoys now at Palamcotah & its Dependancies, five Companies may be ordered to march to Trichenopoly, the remaining five may be stationed, 3 at Palamcotah, 1 at Calacaud & 1 at Vadagherry

The 7th & 11th Battalions of Seapoys are already at Trichenopoly, & the 8th under the Command of Captain Cooke now at Worriapollam should be ordered thither, on the least Encrease of Hyder Ally's Designs So that there will then be 3½ Battalions of Sepoys for Trichenopoly, Carroor & the Field Service

From Madras it will be necessary to send two Subalterns & Artillery Officers & about 30 Non Commissioned and Private

The three Companies of the 3d Regiment at Trichenopoly

Trichenopoly are not above 37 Rank & File each, they should be compleated from hence to the proper Number, and after forming a Grenadier Company from Vellore and Madras that Company with the two Companies of the 3d Regiment now at Vellore should also be sent to Trichenopoly, so that there will be 6 Companies or about 400 Men for Field Duty.

Of Artillery there ought to be kept ready for immediate Field Service at least 10 Pieces besides those in Garrison, Tumbrils and Bullocks in Proportion, of Musquet Ammunition not less than 300,000 should be made up, a good Quantity of round & Grape Shott for Field Pieces should also be prepared besides a Proportion allotted for the Tumbrils.

Of the 1000 Black Horse the Nabob has at Trichenopoly and its Dependancies, 600 must be stationed at Trichenopoly and of 6000 Sepoys which he has in the Madura, Tinnevelly &c. Countries, 2 Battalions of 1000 each, with European Officers and Sergeants should be ordered to Trichenopoly with 100 of his best Sepoys and some of his Gunners, To these the King of Tanjour Tondeman & the Morawars should be desired to keep ready to join all the Horse, Sepoys and Cottaries they can furnish

At the same time that Orders are sent for drawing together the Troops, the most positive Orders must be given by the Nabob to his Managers, Renters and Amildars to see that all the Grain near the Forts be carried into them but more especially into Palamcotah Madura, Trichenopoly, Rayanagad (which ought to be well stored) Tegar Tinnomalee, Wandawash, Gingee, Cuddapah Carney, Arcott

Vellour and Cuddapanattum, in short in every little Fort of which the Number is too great to mention, there ought at least to be 12 Months Provisions for the Garrisons, and in the larger ones enough to supply the Army in Case of need. This Measure will not only secure the Grain & ensure Provisions for the Troops, but will also render it difficult for an Enemy to subsist. Ammunition should be provided in large Quantities at the principal Garrisons, and in the smaller Forts, sufficient for the Troops stationed in them is highly necessary. And the Officers Commanding the different Garrisons must be instructed to see that nothing be wanting which is necessary & can be procured.

It is also ordered that General Caillaud and Colonels Campbell & Wood be furnished with Copies of the above Disposition that they may give Us their Sentiments thereon, and inform Us if any thing occurs to them more effectual to answer the End proposed. And that Colonels Campbell & Wood may also set about making such necessary Preparations as depend on them. It is also agreed that the Nabob be made acquainted with our Resolutions.

Genl Caillaud and Colonels Campbell & Wood to be made acquainted with the Disposition.

the Nabob to be informed thereof.

Read a Letter from Mr Monckton Paymaster at Chingleput setting forth that the Out Houses belonging to the Surgeons Quarters are much out of Repair; & that the Expence of repairing them will be about 30 Pagodas which He is permitted to lay out on them.

Surgeons Quarters at Chingleput to be repaired.

Letter from Dauvorane Drake Esq.r containing his Answer to the several Charges alledged against him, is delivered in & being very long it is ordered to be sent round to the several Members

Mr. Drake's answer delivered in and thereon.

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Members, and to Messrs. Smith Brooke & Sowdan whose Conduct Mr. Drake has censured, that they may have an Opportunity of replying to such Parts as concern them respectively, when We shall proceed to take the whole into Consideration.

Robt Palk
Chr. Bourchier
Jam. Hadley
John Call.
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
Ja. Bouchier

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Came in the following Letter from Colonel Campbell to the President —

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

Letter from Colonel Campbell regarding the Cloathing for the Recruits —

Captain Lieutenant Evans arrived this Morning with his Detachment the Cloathing of which being the same with the third Regiment, I shall defer distributing them, until I have the Honor of receiving your Answer to this —

The two Companies of the third Regiment, require twenty men each to make them equal to those of my Regiment: the remaining sixty, I suppose are intended to be equally divided among the whole — Other Uniforms will be necessary for such as fall to my Share —

The Third Regiment, by the late Reduction in the other two hath the same Number of Companies, but none of them Grenadiers. I propose if you have no Objection, forming Captain Marcell's into one — there are among the Recruits last arrived, a good many who are of a proper Size, and Major Bonjour's Company is chiefly composed of men whom I intended for that Service, when I commanded the Regiment myself — in Case you approve of it then, I shall compleat Captain Marcell with the best hundred Rank & File, make Major Bonjour's equal to those of my Regiment & distribute the Remainder among the whole —

Lieutenant Colonel Laing will be obliged by your Permission to go to Madras for a few Days on particular Business —

If there are among the Recruits at Madras, any Men proper for Grenadiers, I shall be greatly obliged by your ordering them hither — I am with perfect Respect, Esteem & Regard —

desires men may be sent for Grenadiers —

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
Donald Campbell

In Answer to which the following Letter was wrote to Same

To Colonel Campbell
Commanding at Vellour
Letter to him in answer

Sir

I have received your Letters of the 1st & 3d Inst unacquainted with the particular Cloathing given to the Recruits It must therefore be left to you to make what Disposition you judge most necessary, and agreable to the Plan laid down in our General Letter

I have desired Major Flint to select from the Recruits such Men as are fit for Grenadiers, & to advise You, & these may be sent from hence direct to Trichinopoly to join the rest of that Company which you will be ordered to send thither

You will be pleased to let Lieutenant Colonel Lang come to Madras for a few Days

I am
Sir
Your most Humble Servant
Robert Palk &c. 2 Counc.ls

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Sent the following Letter to General Caillaud & Colonel Campbell

To General Caillaud
Letter to General Caillaud
advising of the Disposition of the Troops
to Trichinopoly &
Vellour

Sir

The late Conduct of Hyder Ally Cawn in sending Maraphurs Cawn to Nizam Ally, & thereby increasing his Jealousy against the Nabob, in the favor he shews to Rajah Saib the Son of Chunda, & leaving so suddenly his Conquests on the Malabar Coast, going to Syringapatam & placing a Child upon the Throne & according to the Nabobs Account, accepting & publishing

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Nizam Ally Cawns Sanads for the Government of the Balaghat & Payen Gaut Country, intending as we hear, to proceed to Bengaloire, which is opposite the Passes leading into this Country & his suddenly sending for his Vaquiel from hence leaves Us but too much room to suspect (notwithstanding the Declarations in his Letters to the President & his Vaquiel) that he either intends immediately to invade the Carnatic, or to be prepared & stationed near the Confines till he sees whether Nizam Ally distrusts us to the Northward or makes Peace - At all Events, We ought to be ready to oppose him -

We now send You the Measures which appear to Us necessary to be adopted, which We desire You will consider & acquaint Us if any thing occurs to you more effectual to answer the Purpose that We may be prepared in the best Manner the Force we have will admit -

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Robert Palk &c. 2d Council -

Fort St George
5th July 1766 -

Payemaster

I Received the following Letter from Mr Perring at Angole -

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

Letter from Mr Perring advising of the Deficiency of the Stores for Country Boat

Honble Sir & Sirs

The following is an Account of the Deficiency & Overplus of Military Stores received in this Month from Madras for Country Boat for the use of this & Tenency Colah Garrison -

Angole Stores -

	Over Plus	Deficient
		Five 4 lb Shott
	Two 3 Lb Shott	

Six

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Deficient

Six Wooden Ramrods
Two Flints
Two Quires of Cartridge Paper
Two Worms
½ Skain of Country Match & one Auger

Timery Colah Stores Deficient

Fifty Seven Flints
Two Hammers
Three Worms & ½ Skain of Country Match

Having searched the Boat thoroughly and the Packages appearing sound, I am inclined to think these Deficiencies must be owing to Mistakes at Madras

I am Honble Sir & Sirs with the greatest Respect
Your most Obedient & most Hble Servant
Peter Perring Storekeeper

Ingole
30 June 1766

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichenopoly

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to Colonel Wood

Sir

The late Conduct of Hyder Ally Cawn in sending Mauphus Cawn to Nizam Ally & thereby increasing his Jealousy against the Nabob & the favor he shews to Rajah Saib, the Son of Chunda, and having so suddenly his Conquests on the Malabar Coast, going from Syringapatam & placing a Child on the Throne, & according to the Nabobs Account, accepting & publishing Nizam Ally Cawns Sanads for the Governments of the Balagaut & Payen Gaut Countries, intending as we hear, to proceed to Bengalore, which is opposite the Passes leading into this Country and his suddenly sending for his Vagnel from

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hence leaves Us but too much Room to suspect (notwithstand-
-ing the Declarations in his Letters to the President & his Va-
-quil) that he either intends immediately to invade the Car-
-natick or to be prepared & stationed near the Confines, till he
sees whether Nizam Ally disturbs Us to the Northward or
makes Peace — At all Events We ought to be ready to oppose him —

advised of the Dis-
position to be made
by them —

We now send you the Measures which appear to Us
necessary to be adopted, which We desire you will consider and
acquaint Us if any thing occurs to you more effectual to answer
the Purpose that we may be prepared in the best Manner the
Force we have will admit —

You will therefore take the necessary Measures for making
the Disposition intended so far as relates to Trichenopoly Madura
& Palamcotah provided it may be done without any ill Consequences
which we do not foresee, for which Purpose you will send the
necessary Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel De Beck & Captain
Frischman —

advised of the Detach-
ment of Artillery to be
sent them from Vellour

As a Part of Captain James's Company is at Vellour
they will be ordered to Trichenopoly —

Ordered to get a field
train in readiness

You will with all Expedition get ready a field Train to
consist of two 12 ℔r which will be sent from hence & 8 other Field
Pieces with Tumbrils Ammunition &c compleat — Two Tumbrils
will be sent from hence, It is also necessary that a proper Number
of Boats should be kept ready to transport Troops as Occasion
may require —

The Officers from the Southward being not yet embarked
We shall detain them till We hear further from Bengal, where
We find many of the Officers were desirous of returning to the
Service Weare Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Robert Palk &c Council —

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Sent the following Letter to Fort William by the Elizabeth Snow, on board of which embarked Captain Orton and Ensign Hammond for that Presidency —

Orton

To the Right Honble Robert Lord Clive
President & Governor &c.a Council at
Fort William

Letter to Fort William

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Thus serves to acquaint You that Captain Orton & Ensign Hammond take their Passage on the Elizabeth Snow Captain Thomas Gibson for your Presidency —

We are

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.a Council

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12th July 1766 —

13th Received the following Letter from Mr Hay Storekeeper at Trichenopoly —

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

Letter from Mr Hay regarding Flints in Store at Trichenopoly

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to acquaint your Honor &c.a that on my examining the Stores in the Arsenal I found there are among the Musquet Flints a great Number of Carbine and Pistol ones in both to the Number of 13500 some of which came up here in Mr. Newton's time and some in Mr. Floyers as they are of no manner of Service here I have ordered them to be packed up and put on one Side. I therefore should be glad to know of You may write them off my Books and send them down to Madras by the first good Opportunity, or if your Honor &c.a would rather choose to have them continued on the Books and kept here till such time as they may be wanted. In the mean

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&c.a will be pleased to order me to be supplied with the same Number of Musquet Flints as this is an Article that is at all Times much wanted. I have the Honor to be

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servant

James Hay, Milit.y Storekeeper

Trichenopoly
8.th July 1766

Letters from the Commandants & Paymasters at Madura & Palamcotah in answer to the Reports of the Committee of Accounts

Came in the following Letters from the Commandants and Paymaster of Madura & Palamcotah &c.a

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

We have duely received your Instructions in Consequence of the Report of the Committee of Accounts of the 19th May on the Accounts of this and Palamcotah Garrisons

In regard to your Orders on the 9.th Paragraph we would represent that the Candles are issued for the use of the Officer of the Main Guard to light his Rounds, who draws a Candle daily for this purpose we would therefore propose an Allowance of three Pagodas a month to this and Palamcotah Garrisons for this Purpose

In Obedience to your Orders on the 10th Paragraph relating to the Number of Totys, water Bullocks and Artificers to be employed in these Garrisons we are of Opinion that the Number and Allowances given to the Totys and Water Bullocks should remain as they have always been at both Garrisons being necessary. We would propose that 6 Carpenters, 7 Smiths 1 Hammerman, 1 Bellows Boy & 2 Sawyers be employed in the Garrison of Madura where the Smiths are reckoned also as Armourers. And that 4 Carpenters 2 Sawyers, 2 Smiths

and

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and 3 Armourers be employed at Palamcotah we are of opinion that the Allowances to these Artificers cannot be altered on the Receipt of the late Regulations. The Paymaster attempted to introduce the Rates therein stipulated and paid them accordingly one Month the Consequence of which was that they refused to work again unless they were paid as before which is the customary Price of that Labour here.

In regard to your Orders on the 14th Paragraph of the Committee's Report the only method we have of fixing an ascertain allowance for oil for cleaning the Arms in these Garrisons is to propose a Medium of what has been already charged monthly which at this Garrison is about Five Pagodas & Palamcotah Three Pagodas a month, But as the Number of Arms cleaned has always varyed and the fixing on a certain Allowance would confining the Work we would with Submission rather recommend this Article to be issued as wanted In which the greatest Oeconomy will be observed at the same time we would remark that the bad Situation of our Armourys occasions a very frequent clearing the Arms & of Course more oil expended than would otherwise be. We are with all due Respect

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & Humble Servants

De Beck

Archdale Palmer

Madura
5th July 1766

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

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

We have been duely favored by Mr. Secretary Stone with the Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of this Garrison for the Month of January last respecting a Charge for

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for a Quarter Master Sergeant & Camp Colourman thereon inserted
And your Orders in Consequence thereof

In reply to the Committee's Report we beg leave to observe
to your Honor &c.a That this as well as all other Allowances being
never advanced was paid in January for the Month of December
And as the Regulations established by your Honor &c.a did not
arrive with Us till the beginning of January we presume they
were not intended to take place, till then, we are with great
Respect Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants
Daniel Frischmann
Archdale Palmer Paymaster

Patannvotah
9th July 1766

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have duly received from 9m.r Secretary Stone an Extract
from the Report of the Committee of Accounts of the 19th May with
your Orders in Consequence thereof This waits upon you with an
Explanation of the several Matters you have been pleased to order
which I hope will meet with your favorable Reception I am with all due
Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Archdale Palmer
Paymaster

Madura
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Paymasters Reply to the Report of the Committee of Accounts of the 19th
May 1766 on the Madura Disbursements

Par.r 6 The Paymaster conceives that the Committee observed this
in the Disbursements of this Garrison for the Month of January
his reasons for doing this was that he understood the Regulations
were not to take place till that Month in which they arrived This

Charge

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Charge was paid for the Month of December, the introduced in the Accounts of January being always paid in the preceeding Month.

Par 7 The Paymaster as in Reply to the foregoing Paragraph understood that the Regulations were not to be in force till the month of January Colonel Campbell drew this Allowance from the month of Month of November 1766 to the Month of December both inclusive to which time the Commandant of Palamcotah was paid one pagoda monthly the Paymaster therefore presumed Colonel Campbell may be draw the same till that time.

Par 8th The Paymaster is sensible of an omission in what the Committee have reported, Captain Dormond in drawing his Note for this Allowance only inserted the Number of Sepoys he received at Trichenopoly omitting to mention an additional Escort of 66 Sepoys at Nattam, and upon their returning another Detachment, As these Sepoys were paid Batta in the Month of December when they were allowed Two Fanams a Day and were entitled to Batta on returning back it made out the amount mentioned to be due except twelve Fanams which was owing to Captain Dormond's paying these Tehram Sepoys Batta who receive it monthly there-

Par 13 The Disbursements reported by the Committee are inserted in the Palamcotah Accounts & not Madura for those Months.

The two Serd. Articles for 6 Carpenters 3 Smiths are the number of Artificers that have been always kept up in that Garrison but as the Paymaster presumes been erroneously carried to the Head of Charges extraordinary instead of Charges of Garrison to which latter the Paymaster carried this Charge in the Accounts for the Month of May The Sawyers was an extraordinary Expence for sawing Timbers. The Paymaster to explain the other Charges allows that those were at the Time there Stores were made, Cartridge Boxes &c.a in Store But as they were rendered unserviceable by Vermin &c.a to which the

Store houses

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Storehouses are much exposed he presumes the Board will allow of the necessity of making others —

Archdale Palmer
Paymaster

Paymaster's Reply to the Report of the Committee of Accounts of the 19th May on the Palamcotah Disbursements —

Par. 15. Mr Thelwal in the Month of January received a Commission as Lieutenant of Artillery dated the 25th November as he had received batta before from that Time to the 31st December as a Lieutenant Fireworker only as the Paymaster presumed he was entitled to draw the Difference between that and a Lieutenants.

Par 16 The Commandant drew this Allowance for the Month of December when he understood the Regulations were not in force, he has since conformed thereto —

Par 17 The Sepoys were paid in manner reported by the Committee in this Paragraph for the Month of December and not January in which Month the Payment was made He therefore as He mentions in Reply to the last Paragraph understood that the Regulations were to commence with Payments for the month of January —

Archdale Palmer
Paymaster —

At a Consultation Present —

Monday 14th July

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor Presedent
Charles Bourchier Samuel Ardley
John Call — George Stratton
George Dawson James Bourchier

The President lays before the Board a Draught of a Letter proposed by the Nabob to be wrote to Hyder Ally Cawn, and of his Instructions to his Vaquil, which being read the following Alterations are proposed to be made of which

the

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the Nabob is to be informed —

Draught of a Letter proposed by the Nabob to be wrote to Hyder Ally Cawn —

Draught of Letter proposed by the Nabob to be wrote to Hyder Ally Cawn —

Alterations proposed

1st From the time of my first Acquaintance with You in Nauser Jung's Camp I again at Trichenopoly I have been extremely desirous of establishing a firm Friendship between Us, perceiving, by that you was a Man endowed with great Understanding & Military Knowledge. The same reason also induced me to be constant in my Enquiries concerning your Health & Prosperity — The just & proper Discourse of your Vaquels Venjee Pundet & Gopaul Pundet have strengthened the Friendship between Us. The News of your repeated Victories & Accomplishment of your great Expeditions (effected entirely by your own Courage & Conduct) has given me more pleasure than I can well express — Your Actions indeed have been such as are rare to be met with in History, & such as will ever be remembered. In a Word they are such as Men endowed with great Talents can only perform — The maintaining a Correspondence & advising each other of our mutual Concerns are esteemed as Essentials (at least outward ones) to Friendship — Imagine the Cause of your failing in these Respects had been owing to the Discourses of some People, who have taken up their Residence with you, after committing the greatest Crimes here. My Motives for this

This Paragraph We think had better be made a part of his Vaquils private Instructions, & only to be

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Viz.t the Goodness of your Disposition & that there is not the least Enmity subsisting between us, which Considerations induce me likewise to believe, you will not let the above Discourses have any further Weight with you, & that the Friendship between us will, by Gods Blessing be still stronger. Your desiring your Vaquel to bring Muteabar Cawn with him to you has been the occasion of my writing this Letter to you first, as I look'd upon this Desire of Yours as a strong Proof of your Friendship.

You know that the Friendship between Potentates is absolutely necessary for the good of Mankind, for peace & happiness, it is also the means of the succeeding of many great Affairs. If therefore between the Governor of the Payen Gaut Country & the Governor of Balagaut, a sincere Friendship & Alliance be established, & they mutually support each other, the Enemies of both will be found to be of no Consequence. The Friendship between us should be such, that the rest of Mankind may envy the same, & say they are one Mind & two Bodies. May God Grant that such a Friendship be established between us & that our Children reap the Fruit of the same. By Gods Blessing you are already well acquainted that such is my Wish, however to enforce the same still more to you, Mr Bourchier a very good Man proceeds to pay you a Visit, together with Mr Boswell & Mahomed Bauker, with

Bourchier should judge it necessary

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the Necessity of Friendship for the good of Mankind you will acquaint me with the Intentions of your Friendly Mind —

Heads of the Instructions proposed by the Nabob to be given to his Vaquil —

Instructions to his Vaquil with the Alterations proposed

1st. There is no Kind of Enmity subsisting between Us — Since then, from former times owing to the Union & Alliance between the Rulers of the Payen Gaut & Balagaut Countries no one had the Power to enter into these Parts, how much less so now, that We who are so powerful in Troops, have the Disposal of the same? What Advantages will not accrue to Us from this Juncture? No Disturbers on hearing the same will dare to come here — The Proof of this Friendship or Junction between Us should be this, that you should advise Me whichever of your Enemies are come from thence to me that I may discharge them, and in like Manner that I should acquaint you which of mine are with you that you may dismiss them also —

We think that this part of the Paragraph should better be expressed in more general Terms Viz. That our Friends Your Enemies should be the same —

2d. To this Article we think should be added "and that whenever an Enemy invades or disturbs either Country, We join each others Forces & root out the Disturbers —

2d That my People be on this side and remain in my Country & yours on the other —

3d In former Times the People from Vellour used to pass from Wolgadduand

without any Sinderance, but now there is
great Strictness observed in that Respect
Orders therefore to the several Garrisons
should be issued that no greater Strictness
should be observed than before relating
thereto

11 Ram Reddy Killedar of Tanticaun = The 3d & 4th Articles should we think rather be made a part of Mr. Bourchier's private In= structions, to be mentioned as Occasion may require but as they are no great Consequence, they need not be much insisted
puttey and the Sirnuldar of Dindegull, of= ford Protection to many of the Inhabetants who belong to this Country, let them be deliver to deliver up the same without delay to any People, on return for which whenever on= they advise Me that any from their Dis= tricts take Protection in my Country Or= ders for delivering them up also, shall be immediately issued to the several Amil= dars

5 Considering the great Friendship 5 This Article is included in the first
subsisting between Us you should be a Friend to my Friend and an Enemy to my Enemies, I shall be the same with regard to yours

6th The Purgunnahs of Tourputtee and 6th As this Article
Hulsnaupoor, also the Villages of Sum= gives a Latitude to
nahyoor Sirweerum & those of the Payne Hyder Ally to commence
er of the Fort of Perrunguddo &c. likewise Hostilities against Cud=
the Town of Pudwall &c. dependant upon pah. It had better be
Nellour do all belong to this Country all the omitted & the Claim the
situated in the Balagaut & in the Possession Nabob mentions to have
of the Nabob of Cuddapah. The above places to several Districts must
I propose whenever a good Opportunity be left to future Events.
offers to take Possession of, should you

therefore

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therefore reduce the Cudapah Country, I desire that no harm may be done to them.

Read the following Letter from the Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore

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

Letter from Cuddalore regarding Captain Cooke's Battalion of Sepoys.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your Directions of the 20th Ult. We have consulted with Captain Cooke about cantoning his Battalion in a Healthy Place, and in such a Situation that he may be at hand, in Case any fresh Disturbances should arise, He has represented to us that at Manargoody a forced Days March from Worriapollam there are good Choultrys for his Sepoys with Plenty of Provisions and good Water, & Altho' we think the Distance neither too great from Worriapollam yet as no place with such Advantages can be found near or, we have ordered him to leave Two Companies with a trusty Serjeant at Worriapollam, and march himself with the Remainder of his Battalion to Manargoody which he has done & We hope it will meet with your Honors & Approbation

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
John Callane
Robert Dowsett
William Cumming

Cuddalore
6th July 1766

Order in Consequence

As the Nabob is about taking Measures for the Security of the Worriapollam Districts & Captain Cooke's Battalion will soon therefore be withdrawn, the Gentlemen at Cuddalore are to be directed not to go to any Expence in making Accommodations for them. And they are also to be ordered to endeavour to raise Sepoys for the new Battalion & to send them by small Parties to Vellour, allowing each Man twelve Fanams for his March thither

more Sepoys to be raised at Cuddalore

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Captain Fitzgeralds Battalion got yet to be withdrawn from Ongole

As the withdrawing Captain Fitzgeralds Battalion of Sepoys from Ongole before the Nabob has taken proper Measures for the Security of those Districts might expose them too much, It is agreed to defer sending Orders thither till we receive General Caillauds Answer

Report of the Committee of Stores read, on which the following Orders are made

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of Committee of Stores with Orders thereon

1 The Arrival of the Ships from Europe having brought a Supply of Canvass. We are of Opinion that the Bell Tents & private Tents indented for from Vellour should be immediately made up and that the rest of the Articles of that Indent be complied with, to which We think it necessary at this Juncture to add 1500 Stand of the Company's & 500 of the Nabobs Arms & five Candy of Salt Petre

Orders in Consequence

1 Ordered accordingly

2. The Storekeeper at Vellour having returned an Answer to the Letter wrote by the Military Storekeeper concerning the Expence of making the Tents of an Officer's Tent and sent a Calculate thereof made up, and We by which it appears it can be made about 13 allowed 60 Pagodas Pagodas cheaper than at Madras, We think each Tent the Number indented for Vellour should be made up without Loss of Time

2d Ordered that the Military Storekeeper

3. It appearing on examining the State of the Stores at Trichinopoly that the Quantity of Lead there is short of what it ought to be, We think that 100 Pigs should be sent thither together

3d Ordered accordingly

together with 1500 Stand of Arms of which 1000 of the Company's, & 500 of the Sepoys Musquets which are to be fitted up with Bayonets and that the rest of the Articles indented for from thence be sent thither — Orders in Consequence

4 The Quantity of Cartouch Boxes in Store being examined We find the Number of Belly Boxes holding 18 Rounds each to be 2000 and the Square Cartouch Boxes for Sepoys 1000 — We are of Opinion considering the Demands which will probably soon be made from the Out Garrisons that 2000 more of the latter should be provided with the utmost Expedition, and also 1000 Pouches carrying twenty one Rounds each, agreable to a Master which is now produced and approved of. We are with Respect — 4 Ordered accordingly —

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

John Call

George Stratton

John Eley —

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Report of the Committee of Accounts read on which the following Orders are made —

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

Report of the Committee of Accounts with Orders thereon —

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Orders thereon

1 Having examined the Accounts from the Out Garrisons for the Month of May the following Remarks only have occured for Us to lay before your Hon^r &c.^a

2.^d That at Madura the Paymaster has charged Pag. 22 for Oil for the Store house without further Explanation and has omitted to insert the Names of five Serjeants

2.^d This Paragraph to be sent to Mr Palmer who is to explain the Charge of Oil & to be careful to conform

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Sergeants drawn for in the Pay Rolls of the 9th Battalion of Sepoys ~

3 That at Trichinopoly a Charge of 129 ℔ 7 has been introduced in the Disbursements of the Garrison for Hire of Bullocks employed in bringing Timber from the Country, but no Mention made for what use this Timber was brought ~

3d conform to the Regulations in paying no one without inserting his Name ~

3d This Paragraph to be sent to Mr Hay, who is to be directed to explain this Charge ~

4 That the Paymaster at Ongole has charged 16 Pag.s for a Corcopoly which being the Pay usually allowed to be drawn in Camp, & Ongole being a fixed Garrison, we think might now be reduced.

4 This Paragraph to be sent to Mr Perring who is directed to allow the same Pay at Ongole as is allowed at other Out Garrisons.

5 That the Surgeon's Assistant was paid Pag.s 13. 22 ~ for Buzar &c.a already ordered to be drawn for Bandages &c.a which explain a similar Charge is nearly the same as in the preceding Month ing Month, and as there are only 18 European in Ongole, we are of Opinion that the Expence is very great ~

5 Mr Perring has already been ordered to explain a similar Charge in the preceding Month & his Answer is expected.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Charles Bourchier
Francis Fourdan
George Stratton
Alex.r Davidson
George Dawson
John Hollond ~
Henry Brooke
Charles Smith

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Colonel Campbell ~

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r
Governor of Fort St George

Honble

Letter from Colonel Campbell

relative of Captain Knox being disordered in his Senses

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Honble Sir

About four o Clock in the Afternoon of the 7th Inst Captain Knox came to me while I was writing, and informed me that all the Troops were mutinying, that the Grenadiers in particular had threatened to pull his House about his ears, and that they followed him across the Parade abusing him all the Way — Altho the Behaviour of the Troops since the late severe Examples, could not be exceeded in point of Regularity and Respect to their Officers by any in the World, yet would readily conceive that a report of that Nature from an Officer of whose Insanity I had not then the smallest Suspicion, must have startled me — I was however soon relieved from my Apprehensions by his looking out at the Window and affirming that a Grenadier was threatening to pull Mr. Pyne out of his House; for on my complying with his request to look out also, I could not perceive any Body within three hundred Yards of the Spot, where he still insisted there was a Grenadier — I immediately concluded that a Fever had made him delirious — I therefore endeavoured to soothe him, assured him that I should punish the man who had insulted him, and in the mean time he might sleep very peaceably, which I earnestly recommended to him — because I perceived he wanted rest — instead of taking my Advice, he employed the Time between then & midnight in removing his Baggage to another House — and at Retreat beating he abused his own Company for an Intention to murder him — judging that further Liberty might hurt both him & the Service, I resolved to deprive him of it, but dreading that Violence might encrease his Phrenzy, I desired Captain Baillie, whom I know to have some Weight with him, to decoy him home, and in the mean time directed a Sergeant of his own Company and a Favorite, to chuse six steady good Men, & with them to plead his Duty & Affection as an Excuse for obeying his Orders

Mr

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in defending him against any Persons whom he had suspicion of — The Serjeant had also Directions to persuade him from coming out, and if he was obliged to use Violence in preventing him, to affirm that it was with a View to his Safety — Orders were given at the same time to steal from him what Arms he might be in Possession of; accordingly a Sword, a pair of Pistols and a Blunderbuss were privately conveyed to the Main Guard — being all that could be discovered — Mr Lucas took a proper Quantity of Blood from him in the Evening, notwithstanding which he still continued to utter nothing but incoherences until about eleven o'Clock yesterday Morning, when I received a Note from him the Tenor of which gave me room to suspect that he designed to dispatch himself — I immediately sent Orders to the Serjeant not to suffer him out of his Sight, but before they could arrive he had taken a pair of Pistols out of a Trunk, and with one of them lodged a Ball between his Scull and the Skin, finding that had not done his Business, he attempted it with the other but was prevented by his Nephew & the Centinel, who ran into the room immediately on the Report of the Pistol. The Surgeon extracted the Ball, and declared the Wound a slight one — while it was dressing he said he wanted to get rid of this wretched world — which Speech however terrible in its Nature, was the only consistent one he hath made use of ever since the Beginning of his Misfortune

I have been thus particular in my Account of this most unhappy Affair, that you might, by a perfect Knowledge of the Circumstances, be enabled to determine on what may be done with him — I have for my own part very little hope of his ever recovering the Use of his reason — nor if he does will it avail much — for, the Source of all his Misfortunes for some time past hath been the Method he took to banish Reflection, to which he was ever averse, and which for the future must be

insupportable

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unsupportable to him — the frequent Instances of his Intoxication must be solely imputed to his being unable to bear looking into himself. This began during his Command at Nerriapollam previous to which he was a very promising Officer —

I have taken his Nephew into my Family, where he shall continue untill he is better provided for — I am with perfect Esteem & Regard —

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Donald Campbell —

Vellore 9th July 1766 —

The following Letter from Colonel Campbell is also read. —

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

Letter from Colonel Campbell

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs —

I have had the honour to receive your Letter dated the 5th Instant with the Plan of Operations therein contained, which I have perused and considered with due Attention —

His Opinion of the Plan of Operations —

Your Wishes are every endeavour at avoiding Hostilities, the Scheme proposed is doubtless admirably well calculated for the Appearance of Protection to so large an extent of Country our Disposition with the Augmentation which our Force will probably acquire from Report, may perhaps induce Hyder Naigue to lay aside his Intentions of an Invasion, from the Improbability of its being attended with Success against Armies so well prepared, as he will understand us to be — and so long as we have reason to believe he will be awed by our Preparations, the keeping too much formidable Bodies in the Situations you mention, is in my Judgement a most wise & eligible Measure, for beyond Doubt, the quiet Possession of our present Territories in the Carnatick, and those North of the Kistna ought to satisfy the utmost wish, or Ambition of His, or of the Nabob and any apparent Advantage we might be given by

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a War, would in the end, only embarrass Us, and endanger the whole, no Prospect of Success, therefore, however flattering should tempt Us to commit Hostilities while they can be avoided with Credit — for exclusive of all other Considerations, our Scarcity of Officers, is a very important one — and since I have been in the Service, I have not known so great a Dearth of experienced ones —

But on the other hand when we have no room left to doubt, that Hyder Naig is seriously determined on attempting to enter the Carnatic, notwithstanding his being acquainted with our Resolution, to oppose him, we ought in my Opinion by all means to prevent him; for no Superiority whatsoever on our side, can enable Us to hinder his doing the Country immense Damage, if his Army remains in it, tho for ever so short a Time, a Junction on of all our Force, to seek for him where he can be found would be the most effectual Method of keeping him out, the Time and Manner of effecting this Junction, must greatly depend on his Motions, for which reason, no Pains ought to be spared in arriving at a true Knowledge of his Intentions —

The giving up the several Pollams to their original Possessors, is also much to be wished for, experience must have taught them, that their true Interest must be, Obedience to the established Government, and a punctual Performance of whatever they may stipulate in return for their restoration, the bad effects to the Sepoys of being dispersed among them are very visible —

Altho according to my Notion I do not admit that Hyder Naigue shall be permitted to gain footing in the Carnatick nevertheless the collecting the Grain into the different Forts, is certainly proper — for it is the most infallible Method of being provided against all Accidents — but as the Nabobs Orders are not always very punctually complyed with, I think the Paymaster of the Districts adjacent to such Forts as have no Commandants, ought to have a Power of inspecting into the Magazines of Grain, and

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Directions to repair Neylets

There is in this Garrison, Plenty of Powder, and of Lead of which I have ordered Musquet Ammunition to be made with all Expedition - any Deficiencies of other Denominations of Stores shall be indented for, as soon as possible - having had private Intelligence, that there are two thousand Stand of Arms on the Road, I shall omitt that Article - small Stores will be wanted in great Quantities, as I understand we are to supply the Nabobs People -

It being rendered very inconvenient by these different Preparations, that the Office of Quarter Master to my Regiment, encant by the Departure of Lieutenant Gwinett, should remain any longer so, I am obliged to request that you will be pleased to order a Warrant to be made out for Lieutenant Campbell to succeed to it, he is the Subaltern in the Regiment fittest for it -

recommends Lieutenant Campbell to be Quarter Master to the 2d Regiment -

The Number of Artillery men now here, fit for field Service, does not exceed fifty five, which I apprehend to be rather few a great many more Lascars will be wanted - I am with perfect Respect -

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Donald Campbell -

Vellour
11th July 1766 -

We are much concerned at Captain Knox's Misfortune, and Colonel Campbell is to be desired to take proper Care of them, till we see whether he recovers -

Colonel Campbell to take Care of Captain Knox -

Agreed that Colonel Campbell be directed to compleat his Regiment out of the Recruits to 100 Men each Company, & that the Remainder with the Detachment of the 3d Regiment now there, & the Grenadiers he may have picked out for that Regiment, do hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Trichinopoly - And as it will be more convenient for the Detachment of Captain Jones Company now at Vellour - to proceed to Trichinopoly

Colonel Campbell to compleat his Regiment to 100 Men each Company

Detachment to be ordered for Vellour to Trichinopoly -

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Trichenopoly, It is agreed that they be ordered thither, & a Detachment is to be sent from hence in their Room —

Ordered that a Quarter Masters Commission be made out for Lieutenant Donald Campbell —

Lieut: Donald Campbell appointed Quarter Master —

* The President acquaints the Board that He had received from Mr Brouwer at Tranquebar, a printed Copy of a Treaty said to be entered into to between the Dutch & the King of Candea which having been translated, is ordered to be entered and our Honble Masters advised thereof —

* Translation of the Dutch Treaty with the King of Ceylon —

Copy of Treaty between the Dutch & the King of Candia —

Know all Men, that the High & mighty Lords the Illustrious States General of the United Nederlands and the Illustrious & Mighty Nederlands East India Company on one Side, and his Imperial Majesty the Illustrious & Mighty Prince & Lord, Keirte Sree, Raja Singa, Emperor & King of Canedea, together with the Nobility of the Kingdom and Chief Ministers of His Imp: Maj: on the other Side, have agreed together to put an End to the War arisen betwixt both the Mighty Powers, and to conclude a new the Peace & Friendship with one another, on the following Articles, which for a mutual Satisfaction have been laid for an unmoveable Foundation of the new Peace and an inviolable Friendship, and fixed by these Presents through the following Persons, empowered thereto from both Sides Viz: on the Side of the Illustrious and Mighty Company, in the Style Name of the High & Mighty Lords, the Illustrious States General of the United Nederlands, through the Honourable Governour and Director Iman Willem Falck Esqr & Council of Ceylon and on the Side of His Imperial Majesty, the Illustrious and very Mighty King of Candea, through the Ambassadors expressly come for that Business Viz: the Eminent Noblemen of the Kingdom and Chief Ministers Doembre Ralehamy, Great Defsave of Matale, Pilime Talawwele Ralehamy, Great Defsave of

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Suffergam & the three Korles, Angammone, Ralehamy, Great Defsave of Oedepallate, Mieliatteré Ralehamy, Great Secretary to the King, and Morgamme Mohandiramé Ralehamy —

Article 1st. Betwixt the King of Candia his Chief Ministers and the rest of Inhabitants on the one, and the High & Mighty Lords the States General of the 5re United Nederlandes, and the mighty Nederlands Company and the rest of the Inhabitants on the other Side, a Friendshipe never to be broken shall from hence forth be kept —

2d. His Imp: M. the Emperor of Candea & His M.ty Chief Ministers acknowledge the Illustrious & very Mighty States General of the United Nederlands, and the Mighty Nederlands Company for lawful Sovereigns and the only supreme Lords of all the Countries, which the Company before the beginning of the War now ending have been possessed of — Viz.t The Kingdom of Jaffanapatnam with the Countries subject to it, unto the Borders where the Province of Putalang begenneth; Kalpetty with the Territory belonging to it — the Defsavony of Kolombo, the District of Gale, the Defsavony of Matarre, Batikalo and Trincomomalee with the Countries that have from Old Times belonged to these Places, and his Imp: M.ty and the Chief Ministers do desist from the Right & the Pretension, which the Court formerly has had or pretended to have on the said Countries —

(subject to the Mannick Provinces, the Island Manaar with the Provinces subject to it)

3d. The King and his Chief Ministers moreover do surrender to the said Honble Company for a Sovereign and full Property all the Sea Shores round about the Island, as much of them the Company have not been allready before the now ending War possessed of, Viz.t On the West Side from Kaemale to the Jafna Territory, and on the East from where the Territory of Jafnapatnam endeth, to the River of Walawe, and these Shores thus mentioned are surrendered to the Breadth of Tengalees Mile inwards to the Country, Less or more, so as it shall be best proportionable

proportionable according to the Tracts of Hills or Rivers —

4 For the nearer limiting the Borders of these surrendered Countries, Commissaries shall be appointed from both Sides, and the Measuring shall be begun from the high Shore of the Continent, without including in that Account the broken Pieces of Land of the small Islands, as Navikare, Karrandivo, Poliadiva &c.ª and as the Company are not desirous to enrich themselves to the Prejudice of His Majesty's Revenues, they promise hereby to pay yearly as much as His Majesty's Revenues of these Stores now resigned to them did amount to, for which Purpose the said Commissaries, that regulate the Limits shall make likewise the necessary Regulation concerning the Revenues.

5 The Ill.ᵗ Company acknowledge thereagainst the King for a Sovereign Prince & Lord of the rest of the Countries of this Island —

6 The Illustrious Company shall, out of love of Peace & true Affection, restore to the King all the Countries taken in this War with their Arms, yet there remain excluded thereof all the Sea Shores & the Country & Places situated within two Hours Walk near the Sea, as being already stipulated to the Company by the third Article —

7 The King's Servants and Subjects of higher or inferior Sort, shall obtain Permission to carry out of the Leways & further Salt Pans on the East as well as from Silauw & Putalang on the West, so much Salt away as they please, without paying any thing for it to the Company or any Body on their behalf —

8 In the same Manner the Company shall have the Permission to peel Cinnamon in the low Countries of the King viz.ᵗ the Desavony of Saffergam, the three and four Korles & the seven Korles till to the Hills of Balone —

9 The King shall get peeled by his Subjects the Cinnamon that grows in the high Countries, viz.ᵗ to the East of the Hills of Ballone, & get it delivered only to the Company at Gale, Kolombo or Matura for Payment, by receiving for each Bale of

of good & fine Cinnamon five Pagodas, each Bale to weigh 88 Pound

10 Ivory, Pepper, Cardemom, Coffee, Betel Nuts, Wax, shall the Company likewise exclusively of all others receive for Payment, at the following Prices, one Pound Pepper, with five per Cent Overweight, for the drying up, for four Stivers, or one twenty fourth of a Pagoda. One Pound Coffee with five per Cent overweight, for two Stivers or a fortyeighth of a Pagoda. One Ammonam of good dried Betel Nuts, containing Six & twenty thousand Nutts delivered on the King's Account, for three Rix Dollars or one Pagoda & half. One hundred Pound well cleansed Wax five & twenty Rix Dr. or twelve Pagoda & half.

11 As the Company here never traded in Ivory, and therefore not knowing the Price of it, this Article shall in future be settled.

12 And when the Company at any Time should want some other Products out of the King's Country the Prices shall be reasonably determined.

13 Also the Subjects of both Sides shall be allowed to drive with one Another any sort of permitted Trade, to which Purpose the Candeans shall be freely and without impediment permitted to come to Colombo, Gale & all other Comptoirs and to buy & sell with the same Priviledges and Liberties as the Subjects of the Company, and in the same Manner the Company's Inhabitants shall negotiate in the King's Country. So that both Nations from henceforth be kept for one, without having any Prerogative before the other.

14 As now both Sides are concerned in taking Care of the Profits of the Products of the Country and in stopping prohibited Trade, the King as well as the Company engage themselves towards both of these Concerns, with the promise of a mutual Assistance, & what is seized in the King's Territory, shall, the

it belonged to one of the Company's Subjects, without overlooking be confiscated for the Use of his Majesty's Treasury; and in the like Manner all what shall be seized within the Territory of the Company, shall be confiscated for the Use of the Company, tho' it did belong to one of the King's Subjects —

15 When at any time the King should want some foreign Goods, the Company shall provide them for his Majesty ac= =cording to the Samples if they are to be had —

16 And again the King and Chief Ministers engage them= selves also, to let the Company have at Battikaloa & Trinkano= =malee such Timber Works as they shall be in Need of —

17 All Prisoners as well Europeans as Malayers & Sepoys all Deserters & Runaways as well of the Europe, as inland Mile= =tia and all Rebels run over out of the Company's Country shall shortly be delivered, & the Ordnance taken from the Company at Hangwelle & other Places shall be restored to them —

18 — Likewise the Deserters of both Sides and the Slaves that are run away shall from hence forth soon be seized upon and del= =livered. For each Slave the owner shall pay Ten Rix Dollars as a Premium for those that take him & get him brought home —

19 If a subject of the Company should commit in the King's Country any Insolence or even commit Crimes corporally to be punished, he shall be taken Prisoner by his Majesty's People & with the Proofs of his Misdemeanor be delivered to the Company, by whom he shall duely be punished & Satisfaction procured to the Offended Party. And in the same manner the Company shall proceed, if a Subject of the King should commit any Insolence or Crime in the Company's Territory —

20 Thus a good Friendship shall be entertained between both the Powers, and the Mighty Company oblige themselves to protect his Majesty and the whole Kingdom against all Violence from without, and his Majesty and the Kingdom against

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all Violence from without, and his Majesty and the Chief Ministers in the Kingdom promise in such Case to assist the Company with Arms, Soldiers, Coolies &c.ª as much as ever lies in their power, and therewith to continue till the Enemy be totally driven away from this Island.

21 So shall also His Majesty or His Majesty's Chief Ministers keep no Correspondence with any other European Nation, but the Dutch only, much less conclude Treaties with any other Nation, and they engage themselves to give over to the Company all Foreign Europeans that may slip into the Country and also not to enter into any Covenants or Correspondences with the Inland Princes to the Prejudice of the Mighty Company.

22. And again the Illustrious Company engage themselves, never to conclude any Treaty with any other Power, against the King of Candia, or to the Prejudice of His Imp: Majesty.

23. For entertaining the mutual Friendship, Ambassadors from both Sides shall be sent, which also can do the necessary Propositions concerning the carrying away of Salt & Salt fish, & concerning the peeling of Cinnamon; And the Ambassadors from both Sides shall be received with all such Honours as are seemly betwixt near Friends & Confederates, and the Ceremony thereof shall be on both Sides perfectly like.

24 The Articles of Peace shall be sacredly and carefully kept & obeyed, and when perhaps contrary to hope & expectation it should happen that by the one party any thing be done which is repugnant to one of these Conditions or any thing be left to be done which is stipulated by this Treaty, the Peace and Friendship shall for all that not be broken by it, but the Offended Party shall complain over it, and desire a Reparation, which then also is to be procured within Six Weeks.

25 But if in the one or the other Case no Satisfaction should be given within six Weeks after the Admonition done for it

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it, or if Satisfaction should be denied then the Party that faileth of this Promise given by these Presents shall be taken for a Transgressor of this Treaty, and the Offended Party shall be entitled to seek his Right by Way of Arms—

Colombo the 14th of February 1766—

Nota. At the bottom of the Original, written upon Parchment, on the One Side in Dutch and on the other Side in Singalees, it was signed as follows— In the Dutch— Mr. Iman Willem Falck J. J. Feber, D. Burnat, Godf. Leonh de Coste, A de Ly P. L. Schmidt, A Moens, and J H Borwater (on the Margin Stood) the Company's Seal in red Sealing Wax, and about it written. According to the Ordinance of the Honble M. Iman Willem Falck, Governor & Director of the Island Ceylon & its Reports & the Council (was signed) J G van Angelbeek Secretary In the Singalees (was signed) Srilanka Diesweere Sri Radja Singa (on the Margin Stood) the Royal Seal in red Sealing Wax—

The Board taking into Consideration the great Trouble Mr. Fabricius the Danish Missionary has frequently had for this last year in translating the several Dutch Papers both in this & the other Department— It is agreed that he be allowed 6 Pagodas P. Month to commence from 1st. July 1765 & have frequent Occasion to employ him. It is ordered that this Allowance be continued to him, till one of our Servants is qualified.

An Allowance made Mr. Fabricius for translating Dutch Papers—

Letter from Mr. Hay Paymaster at Trichenopoly read as follows—

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

Letter from Mr Hay regarding the Pay of Garrisons at Trichenopoly

Honble Sir & Sirs—

I have been favored with yours of the 8th. thro' Mr. Secretary Stone wherein you are pleased to direct me to consult with

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with Colonel Wood in regard to settling a proper Allowance for the Smiths and Carpenters here which I have accordingly done I am to acquaint your Honor &c.a that We find that we cannot possibly make their Allowance less than what it is at present, as we are well convinced that they can get more by working for the Nabob & the Country People as I observed to your Honor &c.a in my last, But that your Honor &c.a may be the better able to judge of this Matter, I take the Liberty to enclose you an Account what they receive of the Nabob & the Inhabitants —

Therefore till such time as your Honor &c.a is pleased to favor me with an Answer to this, I will take upon me to continue to give them the same Allowance that I have done all along excepting One Carpenter who received two Pagodas & a half which I have now made the same as the others, all of which I hope will be approved of —

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t & Humble Servant
James Hay Paymaster —

Trichenopoly
30th June 1766 —

Artificers	The Honble Comp.ys Monthly Wages	The Nabobs daily hire —	what the Inhabitants & others pay
A Masstry Carpenter & Smith	Pagodas 3 p.r Month	Fanams 1. 40 p.r Day	Fan.s 1. 40 p.r Day
Other Carpenters & Smiths	— 2 p.r D.o	3 — p.r D.o	3 — p.r D.o
The Hammer Men —	— 1 Pew p.r D.o	2. 20 p.r D.o	2. 10 p.r D.o
The Bellows Boys —	— 3/4 p.r D.o	1. 10 p.r D.o	1. 20 p.r D.o

Orders in Consequence

Agreed that the Artificers at Trichenopoly be paid as recommended by Mr Hay. & which is to be remarked in the Regulations —

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

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

Letter from Trinqr bar regarding their proceeding the late Poly-gars —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday we had the Honor to receive your favor of the 24th Current, The polite and sensible Manner in which it is wrote, affordeds us much Satisfaction, It would have been something disgracious to us, had the Nabob and the King of Tanjour executed the Determination you mention they have expressed, before they are well informed if we have acted in any thing against their Interest, But we regard it truely as a Happiness that those Princes are directed by your sage Counsels & thereby led on to the Observance of Justice & Regularity in their Proceedings. We shall now give you an Account of the Fact whereof they complain and then you may judge if any thing is to be laid to our Charge.

It was in the beginning of this Year that I the Governor received a Letter from the Nabob, concerning the Polygar of Vorriapollam, who it was pretended had taken Refuge in one of our Villages. On Inquery, I found it was true, that he had lived there a short while, but in obscure, and almost as a Beggar to prevent his being observed, and really nobody that I know of our People minded him & then he was just deceased — I returned the Nabob a proper Answer, and never thought afterwards of that matter, till lately when it was reported to me that the Nabob still suspected that some Vorriapollam and Arcalore People had taken Shelter in our Bounds, whereupon, some 8 or 10 Days ago, I published a Warning in all our Territory against them, but no Body was found out —

With Regard to the Arms & other Assistance you mention to have heard from undoubted Authority, that those Polygars & their Adherents have been furnished by us, we declare

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that they never demanded, & that they never demanded, and that we never afforded them either with Arms or any other Assistance whatsoever. We have been informed that an Armenian who lives here for trade, has sold sometime ago a small Quantity of Shott to some indifferent unknown people, perhaps that may have been for their account, and if that be, so it is all what there can be any possibility in that they have had from Tranquebar.

You will see by this Declaration how precarious it is to rely on the different Reports that spread abroad on such Occasions. We would wish that the Nabob was disposed to entertain a proper and trusty Person as a Vaquel at Tranquebar, to prevent his being imposed upon by false Reports, and to prevent likewise any Misunderstanding between him and us. For certainly, his polite and humane Behaviour, whereof we have had frequent Instances, has given us so advantageous Ideas of his Character, that were we not settled in his Dominions, we would nevertheless have all Sorts of attention for him. We would equally wish that if at any time a like Accident should happen, that any of the Nabobs Tributaries in this Country should take up Arms against him, he would be pleased to give us timely Notice of it, to enable us to take proper measures to prevent any thing to be sent from here, for their Use and to their Assistance.

But for what you are pleased to refer relating to the King of Tanjaur, we shall not let it be unobserved that he payed no Regard at all to your late Mediation, in the Affair of the Appointment of our Polygars & his behaviour since that Time was always of the same Nature, to Day he will appoint one to be Polygar, tomorrow another, and so the following Day again another, so that, in that fluctuation, we often times are at a loss to determine how to behave with him.

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We hope that you will find this Eclaircisement sufficient to justify our Conduct in the questioned Affair, and so it remains only to assure you of the perfect Esteem and Consideration wherewith we have the Honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

H. Abbestie
I. H. Gelle
Falk
J G Hulbeck
E L Bie

Fort Dansborg
30th June 1766

Ordered that the Nabob & the King of Tanjour be furnished with a Copy thereof

Copies to be sent to the Nabob & King of Tanjour

The President acquaints the Board that he had received a Letter from Mr Monerau at Pondicherry advising that a Spanish Ship called the Good Counsel bound for Manilha was at the Islands and suffered there so much in the Storm of 19th March that she was obliged to careen & repair the Damages received

Advice of a Spanish Ship at the Islands much damaged by the Storme

The Count De Astorg a French Ship arrived about two Hours before the Storm, and was drove ashore amongst the Rocks & Ship & Cargo entirely ruined — and that our Honble Master's Ship Falmouth, then there, touched, & escaped with Loss

And of a French Ship being lost

Ordered

The President acquaints the Board that He has received the following Letter from Lord Clive

Dear Sir

To prevent your mistaking the Particulars of Batta upon our present Establishment, mentioned in my Letter of Yesterday, I beg you will observe that the Batta there set down is only half Batta, which is allowed to the Officers in Cantonments when they are in the Field, they receive double

Letter from Lord Clive regarding the Pay &c. of Officers at Bengal

I think it would be proper for you to make known at your Presidency, that I have lately paid into the Company's Treasury

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Treasury here £50.000 which was left me as a Legacy by Mer Jaffier & that I establish the Interest of this Money as a Support to Officers & Men (on the Coast and at Bengal) who may be disabled worn out or invalided in the Service, and have not acquired a comfortable Provision for themselves. Their Widows are likewise included in this Bounty. Perhaps the Gentlemen at Madras may perceive that what I have done for the Military in this Instance, is worthy their Attention, though it seems to have made little Impression upon the Minds of the infatuated Officers at Bengal. I am

Dear Sir

Your most Obedient & most Hble Servt

Clive

Is the Legacy of Meer Jaffier's Widow & Children

Aurangabad 1st May 1766

A Captains Pay 120 Rupees
Batta 90
Cloathing 160
370
Batta 3 p Cent 11 381 Rupees

A Lieut. attached to a Battalion of Sepoys Pay 60
Batta 60
Allowance 60
180
Batta 3 p Cent 5 185

An Ensign attached to a Battalion of Sepoys Pay 48
Half Batta 45
Allowance 60
153
Batta 3 p Cent 4½ 157½

A Lieut. of Infantry's Pay 60
Half Batta 60
120
Batta 3 p Cent 3½ 123½

An Ensign of Infantry's Pay 48
Half Batta 45
93
Batta 3 per Cent 2½ 95½

The President also acquaints the Board he had agreable to his Lordships Desire communicated it to Genl Caillaud

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Cap.t Wood and the other Colonels and had omitted it to be given out in publick Orders at this Place which is approved

nad. publickly here

The President acquaints the Board that Hyder Ally Cawn's Vaquil had received a Letter from his Master advising that Troubles had arose between the Gentlemen at Tellicherry and the Manpilla People, & that he had ordered the Guns taken by the Manpilla people to be restored

Hyder Ally orders the Guns taken by the Manpilla People to be restored

Ordered that Mr. Bourchier in his Instructions be directed to enquire particularly regarding the abovementioned Disputes and that Letters be wrote to Bombay & Tellicherry advising the Gentlemen there of the Negotiations we are carrying on with Hyder Ally Cawn & recommending to them if any Disputes remain unsettled, or if there are any Privileges they are desirous of procuring for the Benefit of our Honble Masters Trade, to communicate them to Mr. Bourchier, who will do his utmost in negotiating any thing they may recommend for the Company's Interest.

The Gentlemen at Bombay to be advised of our Negotiations with Hyder Ally Cawn

Rob.t Palk
G.o. Bourchier
Sam.l Ardley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
Ja.s Bourchier

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Dispatched the following Letters —

To Colonel Campbell
Commanding at Vellour

Sir

Letter to Colonel Campbell —

The President has communicated to your Letter of the 9th. We are much concerned at Captain Knox's Misfortune & desire you will continue to take proper Care of him till we see whether He may recover —

We have received your Letter of the 11th Instant —

We desire you will compleat your Regiment to 100 Men each Company out of the Recruits lately sent up & the Detachment of the 3d Regiment now at Vellour — The Remainder with the Grenadiers you may have picked out for that Regiment may wait our further Orders for marching to Trichinopoly —

As that part of Captain James's Company of Artillery now at Vellour will be ordered to Trichinopoly, a Detachment is ordered from hence to supply their Place —

The Indents for Stores transmitted by Mr. Pyne are ordered to be complied with as far as possible —

A Warrant as Quarter Master to the second Regiment shall be made out for Lieutenant Donald Campbell —

Sepoys for the new Battalion are raising at this place, and orders are sent to Cuddalore for enlisting as many as they are able —

We are

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Sir

Your most humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

To Mr. John Cattanach
Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore —

Letter to Cuddalore —

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 6th Instant.

As the Nabob is taking Measures for the Security of the Districts of Worriapollam, Captain Cooke's Battalion will soon be withdrawn from thence, We would not therefore have any Expences incurred for making Accommodations for cantoning them.

We desire you will continue to raise as many Sepoys for the new Battalion as you are able & to send them by small Parties to Vellour, advising us from time to time of the Number you send away. And as it will be necessary to allow them something to carry them thither; you may advance to each of them 12 Fanams, which is what We allow them from hence, and their Pay is to commence on their Arrival at Vellour

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c. Council

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17th Sent the following Letters &c. Pattamars to Bombay & Tellicherry.

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

Letter to Bombay advising of our Negotiations with Hyder Ally Cawn.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are acquainted by Hyder Ally Cawn's Vaquil, that some Troubles had recommenced between the Chief &c. at Tellicherry & the Moperla People, that however he had settled those Disputes & caused the Guns taken to be restored as it was his Intention to continue in Peace with the English & to treat them with great Respect.

To establish Peace & Friendship between the Nabob & Hyder Ally Cawn, We are now sending at his Request Mr James

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James Bourchier one of our Council as a Mediator, We have acquainted the Chief &c.a Council at Tellicherry of his Mission in Case they should judge proper to communicate to him any Particulars necessary to be represented concerning the Affairs of our Honble Masters, in which Case Mr. Bourchier is ordered to correspond with them, and to do his utmost in fulfilling whatever They may recommend.

We learn by private Advices from Bengal that many of the Officers had retracted & returned to their Duty.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.a Council

Fort St. George
6th July 1766.

To James Ryley Esqr.
Chief &c.a Council at Tellicherry

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the same Purr.

Gentlemen

Hyder Ally Cawn having informed Us that he had ordered the Guns taken in the late Disputes with the Manjutta People to be restored, as He was desirous of living on the most Friendly Terms with the English And as he has requested that some Person might be sent from hence to settle with him the Terms of Friendship and Alliance between him & the Nabob of this Province. Mr. James Bourchier one of our Council now proceeds to him for that Purpose, of which we have judged it necessary to advise you that if there are any Disputes on your Side which remain unsettled or if there any Privledges to be obtained, for the Benefit of our Honble Masters Trade, that you may advise Mr. Bourchier of them, who will do his utmost in negotiating whatever you may recommend. We have wrote to the Gentlemen at Bombay to the same Purport, that they may authorize you to act in these Matters as may be judged most

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for

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for the Company's Interest

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt & Hble Servant

Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St George

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18th Delivered the following Letters & Instructions to James

Bourchier Esqr

To James Bourchier Esqr

Sir

Letter to Jas Bourchier Esqr

Hyder Ally Cawn having represented to Us by his Vackeel Vengee Pundit who is now returning to his Master, that he is extreimely desirous some Person should be sent to him on the part of the Company to cement the Friendship & to whom he may communicate certain Affairs not proper to be trusted to paper, we have thought it expedient to employ You on this Business and to endeavor to establish a Treaty of Friendship and Alliance between him & Surjah Dowlah Nabob of Arcot who on his part sends Mr Boswell & Baker Ally Cawn, with some Presents, and a Letter strongly expressive a Desire to establish & maintain a lasting Friendship. A Copy of this Letter & the Nabobs Instructions you have herewith, but as We have hitherto been obliged in a manner to take upon us the whole Defence of the Carnatick Payen Gautte, so on this Occasion we are persuaded from the Nabobs past Conduct towards Hyder Ally Cawn, that we shall be obliged to dictate the Terms of any Treaty that may be concluded, And as it is obvious to us that nothing can be more conducive to the Prosperity of this Country & consequently to the Nabobs & Company's Affairs than a peaceable Intercourse with the Neighbouring Powers, we would willingly take every measure consistent with Justice & Honour to bring about this happy Event. You will therefore in the Course of your Negotiation be guided by the Instructions

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inclosed herewith remembring that you are to act in Character of a Mediator in forming the Treaty & to engage when the Articles are adjusted that the Governor & Council shall be a Guarantee to both Parties for the exact performance thereof.

You will cause Topsalls to be placed from Vellore to the Limits of the Mysore Country and you will request of Hyder Ally Cawn to let Topsalls be stationed from the Place you are at to the Confines of the Carnatick Payen Gautte that your Letters may pass Freely & with Expedition.

You will give us the earliest Information you possibly can of such Discoveries as you may make of Hyder Allys Intentions the Number of Troops he has assembled, their Nature and Appearance & what other Preparations you observe, that we may take our Measures accordingly. And you will not fail to communicate to us every other Circumstance you think us unacquainted with nor to write for further Instructions on any occurrence which has not been provided for. We wish you Success & are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c. Council

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Instructions for James Bourchier Esqr. on his Conferences with Hyder Ally Cawn

His Instructions

1st After delivering on your first Visit to Hyder Ally Cawn the Letter from Us & the President, & the presents of which you have a Copy & List, you will in general Terms assure him of our sincere Desire to live on good Terms with our Neighbours & particularly with him & how happy you shall esteem yourself to be the Instrument of establishing Harmony & good Understanding between the Governors of the Balagaut & Payen Gaut Countries, that their respective Subjects may enjoy assured Peace and Tranquillity. On the Nabobs part Mr Bonnell & Buker ally Cawn will make Declarations to the same Purpose.

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2 Immediately after your first Visit & before you enter particularly on Affairs you will endeavour by such means as your Prudence shall suggest to find out the Motives & Intentions of Hyder Ally Cawn in his late Conduct of sending for his Vaquel, and whether or not he has actually received & published from Nezam Ally Sanneds for the Government of the Carnatic Payen Gautte, & what is the current Report of his Intentions thereon from the Knowledge of which Circumstance you will be able in great Measure to judge of his Views, and act accordingly —

3d In your Conferences you will in general acquaint Hyder Ally Cawn that it is the unalterable Resolution of the President & Council of Madras to maintain Peace in the Carnatick Payen Gautte under the present Government without molesting their Neighbours in their Possessions, or suffering the Nabob Suragah Dowlah so to do — and as He desired some Person might be sent to him to whom he could explain himself, so you hoped he would act without Reserve & look on the English as much his Friends, as they were to any other Power in India You will then find out any Proposals he has to make, & acquaint Us accordingly —

4 Should you perceive that Hyder Ally Cawn has actual Designs on the Carnatick Payne Gautte, & that He flatters himself with any foreign Assistance of Men or Arms, you will explain to him that by Virtue of an Article of an Article in the Definitive Treaty between France and England, & of the Treaty lately made between the Nabob Suragah Dowlah & Mons.r Law Governor of Pondicherry in behalf of the French Nation of both which you have Copies they cannot without a direct Violation of the said Treaties, & exposing their defenceless Settlements to immediate Ruin take any part in the Affairs of the Country unless it be in Support

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of the Nabob Surajah Dowlah

5th You are to explain to Hyder Ally Cawn if it appears necessary & he should enter on that Subject, that our Reasons for taking Possession of the Northern Circars, were, that as they were formerly given to the French, & in consequence of that Donation from Salabat Jung, the French were enabled to take & destroy our Factories in these parts and we were obliged at a great Expence, & Risque to retake them by Force In order therefore to prevent the like Accidents from happening again we determined agreable to the King Shah Alums Royal Phirmaunds who gave Us what we had thus fairly conquered, to keep them in our Possession But as our Motives for this Step are founded on Self security arising from the Inability of Nizam Ally's Government to protect our Settlements we do not mean wholly to deprive the Subah of the small Revenues he drew from thence, but are endeavouring at this Juncture to come to a reasonable Accommodation with him, in which we doubt not of succeeding and this will be much more to his Advantage than any other Regulation, especially when it is considered that hitherto he has never been able to establish a peaceable & proper Government & his Revenue from thence has been as uncertain as inconsiderable —

6th If Hyder Ally Cawn seems to hint that he expects to be relieved from Paying any thing to the Subah of the Dookan seeing that Surajah Dowlah does not, you are to declare that we do not mean by any Assistance or Influence of ours to deprive Nizam Ally of the Tribute usually paid or which shall be settled, & that we think he ought to receive from both Countries such a stipulated yearly Sum as can be agreed on to be paid at Hydrabad which will be much more to his Advantage than coming with a large Army at an immense Expence to make Collections —

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7 If you find Hyder Ally ready to adopt peaceable Measures, you may acquaint him that as the Company's Settlements on the Malabar Coast are situated in or contiguous to certain Territories under his Government, We will write to the Governor & Council of Bombay & acquaint them of the Measures we are taking, & desire if they have any thing to adjust with Hyder Ally Cawn that they will do it now, so that the Government of Mysore, Arcott Madras & Bombay may act in Conjunction in all things, & we expect that Hyder Ally Cawn, will shew some favor to our Settlements on that Side & grant such Priviledges as may be requisite for the Company's Trade — And as some Disputes have lately arisen between the Gentlemen at Tellicherry & the Mangalore People, It is necessary they should be adjusted, you will therefore enquire particularly about them & endeavor to prevail on Hyder Ally to give such Orders that no Disturbances in future may arise We have also wrote to the Gentlemen at Bombay & Tellicherry, to send you the necessary Information of any Matters they may be desirous of settling, or of any Priviledges they may require —

8. Should Hyder Ally Cawn bring up the Subject of Error, & hint any Expectations of a Restitution, you are to waive farther Discussion on that Head, by urging that nothing thereof is mentioned in your Instructions & that you conceive the Treaty of Peace in Europe had decided that Affair in the Nabobs favor, as the English were not obliged to give up any of the Places taken from the Country Powers in the War with the French —

9th It is probable that Hyder Ally Cawn if he is sincerely desirous of establishing a Treaty of Friendship between himself & the Nabob, will make a great Point of stipulating the certain Assistance we are to give him in Case

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the Countries under his Government are invaded, I will readily agree on his Part to assist Serajah Dowlah in Case any Enemies should invade the Carnatic Payan Gautte, but you will easily conceive that such Conditions are not reciprocally advantageous, Any Assistance we shall send him must have a greater Effect, than a Body of Cavalry sent to the Nabobs Assistance, we therefore think nothing more particular should be engaged than in these general Terms "that their "Friends & Enemies shall be the same, & that when any Enemies invade or disturb either of their Governments, both shall "use their Endeavours to repell them And neither Party shall suffer Enemies to pass thro his Country to invade or disturb the Country of the other without opposing them with all his Force, & by throwing in their Way & by every other Dyffeculty — But Hyder Ally Cawn must be given to understand that we cannot join in any Attempts or War he may engage in for new Conquests to preserve to him what is now in his Possession, We shall always be ready to give him Assistance provided the Force of this Country will admit of it.

10 It would be a very desirable Event could the Limits of each Government be fixed by any certain Line or Marks that all Disputes might be avoided concerning refuge Assistance & Protection given to dependant Polygars, particularly near Dindegul & Turreyore & that the Communication to and from Places in the Possession of either Party might be free and open, but it is most probable this point is likely to embarrass or tend to other Discussion it need not be insisted on, nor even proposed unless you find in Conversation it would be listened to & favorablely received —

11 The Nabob suspects that Hyder Ally Cawn has Intentions to conquer or render dependant on him the remaining small Territory of Cadapah, provided we do not interfere, If any Design of

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of this Nature should be intimated, you are to represent that we cannot regard such a Measure with Indifference, & that it will probably involve Them in further Troubles with Nizam Ally & Bazalet Jing & the Marattas. If Hyder Ally persists in his Intention to attack the Cudapah Country, & urges any Plea of right, the Nabob Serajah Dowlah's Pretensions to several parts of that Country must be mentioned.

12 If Hyder Ally Cawn seems any way allarmed at the present Motions of our Troops & the Preparations at Trichinopoly & Vellour, & requires any explanation, you are to assure Him in the most friendly Manner that they are purely defensive, and that they never will move out of the Carnatick Payen Gautte, unless they are provoked to acts of Hostility

Dated in Fort St. George this 18.th July 1766.

19.th Sent the following Letter to Fort William per Ship Brittania

To the Right Honble Robert Lord Clive
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort William.

Letter to Fort William

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

This is purposely to acquaint you that Ensign Samuel Mc. pherson now proceeds on the Ship Lord Camden for your Presidency, he has been some time in the King's Service and is well recommended.

advising of Ensign Mc. pherson & Volunteir Bearsley's going down on the Brittania & Lord Camden.

Mr. Charles Benjamin Bearsley who came out on the Duke of Kingston having desired to be admitted as a Cadet into the Service, We have consented thereto, & he now proceeds to you on the Brittania. We are

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servts.

Robert Palk &c.a Council.

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20 Received the following Letter from Mr. Palmer Paymaster at Madura.

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

Letter from Mr Palmer
answer to the Report
of the Committee of
Accounts

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr Secretary Stone has duely transmitted to me an Extract of the Report of the Committee of Accounts with your Orders in Conse=quence — Agreable to which I have reduced the Number of Tin=dalls to the Pioner Lascars

The Artificers of this & Palamcotah Garrisons were this Month reduced to the Number Colonel De Beck & myself have fixed on agreable to your Instructions and wch we mentioned for your Approbation in our Address of the 4th Instant, As your In=structions were not communicated to me till near the End of June being at Palamcotah when the Colonel received them which was about the 7th for which the Colonel waited my re=turn which was not before then, I flatter myself my continuing the Number of Artificers till the end of that Month, as before, will not incurr your Displeasure or any further Complaint from the Committee on this Occasion — I remain with due Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & Humble Servant

Archdale Palmer —

Madura
14th July 1765

Letter from Mr Perring dated 11th Instant enclosing the following Answer of Mr Walker Surgeon Assistant at Ongole to the Report of the Committee of Accounts

To Mr Peter Perring
Paymaster at Ongole

Answer of Mr Walker
Surgeons assistant
at Ongole to the
Report of the Com=
mittee of Accounts

Sir

It gives me great Concern the Honble the President & Council should think the Hospital Charges high, which I am persuaded they would not had they considered the Nabobs Troops have all along been under my Care, as well as the Company —

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I have monthly delivered a Return of Sick, to Captain Fitzgerald, on April 8 Europeans out of the Number then on Garrison, were in Hospital, & great part of the Month, they being Old & uniform Men —

Of the Company of Nabobs Topasses, I had seldom less than 10 at a Time, & Several of the Nabobs Sepoys, were under my Care with Worms Fevers &c.ª I did not return the Nabobs Troops imagining a Return of the Company's Europeans was only to be sent in — And there is seldom a Month, but there are from 12 to 30 Sepoys of the Company's under my Care with Worms, inflamed Eyes, & Fevers, which are very prevalent here —

In future if the Honble President & Council please, I will return the Company & Nabobs Europeans and Blacks together, which will convince them that the Charges are not unreasonable — I am

Sir

Your most humble and Obedient Servant

Thomas Walker —

Ongole
1st July 1766 —

At a Consultation Present —

Monday
21st July

Robert Palk Esqr Governor President —
Charles Bourchier — Samuel Ardley
John Call — George Stratton —
George Dawson —

Mr. James Bourchier absent on Service —

The President acquaints the Board that having received Advice that Hussain Tyer Cawn was advanced 20 Coss on the other Side of the Kistna, he had sent the following Letter to Mr. James Bourchier which is approved —

To James Bourchier Esqr

Sir Vinaya Punt the Mysore Vaquil will deliver you any Letters he may receive from his Master, which are expected to

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to contain Passports for yourself & Escort, these Letters you will open, even if directed to me, & not move further than Vellour till you have communicated their Purport to me, and received my Answer, which as Hussain Tyer Cawn by the last Intelligence, was near Nazar Ally, may give us Time to send out his Disposition, & if it is favourable, make us the less solicitous concerning Hyder Ally Cawn. If therefore you do not hear from me before the Passports come to hand, You will then acquaint the Vaquil, that before, you proceed, you must communicate the Contents of them to me, & wait my Answer —

Directed not to proceed to Hyder Ally without further Orders

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Robert Palk —

Fort St. George
20th July 1766 —

Letter from General Caillaud read as follows —

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

Letter from General Caillaud his Thoughts on the Plan of operations

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with your Letter of the 5th Inst. and having with the greatest Attention, considered the Measures proposed for the Disposition of the Troops, there is nothing essential that I can think of adding or changing in the Plan You have adopted, but I will beg leave to lay before you a few general Observations that have occurred to me —

As it is impossible that such an Extent of Country, as We have to defend can be equally attended to every where — the Number of Troops considered which We may assemble for its Defence, our first Care and Attention, must be directed to provide for the Security of such Parts where it is in the Power of an Enemy to do Us the most Prejudice, I mention this, as there is cause to apprehend that when the 1st Battalion of Sepoys, and such a Party of the Nabobs Troops are withdrawn

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from Onyole &c.a Districts that all the Northern Frontier, as far as Nellour will in all probability be overrun by the Troops in the Guntoor Country, and it is not impossible but that Bazalet Jung himself may move with an Army that way, while our Force is otherwise employed. Our Communication by this means will also in some Measure be obstructed, and our Hircars will find it difficult to pass. However this Inconvenience may be put up with, as We may hope if it happens at all, it will not last long, but permit me to recommend Nellour to your Attention that it may be well provided with Stores & Provisions, and I should think a careful Officer of ours ought to command there with two or three Companies of our Sepoys added to the Nabobs Troops, I should also think that the Vencatagarry & Calastry Polygars, left to defend their own Countries, might be a further Check on the Encroachments of an Enemy that Way, and of more real use & Service to Us, than by joining their Troops to ours at Arcot, or Vellour —

I make no doubt but the Nabob will be easily persuaded to adopt the Salutary Measures proposed of treating with the late ejected Polygars, for restoring to them their antient Districts but Worriapollam as it is situated having a good Road thro' it to Trichenopoly and at no great Distance from the other Roads, leading to that Place, I submit it again to your better Judgements, if it is restored that it should be under certain Restrictions, that will provide for the constant Security of a free Communication —

The sending of a Member of the Council to Hyder Ally to sound his Intentions, and with offers of Alliance, and Friendship is doing all, that in reason & honor can be done on the Occasion, and I hope it may succeed but if He has gone the lengths mentioned in the Nabobs Intelligence and has he given such publick Marks of Approbation, and Satisfaction,

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on the Receipt of the Sanads being sent him by Mauphuz Cawn from Nizam Ally, He has raised himself to that pitch of Consequence, that He will be foolish enough to think He cannot recede from with Honor, without making some Attempt — This He must do in Person, and so far it is a favorable Circumstance for Us, as He must seek to bring the Affair to a speedy Issue by a Battle. I would therefore in that Case take the Liberty of recommending before all other Considerations making the Army that is to oppose him, as strong, and as numerous as possible. Both the parties from Vellour & Trichenopoly, after providing for the Security of those Garrisons, should join, not that I imagine but a much less Number of Troops, would insure Us Success, but that with such a Body our Blow would be much more severe & decisive, and our Advantage pursued with such Vigor as would probably ruin his Army and decide his Fate at one Stroke — If contrary to my Expectations, We found He declined coming to an Engagement (which He could not however so easily effect if our Army is numerous) I would then recommend forming a Body of about two hundred Europeans, two Battalions of Sepoys and a good Number of Cavalry, who should endeavour to cut off his Convoys — The Nature of this Service requiring a Commanding Officer of great Spirit & Activity, with a great Share of Health, such a one should be appointed for it without regard to Tours of Duty, or Seniority —

Our Situation in the Circars is much the same, I expect daily to hear of Nizam Ally's Return to Hydrabad and then perhaps We may hear what Success Mutcabar Cawn is likely to have — As to the Party named & said to be under Orders to march into these Provinces, our Advices yet are so contradictory that there is no depending on them, they may be intended as an advanced Party for the Security of Nizam ally's Winter Quarters and in that Case they will not move further, if so Garrus Commencement

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but if they are intended to act against Us in those Provinces, and keep in a Body, I shall certainly move to meet them, & if We join I hope to stop their Progress; but I rather fear that they will divide cautiously avoid coming to an Engagement and endeavour to lay waste as much of the Country as they possibly can —

The Meeting of the Zemindars hath not yet taken Place, but very probably they may be assembled here in a few Days, if our Attention is not otherwise taken off, but it is needless to add any more on Matters immediately relative to the Coast, as I shall soon have the Honor of addressing you jointly with Mr. Pybus fully on those Affairs, having confined myself in this Letter to give You to the best of my Judgement my Opinion on the Subject of your last Address —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect —

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant

John Caillaud —

Vellour
13th July 1766 —

Purport of an answer thereto

Agreed that General Caillaud be informed that We do not propose withdrawing the Battalion of Sepoys from Ongole till Measures were taken for the Security of those Districts —

And as the Waters in the Cavery will We imagine for the present prevent Hyder Ally's attempting any thing to the Southward, except Coimbetoor which lays open to him, and not far distant, It is resolved to defer ordering the Detachment of Infantry to march from Vellour till We hear further particularly as the Return of any Troops from Trichenopoly should occasion require it, will be rendered difficult on account of the Cavery — The Detachment of Artillery are however to march immediately from Vellour to Trichenopoly, and to men having been drafted out of Troops here to help to form the Grenadeir Company to the 3d Regiment, they together with 40 Recruits are to be ordered to Trichenopoly under the Command of Lieutenants Murphy & Powell.

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Letter from Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichinopoly read as follows.

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

Letter from Colonel Wood.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have now the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 7th Instant with your Measures for forming an Army here & at Vellour, which in my opinion are so good and just, that I cannot at present recollect the least that is necessary towards them, only I should wish the Troops were assembled as soon as possible as they would improve and be more regular in a Body than as they are now in such small Detachments, I mean in regard to their Discipline —

We have only six Brass six Pounders here and five three Pounders with six Tumbrils which are all in readiness for the Field, & the Quantity of Ammunition both for the Guns & Musquetry that you mention will be compleated in a few Days, and the Killedar has ordered a sufficient Number of Boats to be made ready as you desire —

As I find by the Measures I have had the pleasure to receive from you, I need not say any thing of the State of the State of the Troops already here, as they are in as good order as can be expected considering the Service they have and few Numbers to do it, It will be an excellent thing if you can dispose Ramgarry and Tenjore so that we may have the Troops that are continually thrown away at these Places for a better Purpose, & that is not altogether the Case that attends the ill Consequences relating to our Sepoys here, but it renders it impossible to recruit them here on account of the Dread and Fear they have of being sent to these evil Parts, so that we can never have the Battalions compleat or if they

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it must be such as are unfit for the Service —

I have just received Intelligence from Hyder Naigue Camp at Coimbettore which says its all in readiness to march to Dorapa-ram about two Days March from Cerroor, when I hear of their next Motion towards Cerroor it will be necessary to reinforce that Garrison particularly if I could be sure of reinforcements here in due Time otherwise it will be only exposing them to de-stroy that Garrison as this is the main Point, However I shall take upon me to send two Companys of Sepoys there more, if Hyder Naigue moves this Way —

Enclosed are some Pieces of Intelligence from Hy-der Naigue's Army for this Month past from four men whom I have had there for that Purpose — I have the Honor to be with great Respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hble Servant

John Wood —

Trichenopoly 13th July 1766 —

Agreed that Colonel Wood be advised of the Detach-ment ordered from hence, and of the Artillery from Vellaur for Trichinopoly — He is also to be directed to put Cerroor in a proper State of Defence, for which purpose He is to acquaint the Nabob's People, or Mr Hay, if they are nearest that a proper Quantity of Provisions must be kept in Store there — And a Letter is now wrote to the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N.° 73 informing him of the Disposition we are making & requesting He will take the necessary Measures with regard to the Countries of the reduced Polygars as it is requisite our Troops should be withdrawn from those Places —

Letter from Mr Hay read as follows —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St George — Honble

to be advised of the Detach-ment intended for Trichin-opoly —

Cerroor to be put in a State of Defence —

Letter from Mr Hay

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Honble Sir & Sirs

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 10th thro' Mr. Secretary Stone enclosing me Extract of the Report of the Committee of Accounts 7th July wherein the Gentlemen observe that I have brought in a Charge into my Accounts of Bullocks hire for bringing in Timber from the Country & do not say for what purpose, If your Honor &c. will be pleased to refer to my Letter of the 9th April, you will find that I requested of your Honor &c. that I might have leave to sell some Timber for the Use of the Yard, which was then without a Piece of Wood in it, and the Reason of my being so desirous of getting this done was on the Account of the bad Expedition many of the Stores were in at that Time. A great Part of this Wood that the Gentlemen has taken Notice of is now in the yard and that which I have made use of has been in repairing Gun Carriages Trunnels, Transport Carriages &c. which have never been repaired since they were returned from Madura.

Colonel Wood has made me acquainted of his having received your Orders for making the necessary Preparations for taking the Field and that with all Expedition, as there is a good many of the Stores, which he will want to be made compleat, are now much out of Repair, should be glad if your Honor &c. will be pleased to allow me to employ some more Carpenters & Smiths in the yard for that Purpose. I have the Honor to remain with great Respect

desires leave to employ more Artificers

Honble Sir & Sirs

Trichenopoly
15th July 1766

Your most Obedient and humble Servant

James Hay
Paymaster

Orders in Consequence

Agreed that Mr. Hay be permitted to employ whatever Number of Workmen are necessary for getting the Stores in readiness for the Field, who are to be employed

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no longer than the Service requires it, And he is to be careful to remark in his Accounts the Reason of such an additional Number being employed —

Letter from the President & Council at Fort William read as follows —

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

Letter from Fort William —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have been favored with your several Letters dated the 28th May 2d. 10th. 11th. and 12th Instant —

The Cuddalore Schooner and Argyle Ketch are safely arrived with the Detachments of Military advised to have been embarked on those Vessells according to the respective Lists transmitted Us — We must here acknowledge Gentlemen the readiness with which you have exerted your endeavors to assist us on the late pressing Emergency —

The Officers of the 1st and 3d Brigades (a very few excepted) obstinately persisting in the Association they engaged in, their Commissions were accepted, and they immediately ordered down to Calcutta — The rigorous Measures, which the ill tendency of this inveterate Combination obliged us to take, had a proper Effect on the Officers of the 2d Brigade, who have almost all retracted — as soon as we are informed of the exact Number in each Brigade we shall not fail to acquaint you —

advising of some of the Officers having retracted

We shall in Consequence of your Recommendation appoint Mr Simpson to a Lieutenancy & leave the Off reckonings of your Detachment to be paid at Madras as you have desired —

Your Presidency shall have due Credit for the Disbursements made at Madras to the West Coast Detachment agreable to the Account thereof transmitted to us with your Letter of the 11th Instant —

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Fort William
20th June 1766

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Wm B Sumner
Thos Helsall
Hugh Watts
Charles Floyer
Claud Russell
William Aldersey

Nomore Officers to be sent to Bengal

As We learn by Private Advices that the Combination amongst the Officers in Bengal is a great Measure put a Stop to — It is agreed that no more Officers be sent thither & the following List of those already gone is ordered to be entered —

List of Officers sent to Bengal —

List of the Officers sent to Bengal —

Artillery

Lieutenant Thelwell
Lieut Fire Worker Roberts
Butler
Carr

Infantry

Captains Meyers
Orton
Fletcher
Wear
Sears
Selleck
Markland

Captain Lieut Johnson Smith

Lieutenants Colgrave
Gravely
Gwinnet
Godfrey
Duncanson
Thomas Smith
Gildard

Infantry

Lieutenants Continued
Neale
Shaw
Cæsar
Bennett
Knox

Ensigns Hammond
Blackstone
Watts
Cragg
Tatham
Turner
William Davies
Eaton
Bilcliffe
Moore
Nairne
M.Pherson
Patterson 2 Batt. Infantry

Captain Brereton from his Majesty's Service —
Lieutenant Simpson D°

Cadets
Dun
Barker
Beardsley —

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And it is ordered that the Officers who have been waiting for a Conveyance to proceed thither with such others as can be spared, be ordered to Trichenopoly & Vellour ~

Majors Flint & Bonjour desire an Exchange which is agreed to ~

Majors Flint & Bonjour having requested to exchange the Board consent thereto, and the former is to be ordered to Vellour to march the Detachment to Trichenopoly when it shall be judged necessary of which General Caillaud is to be advised ~

General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 19th February 1766 is now read & the following Orders & Resolutions are made on such parts thereof as relate to this Department ~

Purport of Letter	Orders in Consequence ~
Par 344 Recommending our sending all the Recruits aboard the Lord Camden & Pigot, & if we can spare to Bengal	Par 344 Concerning the Recruits agreed that they be sent on to Bengal with any that may arrive on the Bombay Ships before their Departure ~
21 Ordering the strict: est Enquiry to be made into the Conduct of the Servants at Manilha ~	Almost at every Consultation for some Years past, We have had Bills presented or Demands made relating to the Manilha Expedition. Mr Drake on his Arrival was furnished with the several Charges against him, & He has delivered in his Answers & Remarks But as Messrs Smith Brook & Jourdan have desired some Time to reply to such Parts of Mr Drakes said Letter as concern them, or in their Judgment are not properly stated ~ The whole cannot be taken under Consideration, till those Gentlemen

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Gentlemen have finished their Observations
In the meantime It is ordered that the Ac-
counts be brought in which waited Mr. Dorks
Arrival, & that the Cash Accounts be particular
ly examined & revised. And as Mr Wades, in
whose Hands there appeared to remain a large
Ballance unaccounted for, was call'd & Cash
Cums. Resolved that particular Enquiry be
made how the Ballance arose & how far his
Accounts of Disbursements have been delivered
in.

Drake

22 Advising of their Intention of making a reasonable Allowance to their Civil Servants on that Expedition

22. We are well pleased to observe that our Honble Masters intend making the Civil Servants at Manilha some Compensation for the large Expence, which they must unavoidably have been at; & here it is very reasonable to observe, that Manilha cannot be looked upon in the same Light with the Company's antient Settlements, as We believe the Servants there were little benefited by Trade and therefore it seems very equitable that the Civilians should not be the only Sufferers by the Expedition. Pay & Batta & other Allowances to the Military enabled them in General to bear their Expences and they were also entitled to a Share of the Capture. It is therefore ordered that the Gentlemen on that Expedition do give in a Real State of their Extraordinary Charges & also acquaint Us whether any considerable Advantages were made by Trade that it may be transmitted to our Honble Masters to assist them in determining what Compensation is to

the

make

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make. The Civil Servants are to be made ac-
quainted with the 22d Par.r & this Resolution—

23d Concerning the Dispute between Mr. Drake & Major Fell and the dissolving the Court of Enquiry—

23d All that came to our Knowledge concerning the Dispute between Mr. Drake & Major Fell were transmitted home in Duplicates, as many of Major Fells Evidences, which he thought proper to name, were gone direct to Europe, We were well convinced it was impossible that Affair could be finally determined here But in order that the Facts, or at least a part of them might be as fully stated as ascertained & registered as Circumstances would admit, The President desired & the General agreed to order a Court of Enquiry; which Court of Enquiry was according to Custom composed of His Majesty's & the Company's Officers, who as soon as assembled at the Request of Major Fell desired General Lawrence might be summoned to the Court of Enquiry, and the Town Adjutant accordingly called upon the General to attend, who sent Word that He would give an Answer to any Question Major Fell might have to ask him, But Major Fell insisting that the General might appear personally in Court, the Judge Advocate Mr. Stone waited on him & acquainted him therewith; The General thereupon came to the Court rather agitated and displeased at its being so much insisted on, thinking it as He afterwards said contrary to Custom to send for a General Officer & Commander in Chief when it had been usual on such Occasions to

depute

LETTER FROM LORD CLIVE DATED 14-7-1766

REGARDING THE LEGACY LEFT BY MIR JAFFAR.

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depute the President & the Judge Advocate, for an Answer to any Question the Court might think proper to put to him. This we apprehend induced the General to dissolve the Court of Enquiry & recommend his entering the Room, without any Questions being put The Governor afterwards hearing from Report only, that the Question intended was whether the General as Commander in Chief would obey any Arrest ordered by the Governor) took the first Opportunity to mention it to the General & to ask if He was under any Difficulties in answering that Question — The General immediately & without Hesitation declared, He could be under no Difficulties for while he was here, He certainly was under the Orders of the Governor, & should very patiently and readily submit to any Arrest He might think proper to order. That without Obedience & Subordination no Government could subsist. This is the real State of the Matter as far as our Secretary Mr. Stone, then Judge Advocate remembers, & as far as ever came to our Knowledge, and as it took its rise from private Report only We could not think it necessary to transmit it to our Honble Masters —

24 Regarding the Power of the Governor over the Military

24 We believe it was never doubted, but that the Civil Power in all your Settlements was superior to & commanded the Military. & your Governor agreable to his Commission and

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and the Company's Charter has always been considered as Commander in Chief of your Forces - Agreed therefore according to the Company's Resolution in this Paragraph, that a Copy of it be sent to Brigadier General Caillaud the Commanding Officer under this Presidency, that He may communicate it in proper Form to all under his Command. We have as little Doubt of Mr. Drake's Right to command Major Fell at Manilha, at least in the Garrison, but as Objections have been made that first introduced the Dispute, We should be glad it could have been clearly decided -

25 No Man had ever a juster Sense of the Propriety & Necessity of the Military being subordinate to the Civil than Major General Lawrence & we must do him the Justice to acknowledge that He would very chearfully have established the foregoing Order without exception of Persons, He at all Times endeavored to conform himself to the Constitution of the Company, & it is with a real Joy that We add his Departure was & still is universally regretted -

29 Concerning Colonel Smith's Appointment -

30 Appointing De Beck to the Rank of Major and directing that no Foreigners rise to a higher Rank -

30 Captain John Francis De Beck having already been appointed a Lieutenant Colonel with Exception not to rise to a higher Rank, It is agreed that he be continued in that Rank till We receive

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all went to Europe on his Majesty's Ships except Hunterman, who is a Native of Denmark & now resides at Tranquebar. Major Fell had engaged to give one of them a Commission, but General Lawrence put a Stop to it, by threatening to inform the Secretary at War —

Adviring of the Recruits ordered to be sent from Fort Marlbro —

40 If the Recruits from Marlbro' are like those arrived last year from thence they can be of little Assistance here or at Bengal, they are generally very sickly and their Constitutions are entirely ruined if they continue any Time at Marlbro' —

Rob.t Palk
Ch.s Boucher
Sam.l Ridley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson

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In Consequence of the Resolutions of Yesterday the following Letters were wrote —

To John Caillaud Esqr.
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief

Letter to Gen.l Caillaud

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 13th. Instant — It was not our Intention to withdraw the Sepoys stationed at Ongole, till Measures were taken for the Security of those Districts, but the Nabob thinks all the Polygars of any Consequence should be with him in Times of Trouble, not only on account of their Force but to ensure their Fidelity —

We shall defer ordering the three Companies of the 3d. Regiment to march from Vellour to Trichenopoly, till We hear further concerning Hyder Ally Cawns Intentions, particularly, as the Waters in the Cavery will for some Time prevent his making any Attempts to the Southward; and as it would, on the same Account, be difficult for any Troops to return from Trichenopoly should Occasion require it —

We have drafted 60 Men from hence to form the Grenadier Company to the 3d. Regiment, and they with 40 of the Recruits are under Orders to march to Trichenopoly — And the Men of the Artillery belonging to Captain James's Company have marched from Vellour to Trichenopoly and others are sent from hence to supply their Place —

Majors Flint & Bonjour having agreed on an Exchange we have consented thereto and the former will proceed to Vellour to be ready to march the Detachment from thence to Trichenopoly when we find it necessary & the latter will come to Madras — Or if you judge that one Company will be a sufficient Reinforcement added to those already ordered, Major Flint may proceed with that Company, tho it appears to us that

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that keeping so large a Body of Europeans at Vellour, so near the Entrance into the Mysore Country is a much greater Check to Hyder Ally, than if they were divided; in an offensive Light especially as without Doubt it is more effectual our former Disposition being merely defensive & with a View of preventing Troubles ~

It being necessary that another Company should be formed for your Regiment, if you have a Captain to spare He may be ordered hither ~

As We learn by private Advices from Bengal that the Combination amongst the Officers is in a great Measure put a Stop to, We have determined to send no more thither, & have ordered those who came to Madras on that account, to Vellore & Trichenopoly ~ We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council ~

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To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to Colonel Wood ~

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 13th Instant. The Detachment of Captain James's Company of Artillery are marched from Vellore to Trichenopoly & We have drafted from hence 60 Men to help to form the Grenadier Company to the 3d Regiment who with 40 Recruits are under Orders to proceed to Trichenopoly under the Command of Lieutenants Murphy and Powel The following Officers are also ordered to Trichenopoly Captain Lieutenant Stout, Ensign Bathurst, Hunke & Broughton & Volunteer Cattrifs ~ You will station them wherever they are most wanted to the Southward ~

It is absolutely necessary that Carvar should be pu

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in a proper State of Defence, You will therefore acquaint the Nabobs People or Mr Hay, if they are negligent, that He is to see a sufficient Quantity of Provisions & Stores be laid up there—

Majors Flint & Bonjour having agreed to exchange We have consented thereto— And the former will therefore proceed to Vellour to march the Detachment from thence to Trichenopoly as soon as We judge it necessary, & can learn more of Hyder Allys Designs—

Mr Hay having represented that more Artificers are required to put the Carriages &c.a in Repair, He has leave to employ as many as are wanted on this Occasion—

We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servant

Robert Palk &c.a Council

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24th Sent the following Letters to Colonels Campbell & Wood

To Colonel Campbell
Commanding at Vellour

Sir

Lieutenant Dawson, Ensign Fitzgerald, & Volunteers Richardson & Evans are ordered to Vellour, where they are to be stationed for the present, as you may judge proper—

We desire you will send Us in the Names of all the Officers of your Regiment & of the Detachement of the 3d as well of the Artillery & Sepoys, & Cadets that a proper Disposition may be made out for each Corps

Scaer to Colonel Camp. bells

ordered to send in— List of all the Officers & Cadets under his Command—

150 Recruits for the new Sepoy Battalion now set out for Vellour, & We have ordered a compleat Company to be raised here for Captain Corby's Battalion—

We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servants

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To

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To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to Colonel
the same Purport

Sir

We desire you will send us in the Names of all the Officers of your Regiment as well as of the Artillery Sepoys & Cadets at Trichenopoly Madura & Tinnevelly including those ordered from hence, that a proper Disposition may be made out for each Corps.

We are
Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

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25 Came in the following Letter from Pattamar from Tellicherry

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

Letter from Tellicherry

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 22d Instant We received your Favors of 22d & 23d Ults with a Copy of a Letter from your Honor &c. to Bombay respecting Hyder Ally Cawn, agreable to which the necessary Caution will be taken by us to avoid coming to a Rupture with him, a Conduct We have throughout the whole of our Negotiations with him strictly attended to.

We left Calicut the 17th Ults as is reported for Duteur, tho' We have not been able to gain more Intelligence of his Motions, or Schemes than what already communicated to your Honor &c. We have therefore only to add at present our Assurances of remaining respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Humble Servants
James Ryley
H Hewet
Wm Ashburner

Tellecherry
21st June 1766

Robert Sparks
Wm Townsend

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Received the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Cuddalore

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

Letter from Cuddalore

Honble Sir & Sirs —

We have received your Honors &c.a Letter under Date the 16th. Instant, and in Consequence thereof have already sent Forty Nine Sepoys to Vellour & shall do the same, by as many as we can entertain — Weare with great Respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servants
John Calland
Robert Dowsett —
William Cunning —

Cuddalore
24th. July 1766 —

26 Sent the following Letter from the President to James Bourchier Esqr.

To James Bourchier Esqr.

Letter to James Bourchier Esqr.

Sir

Since your Departure no Letters have been received from Hyder Ally Cawn, a Scon who returned last Night from Tellicherry passed the Mysore Camp, consisting of 5 or 6000 Sepoys & 2000 Horse thirteen Days ago at Combettoor, one Days Journey to the Eastward of Palacatherry, where He heard that Hyder Ally was himself in that Neighbourhood, undetermined whether to go to Seringapatam, or towards the Malewar Country to which He was dispatching Sepoys from his several Garrisons —

The Nabob has not yet heard from Hajaie Tyer Cawn, the last Advices from General Caillaud say that Nizam Ally's Troops were very clamorous for their Pay, and that the Sepoys had on this Account kept his Prime Minister Rasun

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Rescued Dowlah, a Prisoner some Days

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Sir

Your most Humble Servant
Robert Palk &c. Council

At a Consultation Present

Monday
28th July
1766

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, Samuel Ardley
John Call ——, George Stratton
George Dawson ——, ——//——

Mr. James Bourchier absent on Service

Letter from Colonel Campbell Commanding at Vellour read as follows

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

Letter from Colonel Campbell

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 16th Inst.o

Captain Knox is now as well as I believe he ever will be:
his Indisposition having commenced on the Day of a new moon,
makes me apprehensive that he will be subject to returns of it at
the like Periods — and I cannot help being of Opinion that it will be
extremely imprudent to give him any Charge — at least it will be
impossible for him to do Duty with Men before whom he exposed
himself so much, and who are so well acquainted with his having
made an Attempt upon his own Life — these Circumstances, joined to
Mr. Lucas's advising a Change of Air, induce me to submit it to
you, whether his Removal will not be very proper —

The Volunteers at this Place have been kept constantly
to their Duty, under the Inspection of their respective Officers, by

which

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Desires the Cts may have Commissions

which means they are now fit for Commissions — as you were pleased to write me, that they should be promoted as soon as I could recommend them, I take the Liberty of representing them accordingly — they will naturally improve by putting in Practice what they have been learning faster than they can we their present Stations, Officers are much wanted for my Regiment, it is no less than four Lieutenants and four Ensigns short of the present Establishment — which if compleat, would be too few on Service — two Ensigns are also wanted for the Detachment of the third Regiment —

Sends in Recommendations for the Subadars & Jemidars

The Guns, with the Detachment of Artillery mentioned in your Letter, are arrived, I have the pleasure to enclose a List of Jemidars and Havildars who are recommended to supply the different Vacancies which have happened at this Place, as well as to complete the new raised Battalion — those from the Southward are mostly known to myself and I can vouch for their being good Men —

A Company of the 5th Battalion being vacant by the Removal of Moodemsaib to be Commandant of the new raised one, a Jemadar is recommended to succeed him —

There is also one of the Jemidars of the 5th recommended to be a Subadar in the new one, and a Havildar nominated to supply his Place — I am with perfect Respect

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Donald Campbell

Vellour

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To the Hon^ble Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor &c^a Council

of Fort St. George —

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Coll. Campbell — with a List of the Officers and an Acct. of the Fire Arms —

In obedience to your Orders dated the 24th Instant, I have the Honor to transmit a List of all the Officers and Cadets under my Command: it being improbable that Lieutenant Dawson,

and

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The Sepoys will consist of 14 Battalions, each Battalion to be commanded by a Captain, Lieutenant and Ensign —

The Invalids will require two Captains, & there are three or four Invalid Lieutenants, who are to be appointed to them —

The Coffreys must have 1 Captain 1 Lieutenant and 1 Ensign —

The whole Number of Officers required for the 3 European Regiments Sepoys, Invalids & Coffreys will be —

	Col.s	Lieut.t Col.s	Majors	Captains	Capt.s Lieut.s	Lieut.s	Ensigns
3 Regiments	3	3	3	12	3	27	18
Sepoys	—	—	—	14	—	14	14
Invalids	—	—	—	2	—	2	—
Coffreys	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
	3	3	3	29	3	44	33

The Field Officers are already appointed, and We have 27 Captains on the List, to compleat the Establishment two more must be appointed, who are —

Promotion of Captains

Captain Lieutenant Davis
D.o —— Painter

Two more Captain Lieutenants will then be required & the next for Promotion are Lieutenants Mills & Fortune —

of Capt.s Lieutenants

We shall then have remaining 33 Lieutenants, & to make up the Establishment 11 Ensigns must be appointed Lieutenants who are

Promotion of Lieutenants

Garrick
William Fitzgerald
Bathurst
Haycock
Hudson
Surtees
Hughes
Rowles
George Smith
Cotsford
Hawke —

} Now recommended by General Caillaud for Promotion —

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There will then be 12 Ensigns remaining, & the undermentioned Cadets are to be appointed Ensigns to compleat the Establishment—

Cadets appointed Ensigns—

Joseph Carpenter
Philip Harper
Jonathan William Arnold
Thomas Cherlyn
John Wilson
James Bond
David Minchead
John Richmond Davis
James Williams
Peter Dillon—
John Knightly
Thomas Bagot
George Dalton
John Sterling
James Lew
James Richardson
Henry Price
William Phillips
Evan Evans
John Bridgman
Robert Chatterjs
Jervis Cowper
Francis Knox—

And it is agreed that General Caillaud & the Commanding Officer of the other Regiments be advised of these Promotions, & that a proper Distribution of the Officers be made to the several Corps according to the above Establishment—

Capt.n Lieut. Kennedy applies for an allowance for visiting the Storekeeper in Shiping the Stores at Manilha—

Captain Lieutenant Kennedy, who was appointed to visit the Storekeeper in shiping off the Stores at Manilha, & had the Charge of them after the Death of Mr. Parsons applies for an Allowance from the 1st March to 30th July at 4 Rupees pr. Day,

and

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and at the same Time produces a Certificate from Mr. Drake, that He was appointed to that Employ at 4 Rupees pr. Day Agreed that He be allowed two Months Pay at that Rate as it appears that He was employed on that Service both at Manilha & Batavia

Order thereon

General Letter from the President & Council at Fort William read as follows

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

Letter from Fort William with one to be sent to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We enclose Duplicate of our Last of the 20th Instant with a Letter for Bombay which we request may be forwarded with the utmost Dispatch

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants
Wm B Sumner
Hr Verelst
H. Watts
Claud Russell
Wm Aldersey
Tho Kelsal
Charles Floyer

Fort William
23d June 1766

Order in Consequence

Ordered that a Pattemar be dispatched to Bombay with the Letter from Fort William, & that a Copy of our Letter to Tellicherry be sent at the same Time

Indents for Stores & Medicines wanted at Trichenopoly

Read a Letter from Mr Hay Storekeeper at Trichenopoly enclosing an Indent for Stores for that Garrison, which is referred to the Committee of Stores and ordered to be complied with as far as is necessary, and can be spared

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Mr. Hay at the same Time transmits an Indent for Medecines which is referred to the Surgeons at this place, who are to send what they may judge necessary —

Robt Palk
C. Bourchier
Sam. Fridley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson

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Dispatched the following Letter to Bombay & Pattamar —

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

Letter to Bombay —

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have lately received a Letter from Tellicherry of which the enclosed is a Copy. Reports still prevail of Hyder Allys Hostile Intentions, tho' He still professes great Harmony & Friendship to the Company, but how far his Ambition & immense Treasures may lead him time only can discover. He has been some time at Combettoor which is nearly in the middle between Trichinopoly and Calicut —

We are endeavouring to settle with Nizam Ally concerning the Northern Circars, but should no Accommodation take place before the Marattas take the Field, We request your Honor &c. will endeavor to enter into such measures with Mauderow, as will prevent his joining Nizam Ally against Us —

We learn from Bengal that the Officers of the Second Brigade have to a man retracted, & that many Applications were making from the other Brigades for Readmission —

Lord Clive had settled every thing with Sujah Dowlah, who having performed his Part of the Treaty, his Lordship was on his Return to Calcutta —

We enclose a Dupplicate of our last Address & a General Letter from Fort William —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council —

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30th Sent the following Letter to Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore

To Mr. John Catland
Chief &c. Council
at Cuddalore

Gentlemen

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Letter to Cuddalore.

Gentlemen

We desire you will give Directions to Captain Cooke, to

Capt.n Cooke to put himself under the Orders of Col.o Wood.

follow such Orders as he may receive from Colonel Wood, in Case his Battalion of Sepoys should be wanted at Trichenopoly. Vans Lieutenant Murphy is on his March with a Party of Europeans for Trichenopoly, Captain Cooke is to give him any Assistance the Party may require, which marched from Chungalpat some Days since.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c.a Council.

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Came in a Letter from Colonel Wood at Trichinopoly to the President enclosing one from Captain Cranch at Carroor enclosing Intelligence regarding Hyder Ally Cawn. In Answer to which the following Letter was wrote to Colonel Wood.

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to Colonel Wood

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 25.th the Detachment of Artillery from Vellour & the 2 twelve Pounders from hence must I imagine have joined you by this Time, Lieutenant Murphys Party marched from Chinglapet some Days ago, to whom you will send Intelligence if you have Reason to apprehend any Difficulties on his March, Captain Cooke is also directed to follow your Orders, & may join you at Trichenopoly whenever you think it necessary, but Care should be taken that some Force is left there either of the Nabobs or ours to preserve a free Communication, & to prevent the Polygars from being troublesome.

The Intelligence you have transmitted concerning Hyder Ally differs not from what has been reported for some Time (except in the Number of his Sepoys) hitherto We have not much

credited

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credited those Reports, because it seems to be his Interest to continue on good Terms with Us, as he has an immense Country to protect, & it is certain that some of his late Conquests on the Malabars have been already attacked, but there is no judging how far Ambition, past Treasures & hitherto uninterrupted Success may carry such a man, at all Events it is right to be as well prepared as Circumstances will admit, Colonel Campbell will move to oppose any Attempts that may be made wherever it becomes necessary & Colonel De Beck writes that 600 Cavalry, 3000 Sepoys and all the Topasses are ordered to Trichinopoly, so that there remains very few of the Nabobs Troops in the Madura & Tinnavelly Countries. If any Disturbances arise there Colonel De Beck is ordered to acquaint you that the best use may be made of the Force you have, to maintain Tranquility

Should Hyder Ally's Army move towards you the Pagoda of Seringham must be secured, & immediate Notice be sent to Colonel Campbell of his Motions.

Hyder Ally looks upon Cauvoor as unjustly detained from him, therefore if he begins Hostilities, Cauvoor will most probably be his first Attempt.

I am

Sir

Your most Humble Servant

Robert Palk

Fort St George
30th July 1766.

Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel De Beck

Letter from Lt Colonel De Beck.

Hon^ble Sir

I beg leave to acquaint You that the Nabob has ordered out of Madura & Palamcotah Country, six hundred of his Horse, and 3000 of his Sepoys and all his Topasses to march immediately to Trichinopoly. There remains now very few of his Troops in this Country.

advices of the Nabobs Troops ordered from Madura & Tinnevelly

I have the Honor to remain with great Respect.

Hon^ble

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Madura
24th July 1766

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
De Beck

To which the following Answer was returned

To Lieutenant Colonel De Beck
Commanding at Madura

Sir

Letter to Lieutenant Colonel De Beck in answer

I have received your Letter of the 24th July, Till We can see more clearly Hyder Ally's Designs, it is necessary that a good Force should be collected at Trichenapoly, the Major Army being not many Days distant from Caroor

Should any Disturbances arise in your Neighbourhood You will be pleased to acquaint Colonel Wood, that you may both cooperate in the necessary Measures to maintain Tranquility

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Robert Palk

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31st Came in the following Letter from James Bourchier Esqr to the President

Sir

Letter from Mr James Bourchier

Voyage Punt tells me that by Letters he received last Night, he is informed that his Master Hyder Ally Cawn is so violently in-

advises that the Vaquil had informed him that Hyder Ally's Indisposition prevented his receiving Mr Bourchier

clined to this he attributes the Delay of his answer to your Letter - He proposes if I will give him leave to go on himself, and acquaint his Master that He left me thus far on my Journey, and that so soon as a Place is fixed on for our meeting that I shall proceed thither - Or if more agreable he will wait here to accompany me, and if I will chuse the Place, he will make his master acquainted with it - I have told Voyage that I shall determine nothing till I hear from you, and have desired him not to write to Major at all, till I have the Pleasure of your Answer - This will surely

that the Vaquil was ordered to his Master

give.

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give us Time to know what is to be done in the Decan Irremain

Sir

Your most Obligd
and obedient humble Servant
Ja.s Bourchier

Arcott
29th July 1766

In answer to which the following Letter was wrote to Mr James Bourchier

To James Bourchier Esqr

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 29th and cannot help conjecturing that Hyder ally is still Lurking and unclinable to wait the Result of Hussain Tyer Cawns Mission to the Soubah, whose Orders no doubt he has promised to obey, however you may permit the Vaquil to return to his Master, if you receive no Intelligence from him in two or three Days and you will acquaint Hyder ally by Letter that as Venagie Punt could get no certain Intelligence of the Place & Time of the intended Interview & was desirous of proceeding on, you had determined to return to Madras from whence you shall hold yourself in Readiness to set out whenever He informs the Governor, where it will be agreable to him to receive you

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
Robert Palk

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Sent away the following Letters to Colonels Campbell & Wood

To Colonel Campbell
Commanding at Vellour

Sir

Letter to Colonel Campbell

You was ordered yesterday by the President to hold the three Companys of the 3d Regiment made up to 300 Men and the Detachment of Artillery (if it had not marched) in readiness to march to Trichinopoly, you will now order them to proceed

under

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under the Command of Major Bonjour, adding thereto 3 of the Cadets now Commissioned.

You will be pleased to give Instructions to the Commanding Officer of this Party to follow any Directions that may reach him from Colonel Wood to send forward to Tegar Ramyaragad & Uttatoor Sepoys to learn Intelligence of any Disturbances on the Road, & in Case He apprehends any Obstruction he is to turn off to Worriapollam, & proceed thro' the Tanjour Country, or take such other Measures for the Security of his Party as Circumstances may require.

Major Flint who is appointed to the Third Regiment instead of Major Bonjour will proceed directly from hence & join the Party at Tronomale or some Place on the Rout, after which Major Bonjour is to give him up the Command & return to this Place.

If your Regiment should not be compleat to 700 Men including Non commissioned Officers after you have made the Detachment for the 3d Regiment, a sufficient Number will be sent from hence to compleat it, and as soon as Officers arrive here from the Northward, a 7th Company will be formed for the 1st Regiment & sent to Vellour. Another Captain for the New Battalion of Sepoys shall be appointed as soon as it is compleat, & the Proportion of Lieutenants for your Regiment shall also be ordered in the mean Time. The Cadets who are all to be appointed Ensigns may be placed with such Companies as have not the proper Number of Subalterns.

We have no particular Intelligence from Hyder Ally's Camp, except that He is providing a Number of Boats, & still remains at Combettoor about 100 Miles West of Carroor.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council.

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To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to Col. Wood regarding the Establishment of Men and Officers for the Southward

Sir

The President acquainted you yesterday that the three Companys of your Regiment were ordered to march from Vellour consisting of three Hundred Men of which a part have been selected to compleat your Grenadier Company. A Detachment of Artillery has also been ordered, but we are uncertain if it is already marched. It is our Intention that your Regiment should consist of 7 Companys of which the Grenadier Company & four others are to be at Trichenopoly, one at Madura, & one at Palamcotah, & each Company to consist of 100 Men including non Commissioned Officers & Drummers. You will therefore compleat the Companys at Trichenopoly out of the Recruits sent you, & write to Lieutenant Colonel De Bek to form the two Companys with him into one of 100 Men, and send the Surplus to Trichenopoly to be reckoned as part of Captain Trichmans Company whose Garrison for the present is not to be augmented.

One Major, One Captain, two Lieutenants & three Ensigns will march with the three Companys of your Regiment from Vellour and two Lieutenant Fire Workers with the Detachment of the Artillery. Including these your Establishment will require the following Number of Officers to be distributed as hereunder.

At Trichenopoly

	Col	Lieut Col:	M	C	Capt Lt.	Lt	Ens:
Regiment 5 Companys	1	—	1	3	1	7	4
3/5 Battalion of Sepoys	—	—	—	4	—	3	4
Artillery	—	—	—	1	1	1	2 Lieut Fire Workers
Carried over	1	1	8	2	11	10	

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		C	Capts.	Lieut.s	Ens.s
at Trichinopoly					
Brought over	1 Col.o — 1 Lt.Col — 1 Maj.r	8	2	11	10
At Madura					
Regiment 1 Comp.y	Lieut	—	—	1	1
1 Battalion of Sepoys		—	—	1	1
Artillery		—	—	—	1
At Palamcotah					
Regiment 1 Company		—	—	1	1
1/2 Battalion of Sepoys		—	—	—	1
		1	1	10	2	16	13

Their Names for the Regiment & Sepoys are as follow —

Colonel Wood — Lieut.t Colonel De Beck —

Major Flint in the room of Bonjour —

Captains
Frischmann
Faisan
Harper
Dormond
Cowper —
Marcett
Coke
Crouch
Painter
Capt.n Le Mottee —

Lieutenants
Dixon
Nellson
Mackenzie
Jacobs
Rose
Johnson
Murphy
Kerberg
Powell
To be made — Bathurst
Hudson
Surtees
Hughes
Huske

Ensigns
Collins
Speed
Broughton
Chesbyn
Welson
Dillon
Sterberg
Chatterjs
and thereto be sent from Vellour —

Captain Lieutenant Fortune to be sent to Vellour in whose room you will recommend a Subaltern to be appointed Quarter Master — as to the rest of the Disposition, we leave it to you to concert with Lieutenant Colonel De Beck & Captain Frischman —

The Nabob has ordered a considerable Body of Sepoys Horse & Topasses from the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries as soon as they arrive at Trichinopoly you will form the Sepoys into Battalions, as near as you can on the footing of the Com=panys, appoint European Officers to them if there are any, com=plete them with Arms & Ammunition, & see that they are regularly disciplined

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disciplined. You will do the same by the Topasses, and place the Artillery men if any come to act under Captain James — If any Arms should be wanting more than those already sent you, Mr. Hay the Storekeeper will apply for them to the Storekeeper of Madura & Palamcotah where we find there are a considerable Number —

In Case the Reports of Hyder Ally's Intentions to march towards the Trichinopoly Country are corroborated, & you have reason to believe that he will begin Hostilities — you will make such Preparations for taking the Field as you judge necessary & you are immediately to require the Contractors Agent to provide a Number of Draught & Carriage Bullocks for your Artillery & Stores, in the mean Time you will keep in the Service all the Draught Bullocks sent with the 12 Lbrs from hence —

We have desired Colonel Campbell to advise you of the March of the Troops from Vellour, & to instruct the Commanding Officer to follow such Directions as he may receive from you You will therefore inform him of any Occurrence that may obstruct his March, & concert the measures he is to pursue for joining you by the way of Warriapollam or thro the Tanjore Country — We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council —

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Ship Hector arrives from England

Arrived this Day the Ship Hector with 130 Recruits having lost in the Passage upward of 170 —

August 1st. Dispatched the following Letter to General Caillaud —

To John Caillaud Esqr.
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief

Letter to Genl Caillaud advised of the Disposition of the Troops for Vellour and

Sir

Enclosed are Copies of Letters we wrote yesterday to Colonels Campbell & Wood regarding the Disposition of the Troops for

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and Trichinopoly for Vellour and Trichinopoly — We also enclose you a compleat List of the Officers with the Preferments We had agreed should take place

4 of the Promotion of the Officers — which the Departure of the Officers for Bengal & the absence of others had made necessary to compleat the Establishment —

The Promotions we have ordered are as follow —

Captain Lieutenant Davis
D° — Painter } appointed Captains

Lieutenant Mills
D° — Fortune } appointed Captain Lieutenants

Ensigns
Garrude
Fitzgerald
Bathurst
Haycock
Hudson
Surtees
Hughes
Geo: Smith
Colsford
Haske } Appointed Lieutenants

Cadets
not arrived Carpenter
Harper
Arnold
Cheslyn
Wilson
Bond
not arrived Muirhead
Davis
Williams
Dillon
Knightly
Bagot
Dalton
Sterling
Leo
Richardson
not arrived Pryce
not arrived Phillips } Appointed Ensigns

Evans

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Cadets { Evans, Bridgman, Chattris, Cowper, Knox } Appointed Ensigns

Soon after the above Letters were wrote the Hector arrived which brought us the following Officers namely

George Brown — Captain
Wilbram Collens, Philip Barnewell } Lieutenants
James Galbraith — Ensign
George Morrison, Edward Eagles } Cadets

whom we have appointed to the Rank formerly intended for them

It is with Concern we inform you that of near 300 Recruits put on board the Hector only 130 are arrived, & about 40 of them in a very sick & bad Condition

We have Intelligence of a Dutch Company's Ship having carried some men to the Northward. Should you have reason to apprehend them assisting the Zemindars with Men or Stores, you will acquaint the Chief of the Settlement from whence such Assistance shall be sent that the Circars have been granted by the Mogul to the Company, and therefore it is not consistent with the Friendship subsisting between the two Nations for them to interfere

Any Stores sent to any of the Zemindars should if possible be intercepted — We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

Robert Talk &c.a Council

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Sent the following Letter to James Bourchier Esq.r

To

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To James Bourchier Esqr.

Letter to Jos. Bourchier Esq. with a Letter to be wrote to Hyder ally

Sir

Enclosed is a Draft of a Letter which you are to send to Hyder ally Cawn in Persian by two of your Hircarrs when Venkajee Punt takes his Leave. You will acquaint him however that of his Master will propose the time & place of your Interview, some where near the Passes, you will be there from Madras in a very few Days, as your Baggage shall still remain at Arcot.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c. Council.

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2. Wrote the following Letter to General Caillaud.

To John Caillaud Esqr.
Brigadier General & Commander
in Chief

Sir

Letter to Gen. Caillaud with Extracts of the Court General Letter Fricharo[illegible] 1766 relating to the Governors authority over the Mili[illegible]

Agreable to the Commands of the Honble Court of Directors contained in their Letter of the 19th February, We transmit You enclosed the 24th and 25th Paragraphs to be communicated in the proper Form to the several Commanding Officers for the general Information of all under their Command. We send you also the 23d Paragraph of the same Letter, that you may learn from whence this Order took its rise.

We all know General Lawrence was well convinced of the Propriety of the Governors Authority over the Military, and We have every Reason to believe from your past Conduct, that you are of the same Opinion.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council.

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3d Received the following Letter from Colonel Wood.

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Wood —

I have now the Honor to acknowledge both your Letters of the 22.d & 24.th Instant, the former of which I had the pleasure to receive yesterday & the Latter this Morning —

And agreable to your Directions shall dispose of the Officers and Men you have ordered for this place on their Arrival in the best Manner —

The Garrison of Caroor I have reinforced with two Companys of the 11.th Battalion of Sepoys four European Gunners and twelve Topaz Gunners of the Nabobs and have sent ammunition and Stores thither: The Killedar of this Place has given Orders to the Renter of Caroor to lay in a sufficient Quantity of Provisions & to supply the Garrison with what ever may be wanting —

I have received eight Companys of the Nabobs Sepoys from Palamcotah which I have compleated with Arms & Ammunition &c.a three of which I have sent to Ramgarr in Room of four Sepoys which I have ordered in here: And as Hyder Ally Cawn threatens to take Possession of Syringham for his Head Quarters (by sending 10 Battalions of choice Sepoys in Boats, and two Thousand of his choice Horse march down on this Side the River to cover the Boats) on these Reports I have posted two Companys of the Nabobs Sepoys in Syringham —

We are mounting the Guns on the Works making up Ammunition and putting every thing in the best Order in this Garrison as fast as possible —

Enclosed I have the Pleasure to transmit you a List of the Officers & Cadets belonging to this Garrison, Madura and Pallamcotah agreable to your Orders and have the Honor to remain —

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Wood

Monday
4th August
1766

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President

Charles Bourchier, Samuel Ardley
John Call, George Stratton
George Dawson, ———

Mr. James Bourchier absent on Service

Letter from Colonel Campbell Commanding at Vellour to the President read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
Governor of Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Campbell

Honble Sir

Last Night I had the honor to receive the Board's Directions, concerning the Detachment for Trichenopoly, which I have this Day complyed with, so far as to have them completed and in readiness to march tomorrow Morning very early. Major Bonjour being indisposed, Lieutenant Colonel Lang proceeds with them — until he is joined by Major Flint, when he is to make over the Command & his Instructions to him, and return to his Garrison. I have ordered the Detachment of Artillery to halt for Colonel Lang, the Officer of it being unacquainted with the Country — and it being intended to give that it would be agreeable to you, I have ordered another Lieutenant Fire Worker to Trichinopoly — I hope you will oblige me with good Recruits to make up the Deficiencies of my Regiment, from which I have not sent one man, that is not of approved Courage and Experience — if Colonel Wood has Horse to act against, he will find a Tale of them worth twenty new men — for they will not only act unconcernedly themselves,

The Detachment ordered to march from Vellour to Trichinopoly —

desire Recruits may be sent up to compleat his Regiment —

but

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but inspire the young Soldiers to follow their Example —

The Recruits for the new Battalion of Sepoys are arrived from Madras — I have just received them and cannot think it possible that they have been examined by any Officer, for no one who knows any thing of the Service could give Arms to such men. I have entertained some of them because I understand they have been advanced Money — but fifty four of them are absolutely unfit to carry Sticks far less Firelocks — I have turned them about their Business — for 'tis better the Company should lose fifty four Rupees, than pay more, who are incapable of ever rendering them any Service — much greater Attention ought to have been paid by those who undertook to raise them — not a man raised here, was put upon the Rolls, until I had examined him myself —

Complaints of the bad Recruits of the Sepoys sent up —

I have the Honor to enclose the usual Monthly Returns

I am with a most sincere Regard & perfect Respect —

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant —

Vellore
2d August 1766 —

Donald Campbell

P S. Judging it improper that so large a Body of men should march in this hot Season, without a Surgeon, I have taken the Liberty of ordering Mr Carrere with them to Trichinopoly, but to return immediately —

Orders in Consequence —

Agreed that Colonel Campbell be informed that 100 Recruits are ordered to Vellour, and that He shall be further reinforced as occasion may require —

The President acquaints the Board that he had reprimanded the Officer who sent up the new raised Sepoys, of which Colonel Campbell is to be informed, as also that we are well pleased to find he pays so much attention to that very useful Body

Mess^rs John Barry, & Robert Turing who came out, as Surgeons Mates having applied to come into the Service are admitted —

Mr

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Mr. Charles Maitland & Nathaniel Starkey are admitted as Cadets into the Service.

Letter from Captain Browne read as follows.

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

Letter from Captain Brown.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I hope the length of my Passage and the many Hard-ships and Expences I have been put to in Consequence of it will be some Apology for troubling your Honors in behalf of myself and the other Military Officers who are arrived in the Hector, re-questing You would be so good as to make some Allowance of Pay to myself & Officers for the Time we lost on board the Ship Hector, whose Detention we had by no means any Concern with.

applies for some allowance for himself & officers while on board the Hector.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & very humble Servant
George Brown
Captain.

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As We find on Enquiry that Captain Brown and the other Officers were at a very great Expence by reason of the length of the Voyage & their long Stay at Rio de Janeiro, and that they as well as the Men suffered very great Hardships. It is agreed to make the Officers an Allowance of six Months Subsistance, & to allow each of the men one Pagoda without drawing Subsistance for any part of last Month) to procure themselves necessaries, which they are in the greatest want of.

Order thereon.

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board that there are at Cuddalore sundry Military Stores, which had been sent from hence to be forwarded to Trichinopoly

Stores at Cuddalore for Trichinopoly

As this is the Season of the Year for sending Boats up

the

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To be put up the Col. Corwan

The Collectors, The Gentlemen at Cuddalore are to be directed to procure Boats for carrying them to Trichinopoly

Robt Palk
Wm Bouchier
Sam Fridley
John Call
Geo Stratton
Geo Dawson

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Dispatched the following Letters

To Colonel Campbell
Commanding at Vellour

Letter to Colonel Campbell

Sir

The President has communicated to Us your Letter of the 2d Instant —

One hundred Recruits under the Command of Lieutenant Bandinell & Ensign Ranken are ordered to Vellour to strengthen your Regiment, & you shall be further Reinforced as Occasion may require —

We are well pleased to receive so good an Account of the Men sent to Trichenopoly, & we doubt not but those now ordered to Vellour will, when they have been a short Time under your Command be equally expert in their Discipline —

The Officer that sent up the Sepoys has been reprimanded — We would never have a Sepoy in the Service that is not in every Respect fit for it, and it is with great Satisfaction we observe your Attention to this most useful Body —

We are
Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council —

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To Mr. John Calland
Chief &c. Council
at Cuddalore

Letter to Cuddalore

Gentlemen

We understand from the Military Storekeeper that there are sundry Stores at Cuddalore, which were sent from hence to be forwarded to Trichenopoly, We therefore desire You will endeavor to get proper Boats, which we imagine may be procured for transporting them up the Colleroon, it has been usual to employ Chelingas on this Service — Mr. Cumming your Military Storekeeper has a List of the Stores. If the Conveyance up the

River

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River should be attended with Dufficulty the Boats should be sent in Carts & the small Stores on Bullocks —

Weare

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c.a Council

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5th Sent the following Letter by Pattamar to Bombay —

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

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

acquainting of our Suspicions regarding Hyder ally Cawn —

We are concerned to acquaint you that Letters from Nizam Ally's Camp give us cause more and more to suspect that Hyder Ally has entered into Engagements with him & is endeavouring to raise Disturbances on this Side. tho' We flatter ourselves we are sufficiently prepared to frustrate any Attempts that he may make —

We shall not fail communicating to you every Intelligence of his Motions, that you may on your Side if Occasion require, act in Concert with Us in opposing any Designs he may have to the Companys or the Nabobs Prejudice —

Intelligence

Company

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Robert Palk &c.a Council —

Fort St. George
5th August 1766 —

Wrote the following Letter to Major Flint —

To Major Flint or the Officer Commanding
the Detachment from Vellour to Trichinopoly

Letter to Major Flint

Sir

As the Designs of Hyder Ally Cawn are very doubtful. We recommend to you to write to the Sergeant Commanding at Teagar, & to the Officer at Wooreapollam to send out People for Intelligence towards Attur & Foregor to prevent your being entercepted

Continues Letter to Major Flint —

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interrupted on your March, you will best be able to judge what Road will be the safest, and whether to take any of the Sepoys with you from Wornapollam for your greater Security.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Robert Palk &c Council

Fort St. George
5th August 1766.

Received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel De Beck at Madura dated 29th July enclosing the following Advice received from Captain Frischmann at Palamcotah.

Intelligence received from the Malabar Coast.

Advice from the Malabar Coast advising of several Powers having repossessed themselves of the Places taken from them by Hyder ally Cawn.

The Cartenaddu has repossessed himself of most of his Country.

The Colliote has recovered a part of his Country. & the Nairs in all Parts are endeavouring to regain their own, which is thought they will speedily effect as Hyder ally Cawn, is gone to Coimature a Place in the Maisore Country.

The King of Travencore went himself towards his Northern Frontiers, on some private Expedition.

Came in at the same Time the following Letter from Colonel Wood at Truchinopoly.

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

Honble Sir

Letter from Colonel Wood

I have received Intelligence from Coimbetore Yesterday, which has been confirmed this Day, that Hyder Naigue is marched from thence with his Army against the King of Travencore and has carried with him all his Boats, as I am told he has three large Rivers to cross in his way thither.

advising of Hyder ally having marched against the King of Travencore

Mauphoz Cawn is left at Coimbetore with a Detachment until Hyder naigue's Return.

I have the Honor to be

Honble

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Honble Sir

Your very obliged humble Servant
John Wood

Trichenopoly
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6th Dispatched the following Letter to Bombay

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

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our Letter of yesterday We have advice of Hyder Ally's moveing with his Army & all his Boats to the South towards the Malavars, who are repossessing themselves of their Country assisted by the Travencore Rajah — We are

moveing of the above Intelligence

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & Humble Servant
Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St. George
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Came in the following Letter from James Bourchier Esqr

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from James Bourchier

I have been honored with your Favor of the 1st Instant with the Draft of the Letter for Hyder Ally Cawn, which I have had translated into the Canarese Language and dispatched it by two Heravs with Vinagee Punt, whom I have acquainted that I shall leave my Baggage here & shall return to Madras to wait further Advices from his master

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Ja.s Bourchier

Arcot
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7 Sent the following Letter to Captain James Fitzgerald

To Captain James Fitzgerald

Letter to Captain James Fitzgerald

Sir

Having heard from Mr. Pybus that you can pass

assisted

Cawn

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the Rivers, you will, without waiting for Orders from General Caillaud and march with your Sepoys to Mazulepatam. It is left to you to determine what Garrison to leave in Angole, if the Company of Captain Cobbs is not sufficient.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Robert Palk &c.ª Councils

Fort St. George
7th August 1766.

8th Received the following Letter & Sundry Gallies 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

We have received your Letters of the 22d May & 2d Ultimo. The President has lately received Letters from Hyder Ally Cawn expressing the strongest Desire to continue on Terms of Friendship with our Honble Masters, & in Consequence of your Letter of the 22d May, We are endeavouring to improve this favourable Disposition of his as much as possible to their Advantage & Glory ourselves we shall succeed, of which your Honor &c.ª shall be hereafter advised. We are with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants
Cha Crommelin
Wm Hornby
Samuel Court

Bombay Castle
18th July 1766.

R H Boddam
T. Mostyn

9th Came in the following Letter from Mr. Palmer Paymaster at Madura.

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

Letter from Mr. Palmer

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been duly favored by Mr. Secretary Stone with an

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an Extract of the Report of the Committee of Accounts of the 7th Inst: together with your Orders in Consequence —

The Extraordinary Charge of 7 Pot 22 Jarrans for Oil for the Storehouse was owing to a large Quantity being expended in mixing with Tar to cover the Lumber boxes of the Field Carriages in that Month I shall be careful in future to observe your Directions in inserting the Names of those that receive pay. I remain with Respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Archdale Palmer
Paymaster —

Palamcotah
1st August 1766 —

Monday
11th August —

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, Samuel Sydley
George Stratton —
George Dawson James Bourchier
George Mackay
Mr. Call indisposed —

Mr. Mackay takes his Seat at the Board —

Report of Mr James Bourchier regarding the Mysore Vaquils having without his Masters Orders carried a Gentleman with him —

Mr. James Bourchier being returned acquaints the Board that when He dismissed the Mysore Vaquil with the Letter to Hyder Ally to inform him of his return to Madras, the Vaquil informed him that he had received a Letter from his Master, wherein he told him he did not approve of his bringing an English Gentleman with him so far, that Hussain Tyer Cawn was the Person he desired might come, Because should the Terms of his Friendship not be accepted, it would but the more irritate the Gentlemen at Madras, & make it more difficult for him to come to any Composition afterwards. That He praised the Vaquils returning to him with all haste, that He might inform him of his Plan, when He should send him back again —

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Opinion of the Board thereon

We had before great Reason to suspect that the sending for one of our Gentlemen, was an Addition of the Vaquil to Hyder Ally's Letter, & proceeded from his, the Vaquils earnest Desire of establishing an entire and lasting Friendship between the Company and his Masters

Letter from Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichenopoly read

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

Letter from Colonel Wood

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have now the Honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 31st of last Month which I had the Pleasure to receive Yesterday

And agreable to the Disposition therein laid down for forming the 3d Regiment and other Troops here shall be duely executed as soon as they arrive

In the mean Time I have transmitted your Orders to Lieutenant Colonel De Buck and sent him the Number of Officers for his Garrison & Palamcotah, and as soon as they are all formed I shall do myself the Pleasure to transmit you a Roll of the Officers with a Return of all the Troops

The two 12 Pounders arrived here yesterday, but have not heard a Word of the Detachment of Artillery or the three Companys of the 3d Regiment from Vellour being on their march yet Nor of Lieutenant Murphey's Detachment

Captain Lieutenant Fortune is ordered to Vellour and as you have done me the Honor to offer me the Choice of recommending another Subaltern to be made Quarter Master in his room, I shall therefore take the Liberty to mention two other Lieutenant Povery or Lieutenant Rose of the 3d Regiment to your Notice for that Post, as they are both I believe very good Men and fit for it. I mention Lieutenant Povery, as he made Application

when

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when Mr. Fortune was made, but as he is pretty high on the List of Lieutenants it may not be worth his while to move so far as this In that Case I shall esteem it a favor to confirm it on Mr. Rose, as he has always behaved himself extremely decently and well ever since he has been in the Service, and is a brisk active Officer —

I have only received yet 9 Companys of the Nabobs Sepoys which are included in the last Monthly Return of this Garrison and have put them in order, and have them taken the same Care of, as our own agreable to your Desire —

We have detained the Draught Bullocks here in the Service that brought up the two 12 Pounders & Twenty Fours from Madras, but shall defer taking any more until there is the utmost Necessity: The Field Artillery such as it is, we have all in Readiness as is every thing else that we have; Tents and other Necessaries were indented for the last Month which by this I hope are on the Road hither —

Hyder Ally Cawn has not been very successful against Caltroada after having undergone a great Deal of Labour & Pains in the attack of this Garrison, He has at last raised the Seige and his Army is all returned to Coimbatore He is gone its said to Seringapatam to consult Measures with the King in regard to our Motions this Way. Tho I believe this will be a good deal retarded by Mozum ally Cawns Dispositions, for it is agreed that they are both to enter the Carnatic at once. This be as it will, I shall be as carefull as possible to have the earliest Intelligence of any movement he may make and acquaint you of it —

I will now beg leave to conclude assuring you that I am with great Regard Having the Honor to be —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obliged

Humble Servant.

John Wood —

Trichenopoly
6th August 1766 —

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Agreed that the Office of Quarter Master to the 3d Regiment be offered to Lieutenant Povey, & if he declines it that Lieutenant Rose be appointed —

2d Master to the 3d Regiment appointed —

Letter from Captain Browne read as follows —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Captain Browne —

I beg leave to enclose you the Account I have paid for Cloaths to cloath the Honble Company's Recruits on board the Hector Transport amounting to 201. 1 Pagodas which made 210 Frocks & 205 pair Trowsers and contributed greatly to save the Lives of many of the Few who remain —

I trouble your Honors with this Letter and account in hopes of being reimbursed as humanity and the Companys Interest were my only motives for launching it out I have the Honor to be —

applies to be reimburs'd for Cloathing the Recruits on board the Hector —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient & very humble Servant

George Browne Captain —

Fort St. George
18th August 1766 —

As We find on Enquiry that the Sum applied for by Captain Browne was really expended by him in cloathing the People who were in the greatest want — It is agreed that his Bill be paid —

Granted —

Captain Charles Tod being arrived on the Pigot, and the Honble the Court of Directors having ordered that He shall take His Rank according to his former Standing, and receive the Pay of Captain till a Vacancy happens — In Consequence of which it is resolved that He be appointed a Lieutenant Colonel by Brevet to rank from 31st March 1766 & that upon the first Vacancy a full Commission be given him, or if the first Vacancy should be a Majority it is agreed to make him an Offer of it, in the mean

Captain Tod appointed Lieutenant Colonel by Brevet.

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Time He is to receive Pay agreable to the Orders of the Court of Directors, & be appointed to the 1st. Vacancy of a Company —

Mr. George Bryan & Mr. John Austin, who came out on the Pigot having applied to be admitted as Cadets into the Service & being well recommended are appointed accordingly —

Mr George Bryan & Mr John Austin admitted Cadets —

As there is no necessity for Puckallys to the independant Companies of Seapoys stationed in the Out Garrisons, It is agreed that none be allowed but that private Sepoys be kept in their Room —

No Puckallies to be allowed to Independt. Companies of Sepoys at Out Garrisons —

Rob.t Palk
C.o Bourchier
Sam.l Eedley

Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
J.a Bourchier
Geo. Mackintosh

Sor Fort St. George 12th August 1766

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Perring Paymaster at Ongole —

To Mr. Peter Perring
Paymast r at Ongole

Letter to Mr Perring

Sir

Captain James Fitzgerald being ordered to march with his Battalion of Sepoys to Mazulipatam I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you that they are notwithstanding to be continued to be paid by you, and you will either proceed with them or remain where you are as you may judge proper — Should you continue at Ongole you will concert Measures with the Paymaster in the Ceded for their being paid & charged in your Accounts to the Commissary General as before —

ordered to continue to pay Captain Fitzgerald's Battalion of Sepoys & to charge it to the Commissary General —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
I. McStone Secry

Fort St. George
12th August 1766 —

15 Received the following Letter from Major Flint —

To the Honble Robert Palk &c.

Gentlemen

Your Letter dated the 5th Instant came to Hand last Night, and shall take particular Care in following your Directions, I joined the Detachment at Trinomaley the 7th & have endeavored to get all the Intelligence concerning Hyder Ally Cawn's People, every thing appears to be very quiet, nor are the People here in the least Expectation of any Troubles, however have sent Forward to Colonel Wood & to Colonel Wood —

This Morning came in from Trichenopoly four Sepoys, in four Days, & they did not hear of any Troubles on the Road —

The inclosed is the Return of the present State of the Detachment and am with the greatest Respect —

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

Your most Obedt & very humble Servt
Wm Flint

Tiagar
15 August 1766

20 Received the following Letter per Tappals from the Presidency of Fort William

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

Letter from Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have already informed You, that the Measures We had determined to pursue in opposing the Association amongst Our Officers had induced those of the 2d Brigade to retract. We have now the Pleasure to advise you further that the Officers of the other Brigades are daily petitioning to be restored.

As there are among them many worthy Men and good Officers who we are sensible have been led into this Mea- ther unwarily or from the Difficulty of stemming the Tor- Faction. We shall be inclined to shew favor to the deser- upon making proper Condescension for their late Conduct, a- hould therefore be glad could this reach you in Time to prevent your distressing yourselves further by compleating the Power- Assist- ance you have determined to send Us, the news of which m- have greatly contributed to overset this mutinous Combi- ation & bring the Officers to a proper Way of Thinking, and We c- not but congratulate You Gentlemen on the happy Issue of this Affair in which you have had so great a Part.

A Court Martial of Field Officers is now sitting at Patna upon some that have been particularly busy in the Associ- ation & such as We may not think proper to reinstate, We are deter- mined to send to Europe by the first Ships.

We have this Day received your Letter of the 20 Ultimo by the Royal Charlotte.

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We are

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Wm B. Sumner

Fort William
3d July 1766

Willm Aldersey
H Verelst
Thos Hollsal
H Watts
Charles Floyer
Caud Russell

21st In answer to which the following was sent fr. Succefs Galley

To the Right Hon'ble Robert Lord Clive
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort William

Right Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

We have had the Pleasure to receive the Duplicate of your Letter of the 3d of last Month, We congratulate your Lordship &c.a that the Combination among the Officers is at an End, We have already advised you that We had before resolved to send no more from hence, & as We have reduced our Establishment two Companies in each Regiment, our Numbers are compleat, & We recommend that the two Companies sent from hence be incorporated with your own Troops

We have ordered General Caillaud to march towards Hydrabad, in Expectation that this will induce the Soubah to confirm the King's Phirmaund of the 5 Northern Provinces to the Company. We hope soon to advise your Lordship &c.a that this great Concern is finished to our Satisfaction

We are

Right Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servants

Robert Palk &c.a Council

Fort St George
21st August 1766

22 Came in the following Letter from the Chief &c.a Council at Cuddalore

To the Hon'ble Robert Palk Esq.
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort St George

In their Military Department

Hon'ble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favor of the 4th Instant has been duely received and agreable thereto the Military Stores were dispatched the 11th Instant up the Coleroon to Trichinopoly under a proper Escort of Seapoys and Mr. Hay advised thereof.

In Consequence of our Directions to Captain Cooke to follow all such Orders as he might receive from Colonel Wood &c. Coje his Battalion should be wanted to the Southward. He has been ordered from Trichinopoly to leave Manargoody Etc and to Tonar which Captain Cook has acquainted us he has done accordingly.

The 19th Instant We send Seventy new raised Sepoys to follow. We remain with great Respect

Honble Sirs &c Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fortn Saddard
Robert Dawson
Hpn Cumins

Cuddalore
6th August 1766

At a Consultation Present

Tuesday
23d August

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor
Charles Boucher
John Call
George Dawson
George Mackay

President
Samuel Ardley
George Stratton
James Boucher

Letter from Mr. Call read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Sum of which I estimated the Expence of Barracks for a Regiment of Foot & Officers at Poonamallee

Letter from Mr. Call regarding the Barracks at Poonamallee

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is already expended & the Buildings are not finished, nor do I believe they can be completed for less than (200) two Thousand Pagodas —

The cause of this excess is the loss of Bricks by rain, the loss and want of Tiles, the late Dearness of Tar & being ever obliged to wait the arrival of the Ships to get it; but above all the unheard of dearness & Scarcity of Plank, Timber, Palmeiras & Reepers. For the last two Articles the work has been delayed full 6 Months & those we get were so dear short & bad, that it was necessary to use 8 where it was supposed in the Calculate 5 would have been sufficient, so that the exceeding in the Expence of Palmeiras & Reepers only has been at least 800 Pagodas, the rest has arisen on the other Articles, occasioned by the unavoidable Delay in waiting for them, which must in all Works occasion an extraordinary Expence —

The State of the Buildings is such at present, that unless they are finished the Money already laid out will in a manner be lost; for many of the Divisions want covering & most of them want to be whitewashed — both which it is necessary should be done before the Rains — I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & faithful Hble Servant

John Call Chief Engr.

Madras 25th August 1766 —

Orders in Consequence

I Agreed that Mr. Call do give the necessary Directions for finishing the Barracks that are begun, in such a Manner as to secure them from the Weather —

Letters from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence N° 79 complaining of the King of Tanjour's maintaining a Correspondence of Letters with Hyder Ally, and sending Presents to Nizam Ally Cawn without his Knowledge — N° 83 advising that he had, in Consequence of the President's Application to him advanced the Amount of the 2d Kist of this Years Assignment in

Letters from the Nabob complains of the King of Tanjour's Corresponding with Hyder Ally & sending Presents to Nizam Ally —

the

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the following Manner —

By Cash paid in by Charles Boucher Esqr. 20333 1/3

By Bocanjee's Note payable 25th Septemr for 30000

233333 1/3

Which Rest will be due the 31st Instant —

With Regard to the Nabob's Complaints of the King of Tan-
jours correspondence with Hyder Ally Cawn, the President informed
the Board that the Rajah has engaged with Hyder Ally whom
the President had desired to procure Intelligence, which accord-
ingly for the Intercourse of Letters Andcas to his having sent Presents to
Nizam Ally We are convinced it was not with any bad View tho' it
ought perhaps to have informed the Nabob of it — Agreed therefore
that a Letter be wrote to the Nabob to the above Effect, & that it be
strongly recommended to him, not to suffer such little Jealou
interrupt the Friendship so necessary to the mutual advantag
his & the Tanjour Government —

Resolved also that the Nabob be thanked for his Read
advancing this Rest, and that his Account be credited for

Mr George Cunningham who came out a Midshipman
the Hector having applied to be admitted a Cadet and h
well recommended is appointed accordingly —

Rob Palk
Ch. Boucher
Sam Eyre Lley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Lawson
J. Boucher
Geo: Mackay

Fort St. George 11th September 1766

Ships Anson arrives from England —

Arrived this Day the Ship Anson with Colonel Joseph Smith on board, and 86 Recruits —

Came in the following Letter from Colonel Wood to the President.

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

Letter from Colonel Wood —

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to transmit you the General Monthly Returns of this Garrison here inclosed which youll please to receive

Hyder Ally Cawn returned last Sunday Evening to Combettoor from Cattacaud, which Garrison he has retaken and almost settled with the King of Travencore — But I cannot learn what Way he bends his March next All Strangers that are taken in his Camp are strictly examined and if they cannot give a good Account of themselves are put to Death; so that People are fearfull of going near his Camp for Intelligence which makes it difficult to get any Truth of his Motions —

Hyder Ally Returns to Combettoor after retaking Cattacaud —

I am with perfect Respect
Honble Sir
Your very obedient humble Servant —
John Wood —

Trichenopoly
6th September 1766 —

At a Consultation Present —

Monday 15th September

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Lybus —
Samuel Ardley, John Call —
George Stratton, George Dawson
James Bourchier, George Mackay —

Report of the Commissary General read, on which the following Orders are passed —

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

Report of the Commissary General with Draft in Consequence —

Honble

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Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Orders in Consequence

Report — 1 Having brought the Commissary Generals Books up to the 30th of April 1766, on comparing the Military Paymaster's Accounts Current therein with the Accounts which are every Month delivered to him & the Amount thereof received from him, it appears that a Ballance of 2258. 34. 40 remains due, which is to be accounted for in the following manner —

2 In the Months of October or November 1763, during the Siege of Madura, Mr. James Taylor Paymaster at Tondy, paid a Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant James Pitz: Gerald Pay^d 291. 6. — for October, as p^r Account thereof, which is annexed; but having debited the Commissary General, he omitted to send the Pay Rolls to the Paymaster, and this having so long since occurred, and the Names of all the Military not being inserted, the Orders of your Honor &c^a may be requisite to enable the Paymaster to repay the same, as likewise the Sum of 994. 6. 4 paid by Mr. Johnson in the Month of July 1763 to the Train Grenadiers &c. & as the Company's Gratuity of His Majesty's 96 Regiment, then at Camp under the Command of Colonel Monson, which he in the 2^d & 3^d. Ordered that same Manner omitted to send to the Paymaster who therefore could not then repay it — the Paymaster to repay to the Commissary General the several Sums mentioned in these Paragraphs

3^d The Payments made at Ongole in November last amounted to 98. 30. and those at Timery Cotah from 1^st August 1765. to 28^th February when Mr. Perring was directed to pay

That

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that Garrison, to 161 . 30 . — of these the Paymasters omitted to send the Particulars to the Paymaster General, who therefore cannot with Propriety, repay the Commissary General without the Sanction of your Orders

4 In the Adjustments I had the Honor to lay before you in March last, the Military Paymaster was debited 968 . 22 . 20 for Payments made by Captain John Wood at Arcot in this Paragraph & Caveripauke, in December 1759 for January 1760, in January for February, & in February for March, on examination of the Military Pay-masters Books it appears that in the Month of February 1760, he credits himself for Payments made in that & the preceding Months for Captain Woods Detachment 691 . 12 . 22 without mentioning the Place at which it was — but I do not find he has been debited in the general Books for this Sum notwithstanding it has been wrote off to Military Charges, and it was not usual for the Paymaster at that Time to advance any Money to the Gentlemen at the Outsarrisons. There is however reason to think the above was part of Captain Woods Disbursements, and it will therefore remain with your Honor &c. to determine whether the whole or part shall be carried to Debit of Difference between the Commissarys & Paymasters Books or carried forward, to be hereafter adjusted with the other Articles that differ in those Books

4 Ordered that the Sum of Pagodas be carried to the Debit of Difference between the Commissary Generals and the Paymasters Books —

5 In the Month of December 1763. Pag.s 340 . 13 . 15 were received from the Military Paymaster —

5 Ordered that the Sum of Pagodas

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for Military Payments at Harrecat in June 1763 for which the Commissary General has not been debited and which out of the Sums ordered to with your Permission shall be deducted out out of what your Honor &c. may be pleased to order to be repaid

Part I. 6. 340. 13. 15 mentioned in this Paragraph be deducted out of the Sums ordered to be paid by the Paymaster to the Commissary General

6 Previous to the Receipt of your Honorable Masters Commands of the 24th December 1765 the several Accounts concerning which they write were adjusted to the Satisfaction of your Honor &c. but such Irregularities had crept into the Commissary Generals Books during our long Scene of Troubles, that it has required much care and Attention to bring them to their present Form. The Method may yet be improved, to which Effect I beg leave to recommend the following Hints

6 Ordered that Copies of the Forms recommended by the Commissary General be sent to the several Paymasters who are to be directed to observe the same

7. In the last years Books the Pay and Batta of Sepoys at Camp have been carried to the Head of Sepoys Pay & Batta and the Pay of those in the Out Garrisons, to the respective Garrisons, by which Means the Expence of maintaining 12 or 15 Battalions cannot readily appear. If the Disbursements at the Camp & the several Garrisons could be arranged in the manner recommended in the annexed Papers, the Debit Side of a Head to be erected in the Books of Sepoys, would at one View point out the

directed

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the Expence of keeping such a Number, & this Part of the Charge of maintaining the different Garrisons might at readily appear by making an there in the Books Dr to the said Head

8 The same having occurred with Regard to the Lascars, a like Alteration might take place.

9 The Charges of Hospital which amount to a very considerable Sum, are in some Places charged to the Garrison, in others to Charges Extraordinary in all Places a Head of Hospital Charges might be erected, to include Pay of Surgeon, Mates, Servants Buzar Medicines &c. which at the End of the Year would shew the whole Expence and might again be credited by the several Garrisons

10 Charges General & Charges Extra ordinary are generally blended together, if Propriety be attended to, it would seem allmost Expences as monthly occur without any materi: al Alteration, should be carried to General Ex: -ges while such as only happen casually, should be carried to Charges Extraordinary

11 In the present Books, a Difference constantly arrises between them, & the Pay: master's Accounts Current owing to the Com= missary General keeping his Accounts at 36 Jan.s p.r Pagoda, while the Paymaster reckons 42 By the Manner in which the Account Current is recommended to be kept no such Difference can ever arise

12 Bills on the Commissary from Madura

Trichinopoly

7 & 8. Ordered that the Matters contained in these Articles to be referred to the Consideration of the Commissary General & Accomptant

9 Ordered accordingly

10 Ordered accordingly

11 Ordered accordingly

12 Ordered that the

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Trichenopoly, Camp &c.ª are at present Heads in the Commissary General's Books it would be more concise, if Your Honor &c.ª approve, to open a Head of Bills of Exchange which might be debited to Cash when paid, & credited by the Paymaster that drew the Bill—

the Commissary General to open a Head of Bills of Exchange & that the Debits & Credits be entered in the manner proposed—

13— It was formerly an Order to the Paymasters of Subordinate Settlements, this Paragraph be sent to the several Pay masters who are on delivering in their Accounts, to compare them with those of the Preceding Month, & account for the Increase or Decrease, I beg leave to recommend to the Consideration of your Honor &c.ª whether such an Order might not be of use, in Case of new & extraordinary Charges, in pointing out to the Committee of Accounts, such extraordinary Expences, by which means they might the more readily be remedied—

are to be directed to observe the same—

I am with Respect—
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t hble Servant
Charles Bourchier
Commiss.y Gen.l

Fort St. George
8th Sept.r 1766—

General Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors dated 26 March 1766 recvd p.r Ship Anson being now read, the following Orders and Resolutions are made on such parts thereof as immediately relate to this Department—

Orders on General Letter from England of 26 March 1766—

7th Ordered Lists of Cadets to be sent home with the Military Lists shewing how they are disposed of, & that no Cadets are to be promoted in preference to those sent out by this Company—

7 Ordered that Lists of Cadets be transmitted from Time to Time with the Lists of Military shewing in what manner they have been disposed of— We do not remember that Free Merchants or others have ever been promoted, when any Cadets remained

unprovided

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unprovided for. It has sometimes happened, that good Men have offered & have been received as Cadets, on the List, and by this Means may have got rank of Cadets arriving after, of whose appointment We could not be acquainted, as has been the constant Rule of the Service. & in this Manner Cadets have always succeeded to Commissions, last Year We were obliged to detain most of the Cadets intended for Bombay, & as it is of very great Consequence to the Service that there should be a Succession of young Men proper for Officers Agreed to recommend to our Honble Masters that a sufficient Number be sent out annually, especially as this Method is attended with no great Expence, they only receive 5 Pagodas a Month, & do Duty as private Men till Vacancies happen. We shall be careful however in future not to receive any Free Merchants or others unless the Exigencies of the Service absolutely requires it. Lately when we sent forty two Officers to Bengal, & fifteen more were under Orders to go, We were not only obliged to receive all the Volunteers that offered but also to give Commissions to three or four Serjeants, notwithstanding our having reduced the Establishment six Companies, & this must always be the Case whenever Cadets are wanted the Necessity of the Service requiring that Vacancies should be immediately filled up, of which We have had more Instances than once.

10 Recommending that Subadars of Sepoys

10 Subadars of Sepoys will never be made Renters of Countrees. It was troublesome

Jewels

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Sepoys be never made Times only and a Country to be conquered that Renters of Countries induced Us to put that Confidence in Us off That the Expence of Cawn: & He has given Us sufficient Cause to the 10th Battalion of repent of it. The Company's Troops being now Sepoys to be kept up in Possession of all the Forts of Consequence in be not carried to the Carnatic, nothing of this Nature is in future Nabobs General &c: to be apprehended. We do not imagine it of any =count, but that a Consequence in clearing off the Nabobs Debt, separate Head be whether the Sepoys are paid by his Paymaster opened for that Pur- or the Company's time whenever the Expence pose, and proposing of one is increased, the other is lessened in that the Nabob should Proportion - And the Nabob has it more in grand Installments his Power to increase his annual Payments or Orders on the to the Company. On the other Hand the Renters for defraying Sepoys if appointed by him, instead of being an it, And figuring a exceeding useful Corps, would in that Case further Explanation for want of Officers, Discipline, & Arms be of of our Agreement very little Service. It is the great Force kept with Hyder Ally up by Hyder Ally Cawn that he is obliged Cawn - Us so considerably to increase the Number of Sepoys on the Nabobs Pay, for having conquered the Country on the Malabar Coast from Sunda near Goa to Travencore, & drawn immense Sums from Bednore & other places, there is no judging how far his Ambition may carry him, especially as he can only support his Consequence by keeping a large Army in the Field - Our Honble Masters have already been informed that the Nabobs Debt is in a very fair Way of being paid off: & We have the Satisfaction of observing that He is very punctual in making

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making good his Visits, nor does it appear to Us that Instalments or Orders on the Renters would at all contribute towards its being more speedily discharged, as He now pays (all Circumstances considered) as much as He can well afford. Indeed should the Company at any time resolve to be more pressing, tho' it might involve his the Nabob's Affairs in Difficulties, there is no Doubt but the whole Debt might be discharged in one Year. With Regard to the Agreement with Hafsain Ally Cawn, ordered that it be particularly explained & that our Honble Masters be informed that all the Stores were charged to him at 30 p.r Cent, that he has paid all the Expences of the Troops except the bare subsistance of the Military & has moreover paid two Lacks of Rupees p.r Annum for the Charges of the Northern Settlements.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Colonel Joseph Smith.

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

Sir

Letter from Colonel Smith.

I am given to understand that I shall very soon receive Orders to put myself under the Command of General Caillaud to the Northward, as there is a Probability of the Generals returning to Madras & that command devolving on me, I should esteem it as a singular Favor, (should it so happen) that you Sir, would permit Mr Adair to act under me in the Capacity of Aid De Camp. It's purely from

desires Mr Adair may proceed with him as Aid D'Camp

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a Sense I have of that Gentlemans Merit and his former Services in this Country, that I presume to ask your Countenance to my Request, & that I am with perfect Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Joseph Smith

Fort St. George
15th September 1766.

As General Caillaud's Presence may be required here if the Command of the Army must in that Case devolve on Colonel Smith, it is necessary that He should be made as well acquainted as possible with the Situation of Affairs in the Circars, as well as with the Negotiation now carrying on with the Soubah — It is therefore ordered that He do proceed to the Army with all Expedition — As to his Request for Mr. Adair, many of the Members of the Board remember that Mr Adair was very desirous of coming into the Service whereas other Officers of his Majesty's Regiments were admitted & we should very readily have received him, but that General Lawrence thought as the Regiment of Draper, to which he belonged, was on Service at Manilha, He could not with Propriety give him leave — It was therefore owing to an Accident his not having been before admitted into the Service — And as He has always behaved himself extreamly well, and remained at the Siege of Madura a Volunteer, after all his Majesty's Officers had left it, and was Aid De Camp to Major Preston till he was killed — It is agreed in Regard to his Merit & Services to give him a Captain's Brevet to rank from the Day of his Arrival, to enable him to act as Aid De Camp to Colonel Smith & to recommend him to our Honble Masters who are to be acquainted, that it is entirely owing to Mr. Adairs good Character & the strong Recommendation of Colonel Smith that We have been induced in this Instance to deviate from their Orders contained in 7th & Paragraphs of their general

Concerning

Colonel Smith to
Join the Army —

Captains Brevet
given to Mr.
Adair & to be recom-
mended to our Hon:
Masters —

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General Letter of 26th March last, and We hope will prove satisfactory.

The Anson being arrived It is ordered that the Recruits on board her be removed to the Pigot & sent to Bengal, unless the Speaker should arrive before the Pigot sails when the Recruits on board the Pigot & Anson are to be made up to 120 Men on each Ship from those on the Speaker & sent to Bengal.

The Recruits by the Anson & Pigot to be sent to Bengal.

Rob[t] Palk
C[s] Bourchier
John Lysley
Sam[l] Bradley
John Ball
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
J[n] Bouchier
Geo. Mackay

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Recieved the following Letter from Chief &c. Council at Tellicherry

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

Letter from Tellicherry

Honble Sir & Sirs

We embrace the Opportunity of a Country Ship touching at your Port, to enclose you Duplicate of our Address of the 27th June, and a Packet for your Honor &c from the Honble the President & Council at Bombay.

The beginning of last Month, our Nabob was at Pudiangary, when it was generally imagined, he intended attacking the Travancore, who was making every necessary Preparation to oppose him, tho by a Letter lately received from Calicut, We are informed, he has since marched Inland to Pallecatachary, but for what Reason, have not been able to learn. Weare

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Tellicherry
1st September 1766.

James Ryley
Robert Sparks — William Hurd
William Townsend — Wm Ashburner
Richard Bale

Received the following Triplicate Letter from Fort Marlbro the Orgenal or Duplicate of which have not been received.

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

Letter from Fort Marlbro

Honble Sir & Sirs

The present is only to acknowledge the Receipt of your Favor of the 19th March last ffl. Ship Speke, and to advise you that we shall in Conformity to your Request forward You all the Military Stores, we can possibly spare on the first direct

promise to send what stores they can spare

Conveyance

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Conveyance that offers

We duely notice what you observe to us of the Officers sent by the Solebay and Beckenham being taken on your's and the Bengal Establishment We remain with Esteem

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Roger Carter
Robert Hay
Robert Fairne
John Herbert

Fort Marlboro'
12th June 1766

At a Consultation Present

Monday
29th Septem.r

Robert Palk Esq.r Governor President
Charles Bourchier
Samuel Ardley , John Call
George Stratton , George Dawson
James Bourchier , George Mackay

Mr. Pybus indisposed

Report of the Manilha Committee read as follows

To the Hon'ble Robert Palk Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort St.George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Report of Manilh. Committee on Mr. Drake's Accounts with Orders in Consequence

Agreable to your Commands we have met & examined the several Accounts enclosed in the Manilha Books

Orders in Consequence

1 The Mint Master having delivered in his Account of Coinage, it appears the 54000 Dollars Weight of Plate, produced on the Mint Dollars 51957, and that the Charges

1 Agreed that Mr. Drake be debited for the Sum of Dollars 1142 to make up the Sum of Dollars 47642 being the Produce of the Plate coined in

Fort St. George 29th September 1766.

Charges amounted to £315, so there should in the Mint, Charges
have been paid into the Company's Cash deducted
47642, whereas we only find Mr
Drake as Cash Keeper, has credited for
46500, & Mr. De Souza under whose
Management the Business was trans-
acted Sirs debited Mr. Drake for another
Payment made into his Hands of Dolls
1142, which he must therefore be account-
able for —

2d By the Accounts of the Paymas: 2d It being very diffe-
-ter at Manilha by receipts produced by cult to gain any certain
Mr. Drake to the End of November, and Knowledge of the Sums
by the Cash Accounts from that Time to received by Mr Nodes, as
the End of March 1765, it appears Dolls He was killed on the
78621. 3. 3 were issued to the Paymaster Passage — Tho' it is very
at Cavita, Now by Mr Nodes's Accounts irregular that no Vouchers
that have been examined to the End of are produced, Yet as Mr
November, we find Dollars 51529. 6. 11 Drake has delivered in
were disbursed by him, in his Employ of his Cash Accounts & Re-
Paymaster & Storekeeper, therefore a Sum ceipts to the End of No-
of 26891. 4. 4 remains to be accounted vember, It is agreed to
for: After the strictest Search we have pass them, especially, as
not met with any regular Accounts, but their Expences at and
only a few Memorandums, & some Sout before the Time of their
Accounts which are far from being satis- Embarkation were most
-factory: but as Mr. Drake on the other likely greater than the
hand has produced no Receipts of Mr former Months: & that
Nodes's for Cash sent him during the therefore the Statement
Months of December 1763, Janry, Febry of Advances out of Cash
& March 1764, and we find in December be admitted —
from Mr Nodes's Sout Accounts, that he

only

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only acknowledges to have received 6000, whereas he is debited by the Cash Keeper 8000, it remains with the Board to decide whether Mr. Drake should be answerable for any Part of Mr. Nodes's Ballance, or whether it shall be adjusted as follows —

Dr. Paymaster at Cavelx Cr.

To Advances to the End of March 1765 as before stated —	78621.3.3	By Disbursements to the End of November —	51529.611
		By Disbursements for December 1763 Jany & Febry March & April which from [illegible] Supervision of former Accounts & considering the Preparations for their Departure from the place might have been about 6000 pr Month for the Employs of Paymaster and Storekeeper —	27091.4.4
	78621.3.3		78621.3.3

3 On referring to the 11th Paragraph of Mr. 3d Resolved Jourdan's Letter of the 9th September, relative to that Mr. Drake the Revenues of the Parian, and examining be charged for Mr. Kennedy's Accounts Current, which end the Revenues of with October, we find four Months Revenues these 4 Months viz. for November December 1763, Jan: agreeable to the & Febry & February 1764, amounting to Dollars 1538 Terms on which have not been carried to the Company's Credit the Farms were as Mr. Drake, whom we have called upon, first let appears, by a Note, he has produced to have received for June, December and January 929 Dollars, we request your Directions whether he shall be charged, with the whole, for Mr. Kennedy the Collector was paid by the Paymaster in March 1764 the Amount of his Disbursements for Spanish Prisoners, & it is reasonable

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to suppose he must have then delivered to
Mr. Drake the Revenues for the preceeding
Months, or they would have been deducted
therefrom —

4 Having sent Mr. Drake an Account 4 Ordered that
Current of the Arrack & Bottle Farms, and Mr. Drake be charg'd
called on him for the Deficiency he answers agreable to the Stake
that on the 23d. September 1763 upon the re- ment proposed by
presentation of Difficulties & Loss by the the Committee —
farmer it was agreed in Consultation, that
the Ju[illegible] should be reduced to 10,000 Dollrs.
pr. Annum, by an abatement of 541 2/3 Dollars
monthly, & therefore concluding that the same
Abatement was to take Place from the first
of April, when the Farm was let, he had
only received 2500 Dollars as a quarter pay-
ments in July, & the same for the next 3 Months
but does not know of any more being received
Now to Us it appears odd that an Order passed
in September near three Months after the
first Payment, should be meant to affect any
preceeding transactions then accomplished.
We rather think the Reduction could only be
meant after the Petition was laid before the
Board or at farthest to begin with the quarter
from the 1st. July. Besides Mr. Drake in his
Defence Par. 98, brings the Depositions of
one of the Arrack Farmers on oath in his
own Vindication, who affirms that for the
first Months, the Payments were made at
the Rate of 16000 & should have been 16500
Dollars pr Annum & afterwards at the rate of

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10,000 Dollars The Accounts therefore from these Circumstances ought to stand thus —

Arrack Farmer

Dr.		Cr.	
30th June	To 3 Months Rent at 1500 Pr. Annum 1125. — —	July By Cash paid the Deputy Governor entered in the Cash Acct	2500. — —
30th Septem.r 1765	To 3 Months @ 10,000 Pr. Annum — 2500. — —	Oct.r By Dr. as entered in the Cash Account — — —	2500. — —
31 January 1766	To 4 Months, which is to the End of Janry @ 10,000, as it is agreed by one of the Arrack Farmers to have been paid in part 2000. — —	By Ballance to be accounted for by Mr. Drake if the Board shall be pleased so to order —	3625. — —
	8625		8625

5 On Reference to the accompanying Statement of Cash received from the Expeditions, it appears, that the Sums taken out of the Ships at Soolo and Batavia, delivered at Canton, & received at Madras, exceed the Ballance of Cash in the Manila Books by 46,867 T. 1. 10, as Mr. Drakes Cash Accounts exceed those in the said Books which Mr. Jourdan has accounted for in his Letter of 9th September 1765 & with the approbation of your Honor &c.a will be carried to Mr. Drakes Credit —

5 Ordered accordingly —

6 We have called on Mr Goodlad for the Ballance due from him, or the Accounts of his Disbursements, to which he has given the annexed Reply, which we beg leave, to lay before your Honor &c.a and to desire to be favored with your Orders thereon —

6 Agreed that Mr Goodlads Accounts now delivered in & ordered to be entered & be admitted & the Ballance received from him —

These several Circumstances above represented being determined We shall soon be able to lay before you the Account of Ballances that remain in the Manilha Books —

We

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We are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hble Servants

Samuel Ardley

John Call

George Stratton

Francis Sourdan

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Agreed that Mr Drake's Account Current be stated agreeable to the above Orders, & that the Ballance due to him be paid out of Cash, & that the several Entries with regard to China and Manilha be properly adjusted in the general Books

To Samuel Ardley
John Call
George Stratton
} Esqrs
& Mr Francis Sourdan comprising the Manilha Committee

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr Good laid to the Manilha Committee

I have been favored with a Letter from your Clerk desiring I will account for the Sums of Pagodas 1520.15 & Pagodas 700 carried to my Debit in the Manilha Books

With respect to the first, I am concerned that it is not in my Power to give You so satisfactory an Account as I could wish When I was appointed Garrison Storekeeper, could I have had any Idea of the Charge I was taking upon myself, I should have requested the Deputy Governor and Council to dispense with my declining it - My Predecessor Mr Parsons held the Employ several Months without any thing further to attend to than the mere Care of the Stores: I expected the like; and had this only fallen to my Lot, & I had stood at Manilha till the Embarkation of the Troops, I flatter myself my Accounts would have been clear, & that I should not now have appeared a Debtor on the Books - But I had scarce received the Charge from Mr Parsons when it became necessary to serve Provisions

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to the Garrison - I had no Assistants, & upwards of a Thousand Men to supply with Arrack, Rice, Beef & Fish (exclusive of the great Share of Business which fell to me in the Secretary's Office) & to add to the whole, was ordered from Manilha at a Moment's warning - To the best of my Recollection, there were but few Outstanding Ballances due to the Garrison Storekeeper when I came away; Mr. Hector Mackay who took Charge of my Affairs remitted me 1562 Rupees which I had collected (& left him with him) on account of Provisions sold, an hundred & twenty Dollars not brought to account, were advanced for beating Rice, and the Expence of Coolies to assist in weighing the Beef & Fish, measuring the Rice, airing the Provisions in general, & keeping the Godowns swept & in good Order, all which have not been carried to the Garrison Storekeeper's Credit, must have been very considerable - These Charges, the 1562 Rupees in my Hands, and the Debts contracted after my Departure are the only Accounts I am able to give of - the Pagodas 1520. 15.- - carried to the Garrison Storekeeper's Debet in the Manilha Books -

Regarding the Pagodas 700, I am at a Loss to account for so considerable a Sum being carried to my Debet - On my Departure from Manilha, Mr. Drake advanced me 1000 Dollars for the Charges of my Expedition for which I gave him a Receipt, but I never received any further Sum - a few Hours before I came away the Sooloo People who were sent with me applied for an Advance to furnish themselves with Provisions there was not Time to order an Advance in Consultation, and I was desired to supply them with fifty Dollars, they were furnished with thirty more at Malacca for the like Purposes the Captain of the Vessel received two hundred and thirty on Account her Charges, and the Expences of my Passage estimated at eighty Dollars (the twice that Sum would not have defrayed them)

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them) reduces the Ballance to six Hundred and ten Dollars which I am ready to pay in whenever you think proper —

I am with Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
Wm Goodlad —

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Dr. William Martin Goodlad, Garrison Storekeper in Account Current with the Honble Company } Cr.

To Ballance due from the Garrison Storekeper as per the Manilha Books	1520 15 —	By Charges Merchandize brought before to Acct 200 Dollars at 16 for 15 Cooleys measuring heaving & cleaning Rice	125 . —
		By the Amount of Out Standing Debts from Seapoys at Sooloo & sundry Persons, some now in the Coast	949.4 60
		By Cash now paid in, Rupees 1562 @ 330 p 100 Pagt.	446 10.20
Pagodas	1520 15 —	Pagodas	1520 15 —

Errors Excepted
p. Wm Goodlad Garrison Storekeper

Dr. William Martin Goodlad in Account Current with the Honble Comp.y Cr.

To Cash received of Dawsonne Drake Esqr	1000 — —	By Cash advanced the Sooloo Men on leaving Manilha who were sent to procure Assistance	30 . — —
		By Do — Do at Mulacca —	30 . — —
		By Do advanced Captain Williamson for the Charges of the Honble Company's Snow Speedwell —	230 . — —
		By allowance for my Passage —	80 . — —
			390 —
		Ballance due to the Honble Company	610 — —
Sp Dollars	1000 — —	Sp Dollars	1000 — —

Errors Excepted
p.r W.m Goodlad

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel De Beck —

Honble Sir

I make use of this Address to acquaint you that I have been just informed by the Killedar of this Garrison that the Mallenaud & Mallanaad Colleries who have generally been at variance it being always the Interest of this Country to keep them so, are now entered into a strict Alliance with each other through the means of Tondery Pillah, Vakeel to Orateavar, one of the Head Marawars, which if true will render our Communication to the Northward very troublesome —

There are two different Reports of Tondery Pillahs Motives for doing this; one that He wants their Assistance to act against his Master, the other that he has effected this at the Instance of Maupheur Cawn to assist Hyder ally Cawn: Immediately I wrote to Tonderoy Pillah to learn of him what are his Inducements for this at the same Time cautioned him against affording any Assistance to the Nabobs Enemies —

The Result of which as also what further Intelligence I can get on this Subject I shall immediately make you acquainted of — Captain Frischman at the Nabobs Request is sending the Buxy with his Horse and a Party of the Nabobs Seapoys to chastize some Polygars who are grown very troublesome in that Country and refuse paying their Tribute —

I have the Honor to remain with great Respect —

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & most Hble Servant

De Beck —

Madura 14th September 1766 —

Letter from Lt Colonel De Beck advising of Troubles raised by the Colleries about Madura

Honble Sir

In my last I had the Honor of acquainting You of an Agreement being made between the Malenat and Calenat Colleries, and that I was informed it was through the

Means of

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Means of Tondroy Pillah to whom I had then dispatched an Herkar to know how far true this Report was, who has since, ac-quainted me by his Cakeel that this Report is entirely without Foundation, as he protests that he has not had the least Concern in it, that it will ever be the farthest from his Thought his acting in any Shape against the Nabob —

I have been since informed that this Agreement has been made through the Means of one Mahomet Cawn com-monly called Mayana, who lives amongst them & has his younger Brother in the Service of Hyder ally Cawn —

We have already felt the bad Consequences of it, As this Morning a Haveldar and Six Seapoys, who were return-ing from Tabrum having yesterday escorted a Tapaul, they were attacked by the Colleries about half Way from hence to that Place & three of the Sepoys are wounded (one dangerously) & all disarmed. In their Defence they killed one of the Colleries —

I have the Honor to remain with great Respect —

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obed^t & most Hble Servant

De Bec^k —

Madura
22. Septem^r 1766

The Nabob to be informed thereof —

Agreed that the Nabob be informed of this Intelli-gence that He may take Measures for prevent-ing the Com-munication from being interrupted —

Letter from Colonel Campbell to the President read as follows

To the Hon^ble Robert Palk Esq^r

President & Governor of Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Campbell regarding the Forts in the Neighbourhood of Madura —

Hon^ble Sir

After having considered the State of the different Forts in my Neighbourhood, the following Force seems to me necessary for their Defence, in case of their being attacked —

Arcot will require three hundred Sepoys — Coverypauk

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is in a ruinous Condition, and even if repaired, will require One hundred Sepoys —

Conjeveram, hath no Rampart to the Wall which encloses the Pagodas; on each Angle there was formerly a Bastion but the Earth & other Materials which formed them, have been since cleared away — by which means, Troops on the Inside have no place to stand upon for firing over the Parapet if this Inconveniency is removed, it may be defended with one hundred Sepoys —

Chettiput ——— one hundred Sepoys —
Trinomale' ——— one hundred Sepoys —
Poloor ——— one hundred Sepoys —
Arnee ——— two hundred Sepoys —
Satgud & Cudapanatum, three hundred & fifty Sepoys —
Vellour Pettah, & the three Forts on the Hills, five Hundred Sepoys —

There are two or three little Forts between this and Satgud, now occupied by a few Guards of Sepoys — but in Case of an Enemy being in the Country, are neither worth keeping, nor would it be easy, as they have no Supply of Water within themselves —

The Nabob has sent Orders for delivering out a thousand Stand of Arms, & for cloathing his People here — he also promises that they shall be well paid, if I find they are not, you shall be informed of it —

The above Statement of the Number of Sepoys for the several Forts, I mean not as sufficient for their Defence, in Case a large Body of the Enemy seriously attacked them, they will serve only to prevent Surprizes and the Ravages of small straggling Parties — and I think the Nabobs own people if properly managed, and above all, well paid, would answer the Purpose — so long as there are any of our Sepoys here and at Arcot —

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The Season being now become pretty favorable, I am ready to receive the Men you wrote to me of formerly whenever you please.

By the Removal of Captains Knox and Calvert, there are two Companies vacant in my Regiment. I suppose you will soon augment the Regiments to the former Establishment, as there must now be men sufficient.

I am with perfect Esteem & Regard

Honble Sir

Your most Obedt. & most humble Servant

Donald Campbell.

Vellour

22d. September 1766.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

Governor of Fort St. George

Colo. Campbell's Letter from Vellour

Honble Sir

I am concerned to acquaint you that I have found myself under a Necessity of ordering under Arrest Lieutenant Fire-Worker Scraggs for repeated Instances of Behaviour unbecoming his Station in keeping Company with the Drum Major of my Regiment, and some others of the same Class for the first Symptoms of a Propensity this Way, he was alternately admonished and reprimanded by his immediate Commanding Officer, Captain Little. that Gentleman finding it thrown away upon him thought proper to report it to me. I have examined into the Affair, and it appears that when he did Duty as artillery Officer of the Day, he went to a Serjeants Wedding, sat down & drank with them on a Footing of Equality. and since he has been Prisoner, he has had some of the vilest Fellows in the Garrison to drink with him at his Quarters.

represents Lieutenant Fire Worker Scraggs as unworthy of the Service

I was informed he gave vent to this Habit, before he left Madras. which induced me to caution him on his Arrival notwithstanding which, he has not been seen twice in a Gentlemans Company, unless on Duty, since he has been in the

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the Garrison — Upon the whole he appears to me lost to all Sense of Shame and totally unfit for the Rank he holds — he made a good Serjeant, but a very bad Officer, & I really believe he would not be sorry for returning to his former Situation —

I am with perfect Esteem & Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & humble Servants

Donald Campbell —

Vellour
27th September 1766 —

As Conjeveram is a place of great Importance as well to protect the Country, as to keep open the Communications with Vellour & Arcot, it is necessary it should be put in a proper State of Defence & that the Bastions which have been suffered to go to Ruin should be repaired — Mr. Call is therefore desired to send an Engineer thither, to see it done — With Regard to the other Places which are not of such Consequence they may, if We find it necessary be easily made defensible —

Conjeveram to be put in a State of Defence —

When we learn from Bengal what Number of our Officers will be returned to Us, We shall take into Consideration the compleating our former Establishment —

The compleating the former Establishment deferred till the Officers arrive from Bengal —

As Lieutenant Fire Worker Scraggs seems to be lost to all Sense of Shame, it is unnecessary to order a Court Martial to be held on him — Colonel Campbell is therefore to be directed, to receive his Commission, & to reduce him again to a Serjeant, & if He refuses to continue in the Service on those Terms, He is to be ordered Hither that He may be sent home by the first Conveyance —

Lieut.t Lo.t Fire-Worker Scraggs reduced to a Serjeant —

Letter from Mr. Hay Storekeeper at Trichenopoly dated 22.d Instant read enclosing an Indent for Stores for the Use of that Garrison, which is referred to the Committee of Stores, who are to order such as are necessary & can be spared to be sent —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Henchley Surgeon at

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at Trichinopoly

Letter from Mr Hinchley Surgeon,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Whereas the proper Regulation of Hospitals has on a particular Manner employed your Attention, & you have thought that the best & easiest Method for supplying the same, is by contracting with the Surgeons at a stated Allowance, I therefore to avoid many inconveniences which attend the present conducting of our Hospital here, do with all due Submission & Respect, solicit your Approbation for my having it on the same Establishment as at Vellour, tho' I am sensible that most if not all the Articles to be furnished, are much dearer here than at that Place, yet the Satisfaction of having it on a regular Footing, will compensate for the Difference of a small Advantage which Consideration I shall carefully submit to your Will & Pleasure with a further Appeal, that should this Proposal obtain your Consent, the Honor of knowing it & the Liberty of conducting the

proposes putting the Hospital at Trichinopoly on the same Contract with that at Vellour

Affair of next Month will confer a lasting Obligation on

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very respectful

& most Obedt. Humble Servant

Joseph Hinchley

Trichinopoly

14th September 1766

Agreed to

Agreed that Mr. Hinchley be informed that We consent to the Hospital at Trichinopoly's being on the same Contract with that at Vellour — That is, The Surgeons are to receive, exclusive of Chirurgical Stoppages of two Pagodas p.r Month or 2/. 6d Cash p.r Day made from the Pay of the Men, & Sarrauns p.r Day for each Man during the Time He is in the Hospital, the Day of his Entry or Discharge exclusive — In Consideration of which the Surgeons are to furnish all Necessaries for the Use of the Sick, such as Cotts, Cloathing, Country Medicines, Servants &c. And the Company are to be at no further Expence than the Subsistance of the Surgeons & the European Assistant, & Europe Medicines

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Medicines

Mr Hay the Storekeeper & Paymaster is therefore to be made acquainted with this Contract, and directed to take an Account of all the Cotts, Cloathing, and all other Stores remaining in the Hospital, and to charge them to the Surgeons.

The Pagoda at Worriour to be fitted up for an Hospital.

And the Pagoda at Worriour being represented as a very proper Place for an Hospital, Colonel Wood & the Paymaster are to be directed to see it put in proper Order for that Purpose.

Mr Sinclair Surgeon to remain at Trichenopoly.

And the greatest Part of the 3d Regiment being now in Garrison at Trichenopoly it is necessary that another Surgeon should be stationed there, Mr Sinclair is therefore to be ordered for the present to remain there, who jointly with Mr Hinchley is to have the Care of the Hospital; & Colonel Wood is to be directed to be careful that the Hospital is constantly visited by an Officer who is to see that the Sick are taken proper Care of, and discharged as soon as they are recovered.

Bill of Exchange drawn by Captain Desplan to be paid.

Bill of Exchange for Arcott Rupees 5500 drawn by Captain Des Plan at Batavia on the Military Paymaster in favor of Mr Arthur Cuthbert together with another for Arcott Rupees 1538 drawn by Captain Des Plan at Soolo in favor of Mr Dennis Holland for the Subsistance of the Detachment of Sepoys under his Command, with Letters of Advice are presented to the Board, and ordered to be paid and charged to the Manilha Expedition.

Mr Carpenter & Mr Fowler's Rank fixed.

It having been our constant Practice to give the Cadets on the Company's List their Rank agreable to their Standing and Mr Robert Fowler having been ordered to rank next below James Barnewall & since that Mr Joseph Carpenter who arrived on the Speaker being placed before Robert Fowler. It is agreed that Mr Carpenter be put

next

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next to Mr. Barnewell and Mr. Fowler next to Mr. Carpenter

R. & W. Palk
C. Boucherett
John Byfield
Saml. Bradley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
Geo. Mackay

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Sent the following Letter to Colonel Campbell

To Colonel Campbell

Commanding at Vellour

Sir

Ditto to Colonel Camp-
bell

The President has communicated to Us your
Letters of the 22d & 27 Instant

With regard to Conjeveram as it is a Place of great Con-
sequence, as well for the Protection of the Country as for keeping open
the Communication with Arcot & Vellour, We have given Direc-
tions for having it put in a proper State of Defence & an Engineer
will be sent thither for that Purpose

As to the other Forts they may easily, if We find it
necessary, be put in a proper Condition

When We learn from Bengal what Number of Officers
are to return hither We will then take into Consideration the com-
pleating our Establishment

With Regard to Mr Scraggs as He seems to be lost to all
Sense of Shame, there is no Necessity of holding a Court Martial
on him You will therefore receive his Commission, & reduce him
again to a Sergeant And if He refuses to remain in the Service on
those Terms, you will send him hither Another Artillery Officer
shall be sent to Vellour in his Room

We are
Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

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30 Oct. 1. Sent the following Letter to the President & Council at Fort
William

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort William

Ditto to Fort William

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Letter of 19th Instant to your Select Committee
We

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We informed them that We should embark on the Pigot and Anson 240 Men — a List of those on the Ansons now come on=
shore, with an Account of the Disbursements made for the Re=
cruits which came out on the several Ships during the Time
they were on shore here, of which it is necessary our Honble
Masters should be advised that they may deduct it out of
the Outfitting Charged by the Owners —

advised of the Subsistance advanced the Recruits for Bengal landed here from the different Ships —

We are
Fort St. George
1st. October 1766 —

Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Robert Palk &c. Council —

2 Received the following Letter from Colonel Campbell —

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

Letter from Colonel Campbell —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Hono[ur] to receive your Letter of the 30th.
and agreable to your Desire I com[mu]nicated to Mr Scraggs
your Determination concerning h[im] with which he seems very
little affected as he does not cho[ose] to resume his former
Station, he will proceed to Mad[ras] as in a Day or two, his Com:
mission goes enclosed

Mr Scraggs refuses continuing in the Service as a Serjeant —

I am most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most Humble Servant
Donald Campbell —

Vellour
2. October 1766 —

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 6th October

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Pybus
Samuel Ardley, John Call
George Stratton, George Dawson
James Bourchier, George Mackay

Letter from the President & Council at Fort William read as follows

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

Letter from Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Letter of the 3d of July we informed you of the Success attending the Measures we had pursued to crush the Association amongst the Officers of our Army & as We are sensible at this critical Juncture your Affairs may be distressed by parting with so considerable a Number of Officers from your Establishment as have been sent to our Assistance — We have detained those only of the first Embarkation viz. Cuddalore & Argyle Ketch, the rest now return to you in the Lord Camden and other Vessells of whom a List is enclosed —

Advice of the Officers returning to the Coast —

In consideration of the Expence these Gentlemen have been at in coming to our Assistance at so short a Warning, We have allowed to each Captain 1,000 Rupees, to the Subalterns 500 each and Volunteers 250 which they have accordingly received & also their Batta to the End of this Month —

Such of the Officers who have lately resigned, and are thought deserving will be restored to their Commissions and the rest sent to Europe by the first Opportunities —

We beg leave to repeat our hearty thanks for the Assistance

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Assistance you so readily gave us on the late critical Situation of our Affairs, and We hope the Success which has attended our Endeavours to crush so unexampled and dangerous a Combination will effectually provide against any Attempt of the same Nature in future. We are

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t humble Servants

Clive

Fort William
1st September 1766.

Wm Aldersey
John Carnac
Henry Verelst
Rand Marriott
H Watts
Claud Russell

List of Officers returning to the Coast

List of Officers returning

Captains
- Thomas Fletcher
- Roderick Orton
- Rodolf Marchand

Lieutenants
- Thomas Melton Gravely
- Duncan Duncanson
- William Shaw
- William Knox
- Robert Godfrey
- James Nield
- Joseph Belcliff

Ensigns
- Robert Watts
- Thomas Moore
- William Nairne
- Richard Hammond

Alex^r Patterson Quarter Master

Volunteers
- John Dun
- Richard Barton

Artillery
- Samuel Roberts Lieutenant Fire Worker
- James Carr — D^o —

Fort William
1st September 1766

Wm Aldersey
Secretary

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The former Establishment be compleated

Agreed, as the Officers arrive from Bengal, that the former Establishment be compleated, and that if by their Return We have any spare Officers, that they be attached to the Sepoys till Vacancies happen ~

Letter from Captain Meyers read as follows ~

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

Letter from Captain Meyers ~

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Right Honble Governor & Council having no further Occasion, for my Service here, therefore incumbent with my Duty to return the first Opportunity, but as I am engaged to pursue a just Claim, to the Nabobs Donnation I hope you'll be pleased Gentlemen, to give me leave to remain here

desires to remain at Bengal till January

'till next January ~ I am with

the profoundest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
Humble Servant
HJ Meyers ~

Calcutta
6th August 1766 ~

Resolution thereon

As We imagined when Captain Meyers went to Bengal as a Volunteer that He had no Thoughts of returning to the Coast, but would have proceeded to Europe agreable to his former Intentions ~ His Vacancy was filled up ~

The Accomptant lays before the Board the Account Current of Mr Drake with the Honorable Company stated agreable to the Resolutions of last Consultation which is ordered to be entered ~

D°

5740

D.r Dawsonne Drake Esq.r in Account with

To Cash issued from the Treasury for the Purchase of Arrack which in the Absence of the Storekeeper Mr Drake received	2200.—	
and only 20 Leaguers at 100 Dollars the Current Price at that Time were purchased	2000.—	
Difference 200 216 ℔ 10 Pagodas	125.—	
To Rents & Revenues due from Mr. Drake for the Chinese Farran as ℔r accompanying Letter from the Manilha Committee	1538.—	
To D.o due on Account of the Arrack & Beetle Farms as ℔r above Letter	3625	
To D.o he having been debited in the Manilha Journal Fol 2400 Doll.s as ℔r his Cash Account July 1763 whereas by the Total of that Months Account, it appears & he acknowledges to have received 2500 the Difference now carryed to his Debit	100. 3720.—	
	5263.—	
216 ℔ 10 Pagodas		3289.13.40
To Cash paid by Mr. De Souza for Plate delivered him for which he Mr. Drake has omitted to Credit 1142 Dollars		713.31.40
		1428.9.—
To Ballance		9165.9.70
		Pagodas 13293 18.70

By Cash paid at Canton & Madras more than the real
Ballance of the Company's at the Restitution of
Manila explained as follows —
In July & August 1764 Mr. Jourdain received from Captain
Watson of the Revenge —— £4000 — —
In September Mr. Dalrymple landed at
Soola from the Admiral Pocooke
to leave with the Officer of the Troops 8000 — —
Oct^r. Received at Madras from the
Revenge —— £3992 — —
Delivered by Mr. Jourdain as
Masters of the Manilla Rupees — 100 — —
Delivered to the Supercargoes at Canton
by Captain Aloes of the London — £1000 — —
by Captain Riddell of the Pocooke 36000 — —
216092 — —

Which Money was shipped on board
the Revenge &c. by Mr. Drake as the
Company's but the Ballance of the
Company's Cash p^r. Manila Ledger
amounted to only —— 170224.2.2

Difference carried to Mr. Drake's Credit £3867.1.10
Exchange @ 350 p^r C. —— 13105. - 20.

The Sum paid by Mr. Drake to Messrs. Sprat
Jourdain & Crawford for a Bond from the Com-
pany of which Notice is taken in Mr. Jourdain
Letter of 9th. September 1765 was 6734 — —
but as his Accounts were not at Madras
he could only credit for the principal of
the Bond as mentioned in the Manila
Consultation January 1764 —— 6432.2.3

The Difference being —— 301 — 5
is the Amount of Interest paid which @ 16 p^r 18 Pag^a is 188.18.50
Pagodas — 13293.1870

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Drake —

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

Letter from Mr Drake regarding his Allowances &c. —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Hitherto I have deferred drawing on the Honble Company for my Allowance as Deputy Governor of Manilha in hopes that you would take under your Consideration the Expensive Living of the Place arising from the Scarcity of all sorts of Provisions and Liquors, and that you would be pleased to make my Appointments adequate thereto which I flatter myself, you will now think of, and order me Payment — I have also to request an Advance for my Passage to and from Manilha — It may not be improper to remind you that a Tedious Passage of two years long from Manilha has unavoidably cost me much Money & my Sisters during a severe Storm, on our Entrance to the China Seas have been so very considerable as to oblige me to beg your Notice of them —

I am with perfect Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
Dawsonne Drake —

Fort St. George
2d. October 1766 —

Resolution in Consequence —

Agreed that Mr. Drake be informed that with regard to his extraordinary Expences at Manilha our Honble Masters have reserved the Consideration of this to themselves & We have accordingly ordered the Gentlemen who were on the Expedition to deliver in a particular Account to be transmitted home, to enable them to determine what Compensation should be made — As to his Passage to Manilha He is to draw 100 Pagodas agreable to what was resolved at the setting out of the Expedition — And in Consideration of the extraordinary Length of his Passage from Manilha, It is agreed to

allow

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allow him 200 Pagodas being double what was allowed for the Passage thither. With regard to the Losses he sustained, If He will give in the Particulars of them, at the Time he delivers in an Account of his extraordinary Expences, they will be transmitted to our Honble Masters for their Determination —

Robt Palk
C. Bourchier
John Pybus
Sam. Bradley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo Dawson
J.A. Bourchier
Geo. Mackay

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Came in the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel De Beck to the President.

Honble Sir

Letter from Lieut Colonel De Beck advising of the troubles raised by the Polygars

In my last Address I had the Honor of acquainting You that Captain Freschman at the Nabobs Desire has sent the Bussy with a Detachment of the Nabobs Seapoys to chastise a Pollegar who has lately rebuilt a Fort at Pandaram-Curity. This is to inform You that upon the Bussys Approach he found that this Pollygar has rendered himself very formidable having a Fort with Baterries & a Hedge of Thorns allround it, who upon the Bussys requesting of him to destroy it absolutely refused, or putting it in his Possession, and has since fired upon the Nabobs Troops with four Guns.

This Commencement of Hostilities has put the whole Country in an Uproar & the Polygars have plundered many Villages amongst which are Coytar & Sytar both in the Road from hence to Palamcotah the first 18 & the latter 12 Miles from thence, so that I have great Reason to believe the Communication that Way will be difficult, & as Captain Freschman thinks that the Country is in much Danger of being ruined unless he has a Reinforcement of Troops he has applied to me for this Purpose which by reason of the Number that has been lately sent from hence to the Northward has rendered it impossible for me to comply with having barely sufficient for the necessary Guards of the Garrison and supplying the Out Posts.

I have the Honor to remain with great Respect

Madura 29th September 1766.

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & most Hble Servant

De Beck.

In Consequence the following Letters were immediately wrote & sent away.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel De Beck.
Commanding at Madura

Letter to Lieut Colonel De Beck

Sir

The President has communicated to Us your Letter of the 29th. September. It appears to Us very extraordenary that the Pollygar at Pandaram Curly should have fortified himself without the Nabobs People, or your being acquainted with it, there would have been no Difficulty in preventing his growing Troublesome, if he had been discovered in Time.

In future We direct that You inform Colonel Wood of all Occurrences of this Nature, that you may with him concert proper Measures for securing the Peace of the Country

We are
Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c.a Council

Fort St. George
8th. October 1766.

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to Colonel Wood

Sir

We enclose you a Copy of Colonel De Beck's Letter to the President, We depend on your taking Measures for securing the Peace of the Country to the Southward & giving Colonel De Beck & Captain Trichman such Assistance as may be necessary to quell those or any other Disturbances that may happen, and to is a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel De Beck which you will peruse & forward. We are

Ordered to concert Measures with Lieut Colonel De Beck and Capt.n Trichman for the Protection of the Country

Sir
Your most Obed.t Hble Servants
Robert Palk &c.a Council

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Came in the following Letter from Captain Davis Commanding at Tanjore Cotah.

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

Honble

5th

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Letter from Captain Davis

Honble Sir

I have received your Favor of the 11th Instant as the Nabob has not thought of sending his Orders relating to the Authors of Captain Meyers Death. I have delivered the Prisoners to Captain Archbald the Oldest European Officer on the Spot as he has no Authority to try any Person for Life. I have advised him to send the Prisoners to the Nabob as they are both expensive and troublesome in this Out Post.

advising of the Troubles apprehended in the Polinauad Country &c

We have constant Reports that Gollapah Cauvea Chief has a Phirmaund from the Nizam for this Country and is collecting Troops to invest the Pallicaud after the Feast Distarra is over which is said will be about 20 Days more.

We have also strong Reports that Rajah Bahauder & the Venniconda Man will stop the Pass between this & Cuddapah I cannot affirm any Intelligence to be true but there are such Reports.

Yesterday the Calastry Rajah marched from here with about 1000 of the best of his People. He told me he had the Nabobs Leave to go to his own Country for a month, after which he is to return here again he has left about 1000 Coolies.

complaining of the Nabobs People

I have represented to the Nabob how necessary it will be to have some Provisions laid in this Place & the weakness of the Place itself, & of the Uneasiness of his Troops, to all which he has not gave me the least Answer. This shews the Nabob not to be satisfied with my Representations. I thought it a Duty incumbent on me to do so, as I have only one Company of our Sepoys with me I have taken the same Pains with the Nabobs People and by his own Desire as if they had been our own I think nothing of any Trouble I am at in that respect. I thought it for the Good of the Service in general, but I am unhappy in not giving him the Satisfaction I could wish.

I have

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whom all the Care and trouble with his People was intended for that End –

I was in hopes that the Nabob would have sent Orders to his People to have assisted me – to put every thing in readiness for making a good Defence – against any thing that might happen. I shall always think it an Honour to serve wherever I am commanded – hoping at the same Time to be supported by the Nabob as an Officer who regards the Service and his Character – As there is a Trouble now threatening the Country for my Character's Sake, I would wish to remain till every thing is settled, yet on the other Hand, would wish for your Leave to come to Madras – whenever you think it proper. After that where ever you please to command me –

I am S.r with much Respect
Your very obedient hble Servant
Henry Davis –

Tinery Cotah
23.d September 1766 –

11.th Received the following Letter from M.r Perring at Angole

Letter from M.r Perring – containing further Accounts of the Troubles apprehended –

Honble Sir

Having been informed that Rajah Bahauder the Chief of Bazalet Jung's Countries laying between this & the Paleacad Country was assembling his Troops at Guntoor and making several Military Preparations I sent some People to his Camp and capital Places to pick up what News might be stirring of his Intentions & report his Strength – One of them is just now returned & informs me that Rajah Bahauders Brother, Berjanaut, marched from Guntoor the 2.d Instant with 40 European Cavalry 40 European Foot, 100 Topasses & Coffreys & Companies of Sepoys, 1000 Black Horse, & 6000 Peons & Country people 3000 of which are armed with Matchlocks & the other half with Pikes & Swords & arrived the 5.th at Pottevaram a Place about 13 Coss & almost in the streight Road from Guntoor

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Guntoor to Addunkee a large District belonging to and about ten Coss from Ongole, —

That it's reported in their Camp that Malnauze Rama Chundra Naig, the Innagaunda Zemeendar, is expected every day to join them with 6000 Men, & Nuddamah the Cuntapullee Manawith 3000, Rajah Bahauder himself is at Guntoor, with a few Troops & expected to join the Camp every Day with 6 Pieces of Cannon & 2 Tumbrels, which are yoaked ready for marching & the Shot & other things he's getting ready to be carried by Cookies — the News in their Camp is they are to come to Ongole or Palonaid, they don't know which Tell the Rajah arrives —

I have sent out several Sepoys & others to observe their Motions & send the News among them dayly if possible which as soon as I receive I shall communicate to you —

I am

Hon'ble Sir with the greatest Respect —

Your most Obed't & most Hble Servant

P Perring —

Ongole
11th October 1766 —

In Consequence of which the following Letters were wrote & sent away —

To Captain Davies

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 23d. September & made the Nabob acquainted with your Cause of Complaint against the Conduct of his People, who has promised to give such Orders that he hopes will induce them to be more Obedient in future —

Mr. Perring's advice of the Motions of Rajah Bahauder the Vizeendah & Santepillee Rajahs seems to confirm what you suspected — I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Robert Palk —

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To

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To Mr Perring

Letter to Mr Perring
in Consequence

Sir

I have just received your Letter of the 7th. The News you send me of the Motions of Rajah Bahaudre seems to confirm what Captain Davis wrote a few Days ago - You will therefore without delay lay in a Month or two's Provisions of Rice, Curry Stuff, Salt &c. for about 500 Black Troops - In Case an Enemy enters the Ongole Country, the rest of the Troops except such as are necessary for the Defence of Ongole should Rendezvouze at Pellore where the Vincatagherry Raja ought to have a Stock of Provisions, till a Reinforcement can arrive which shall be sent as soon as I receive certain Information of any hostile Intentions -

I shall write to the Chief of Mazulepatam that in Case these Troubles grow serious, Captain Fitz Gerald's Battalion of Sepoys can be spared, it is to be sent back to Ongole. you will therefore advise Mr. Smith as well as me from Time to time of the Motions of Rajah Bahaudre & the other Rajahs & what seem to be their Intentions - I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
Robert Palk -

Fort St George
11th October 1766 -

To General Caillaud &
John Lewen Smith Esqr.

Letter to General Caillaud
& Mr Smith -

Sir

Captain Davis & Mr. Perring seem very apprehensive that Rajah Bahaudre with the Pollegars, & Mr Lephyr's Party are collecting in order to raise Troubles in the Palnaud & Ongole Countries & the Nabob's Force there being not very considerable, We would recommend that Captain Fitzgerald's Battalion of Sepoys be ordered back to Ongole -

Ordered to said Fitz-
Gerald's Battalion
of Sepoys back to
Ongole -

General

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General Caillaud acquaints the President that Pelajee Naig, the Chief of the Body of Marrattas at Cummamet, has had some warm Disputes with Mangellee Sirk, the Soubahs Officer, about Money, & as he has none to give them Pelajee desobeys his Orders to return to Hydrabad, possibly this may induce the Marratta to plunder where it is most likely he can subsist his Cavalry, but We hope this will not make it necessary to detain Captain Fitz Gerald it being of Consequence to keep the Communication open between Ongole & the Kistna —

Captain Davis & Mr. Perring are to acquaint you with what Posts in those Parts in General Caillauds Absence Mr. Smith will consult Colonel Smith & send such Reinforcement as may be spared —

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.a Council —

Fort St. George
11th October 1766 —

At a Consultation Present —

Monday
13th October —

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Pybus
Samuel Ardley, John Call
George Stratton, George Dawson
James Bourchier, George Mackay —

Read the following Letters from Colonel Wood & Mr. Kay

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

Letter from Colonel Wood in answer to the Orders of the Board regarding removing the Magazine to Wormore —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your Orders thro Mr. Stone of the 30th Ult.o We have visited the Pagoda at Wormoor and it must undoubtedly be allowed to be a very proper Place for an

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an Hospital with regard to Air and Situation; but there being so many Inconveniencies attending an Hospital at such a Distance as this will be from the Garrison, that it can never be looked on (to be any more than a Temporary one) indeed it will do very well when the Garrison is large, but at other Times it must be drawn in, whenever there is the least Disturbance in the Country, or there cannot be sufficient Guards sent to protect it, and likewise keep the People in Order, besides its taking so many men from the Strength of the Garrison; for one may be always able in Cases of Emergencies to put more than half the Men in an Hospital under Arms — Now a very little Expence more than will put this Place in order to receive the Sick, will repair this which We have now in the Garrison, as I never heard that this Place was ever reckoned any ways to be sickly or to have any infectious Airs in it —

If this Hospital was properly repaired it might be made as good and convenient as any in the Country & I would answer to have it done for a Thousand Pagodas, so that it should want no Repairs for twenty years to come; and that every Body might allow it to be a good Place for the Purpose. At Present the Floor lays lays rather low, now this I would raise about Six Foot, put a Coat of Brick & Chunam on the Top Cut out good airy Windows with good Shutters, and by filling up an old Tank in the Back of it that's about two or three Hundred Feet Square would make it an excellant Yard for the Sick to walk in as well as for other Conveniencies & Build a Cooking room; all these Things almost will be wanting at Vizagapatam & the Surgeons must have Places to be out with the Sick, in short I think Money laid out in Repairs there is little better than thrown away; Mr Sinclair is arrived, and I have delivered your Orders to him &

Mr.

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Mr. Hinchley relating to the Hospital, I must beg you'll excuse this Trouble & believe me to be with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obliged humble Servant

John Wood

Trichenopoly
12th October 1766

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Letter from Mr Hay

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Honor to be favored with Yours of y 30th Ulto Mr. Secretary Stone regarding the Contract for the Hospital taking Place and the repairing of the Pagoda at Mauravour for making it a proper place for an Hospital.

Agreable to your Directions I applyed to Colonel Wood to go with me to examine that Place and to see what was necessary to be done to it, I beg leave to enclose Your Honor &c. his Answer, I am at the same time to acquaint your Honor &c. that I have examined that place & in my Opinion from what I have seen of it, and the Conversation I had with Doctor Hinchley about it, very little will be required to make it a proper Place for receiving the Sick, both Mr. Hinchley & Mr. Sinclair seem to be of a different Opinion from Colonel Wood, as they think (for many Reasons) that it is the properest Place that could be pointed out for an Hospital, and both of them seem to be very desirous for it's being made one, but as Colonel Wood appears to be much against it, I therefore defer doing any thing to it, till I receive further Orders.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs with great Respect

Your most Obedient

and most humble Servant

James Hay

Trichenopoly
17th October 1766

A.S

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Resolution in Consequence.

As Colonel Wood & Mr. Hay seem to differ in Opinion with regard to removing the Hospital to Wandewash, It is agreed that the Nabob be consulted concerning the most convenient Place for it.

Letter from Major Kirkpatrick read as follows.

Letter from Major Kirkpatrick.

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is with unfeigned Regret, I find myself obliged to address you on Account of my intended Departure for Europe which chiefly through Indisposition, added to some Family Concerns is rendered absolutely necessary. No other Motive could prevail on me to request your Permission to retire from a Service, in which for some Years past I have had the Honor to be employed, and in whose Successes I ever found myself nearly interested.

Is coming home to retire from the Service.

My first Design was to have applyed to you for a Passage on one of the Ships of this Season destined to Bombay and from thence to have proceeded to Europe, but the Intervention of some unforeseen Impediments have induced me to drop my original Purpose. It was with this View I deferred joining the Regiment at Vellour, and my Intention to embark with my young Family by the first good Conveyance: having undergone no Change, I thought it but just thus early to communicate it, as I have no Right, after my first Disappointment to expect any further Indulgence from the immediate Duties of my Station.

I am not vain enough to suppose that my feeble Endeavours can at any time very essentially promote the good of the Service, but if a Scene of Action should commence under the present Want of Officers, I shall be ready to give a Proof that my Sense of Duty and Gratitude to my Honble Masters can overcome the private Considerations of my own ease and Convenience.

I

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I am with perfect Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient,
& most humble Servant
James Kirkpatrick.

Fort St. George
12th October 1766.

Granted

Agreed that Major Kirkpatrick be permitted to resign the Service, it being very improper that the 2d Regiment should remain any longer without a Major.

Letter from Mr Palmer Paymaster at Madura read as follows.

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

Letter from Mr Palmer.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I make use of this address to acquaint you that the New Barracks and the Repairs of the several Works which Captain Maclean at his Departure informed me were all that he had your Orders for doing, will all be compleated the end of this Month.

There are three Batteries to the Northward of the West Gate which have suffered much by a heavy Rain, we have had since Captain Macleans Departure which has broke down great Part of both the Front & Flank of them and a Bastion over the old Gateway on the North Front has so much of it fallen down, as to make an easy Passage up & down, which latter the Commandant has particularly represented to me. I shall therefore wait your further pleasure concerning the Repairs of these Works which if you dont approve of their being set about, I beg you will please to inform me in what Manner the Pioneer Coolies that have been employed on the Works are to be disposed of when the Works now in hand are finished.

Advising of the Works at Madura being much out of Repair.

Desiring orders regarding repairing of them.

I remain with great Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Archdale Palmer

Madura
5th Oct. 1766

Ord on thereon

Agreed that Mr. Call do consult with Captain Mac lean regarding the necessary Repairs to be made to the Works at Madura, & inform Us thereof

Rob't Palk
Ch. Bourchier
John Lyttelton
Sam'l Bradley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
Ja. Bourchier
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present:—

Thursday 16th Oct.r.—

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier — John Pybus
Samuel Ardley — John Call
George Stratton, — George Dawson
James Bourchier, — George Mackay.—

The President Lays before the Board the following Letters from Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichenopoly.—

Letters from Colonel Wood.—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I make no Doubt but that the Nabob has applied to you for a Detachment of 30 Europeans & five Hundred Seapoys to assist the Renter of Manapar Mahanni Saib to collect his Rents, as that Man has been long applying to me and representing his distressed Situation on that Account, his not being able to reside with the Polygars of those Countries without such a Detachment, and this Day he has inclosed me a Letter from the Nabob desiring me to assist this Man But I shall wait your Orders in regard to this Business

The Polligars begin again to be troublesome, every where Captain Freschmans writes me more than twenty Thousand are in Arms in the Tinnevelly Country who are plundering & destroying it in all Parts, this I am much surprized at as the Nabob has a large Body of Troops in that Country, and what were here I have sent all thither, as I told you some Days ago, I am with great Regard—

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servant
John Wood.—

Trichenopoly
9th Oct.r 1766.—

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

Honble Sir

I had the Pleasure to receive your most agreable Favor of the 4th. Ulto. yesterday, and Jacquainted you some Days ago of my having sent off the Nabobs Troops to reinforce Colonel De Beck at Madura, two Companys one hundred & fifty Topasses.

The Killedar of Worriapollam has requested two Companys of Seapoys more on account of the Polygars being very troublesome as I told you before, so that I have desired Lieutenant Dixon to send all the five Companys thither that were with him escorting the Begum, which belong to the Nabob on his Return hither, as they may be sooner at that Place than from hence.

Hyder Ally still remains at Combettoor & his Army cantoned in the different Villages about that place. Four thousand Marrattas Horse joined him a few Days ago from Bedi- more, and Parties are reinforcing him daily from all parts of the Mysore Country. It's said he will very soon move against the King of Travancore again, as that King has not yet fulfilled his Agreement with Hyder Ally in not paying him the Money that was promised.

I am Honble Sir
Your most Obedient hble Servant
John Wood

Trichinopoly
9th. October 1766.

Agreed that Colonel Wood be directed to send the Detach- ment the Nabob desires to assist the Manapar Renter.

With regard to the Troubles in the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries, Colonel Wood has already been ordered to concert Measures with Lieutenant Colonel De Beck & Captain Fres- chman

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A Bill of Captain Richardson for victualling the Recruits on board the Pigot amounting to Pagodas 437⅞ is presented to the Board & ordered to be paid.

Mr. William Sockett who was appointed a Lieutenant from England & came out in the Falmouth, being arrived from Bengal; It is ordered that a Commission be made out for him to rank agreable to the Directions of our Honble Masters.

Rob.t Palk
C.s Bouchier
Peter Perkins
Sam.l Ardley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo. Dawson
J.s Bouchier
Geo. Mackay

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Sent the following Letter to Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichenopoly —

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly —

Letter to Colonel Wood —

Sir

The President has communicated to Us your Letters of the 9th Instant

You will agreable to the Nabobs Desire send out a Detachment of 50 Europeans & 500 Sepoys under the Com-
ordered to assist the Nabobs Manager at Manapar

=mand of a careful Officer to assist the Renter of the Manapar Country —

You have already been ordered to concert Measures with Lieutenant Colonel De Bock & Captain Frischman for the Security of the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries — We observe that you have sent back the 150 Topasses & two Companies of Sepoys belonging to the Nabob, but as little Service can be expected from them without a good Officer to command them
of your
You will order one or more with an Artillery Officer to proceed with them —

We approve of your sending the 5 Companies of the Nabobs Sepoys who escorted the Begum to Worriapollam tho' We find that a third of the Number of your own Sepoys is of more real Service —

We are Sir Your most humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St George
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Wrote the following Letter to Mr Palmer Paymaster at Madura —

To Mr Archdale Palmer
Paymaster at Madura —

Letter to Mr Palmer —

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 5th — We imagine

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imagine it will be lost labour to attempt repairing any of the damaged Works till after the Rains, you will therefore employ the Lascars in the meane Time to remove the fallen earth & Rubbish at the North Gate Way & the three Towers near the West Gate, or on any other necessary Work for defence or Convenience —

In the Month of January when the Monsoon is over you will set the Bricklayers to repair the Gateway and damaged Towers either with Bricks or Stones, as can be done most easily and cheapest and We shall then give you our further Directions concerning the Lascars —

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Robert Palk &c. Council —

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16th. October 1766 —

Letter from Mr Perring — with advices of Rajah Bahaudris Force —

Came in the following Letter from Mr. Perring at Ongole —

Honble Sir

Two of the People I sent to Rajah Bahaudurs Camp are just now come in, they acquaint me that when they came near Guntoor, they were informed the Rajah with his Troops were at Condavadoo, to which place they repaired, & remained 24 Hours in the Bounds of his Camp which is in the Pettah & two or three Villages within half a Coss of Condavadoo where they saw —

Fifty or more European Cavalry
near one Hundred European Infantry & Artillery —
One Hundred or more Topasses & Coffreys
Ten Companys of Sepoys they saw their Colours but could not learn the Strength of each Company they were quartered in Condavadoo Pettah —

A great Number of Peons armed with Match Locks and Pikes said there to be 6000 quartered in the Villages the

greatest

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greatest Part of them belong to the Inna Gunda & Chiccacole Peddo Men & arrived at Condavedoo the beginning of this Month That they saw more than a Thousand black Horse, called there 2000, several Hundred of them belong to Bazalet Jung & have been with the Rajah some Months, That the Raja is enlisting Sepoys & Horse daily all that Offer

That the Europeans are encamped under Condavedoo Pelah Walls, & have two Peices of Cannon & Two Tumbrils with them

That there was no talk among them of marching or of any Expedition being on foot,

That the Rajah was in the Fort on the Hill with his Brother Berjenaed, that the Innagunda & Chiccacole Peddoo Men are expected there every Day

That coming there they saw 50 Peons some Horse about 20, & as many Seapoys at Poteavaram, from whom they heard, that the Rajah was coming there, that the Amildar of that place was ordered to provide Rice & other Kind of Provisions sufficient for a large Body of Men for several Days. but they did not know how soon he was coming

I shall send these People back again & transmit you what News they can obtain the Instant they return

I am Honble Sir

with the greatest Respect

Your most Obed & most Hble Servant

P Perring

Angole
11th Oct. 1766

17 Received the following Letter from Mr. Perring

Letter from Mr Perring

Honble Sir

I received a Letter this Morning from a Man of Carracadree giving advice of some Arms being landed at Mountapillee a Place a Coase North of Carracadree, in Rajah Bahaudree's Country. the Peons that brought the Letter say the Boat belongs to the French & the Arms are for

Landing of a Vessel with Arms at Mountapillee

Rajah

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Rajah Bahaudre that they saw 64 Fire Locks landed yesterday & that the Boat People told them there were more aboard to be landed this Day.

Having seen your Orders (on a former Instance of this Kind) to Captain Fitz Gerald, & as the small Garrison of the Company's here would not allow of the Serjeants sending out a sufficient Detachment I have advised Mocondarow the Chief of the Nabobs Troops here to send a Party to seize them & he has in Consequence sent an Officer of the Nabobs with two Companys of Sepoys, and two Hundred Horse - to whom I have given a Letter of Advice - which I hope will meet with your Approbation - The Party marched off at 11 O'Clock this Morning & the Officer intends reaching - Mootapilla to night if possible -

sends some of the Nabobs People to seize them -

I have not received any Intelligence from the Rajah's Camp since mine of yesterday -

I am Honble Sir with the greatest Respect

Your most Obed & most Hble Servt

P. Perring -

Ongole
12th October 1766 -

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr. Perring with an account of the Stores Landed -

I have this Instant received a Letter from the Nabobs Officer sent out yesterday to intercept the Arms landing at Mootapillee, wherby He informs Me he has seized the Boat & that there have been landed from her, Four Pieces of Cannon & 300 Stand of Arms - I learn by a Man come in this Morning from Condawdoe that they are four small Field Pieces procured by the French Officer Commanding the European Cavalry with Rajah Bahaudre & that a Party consisting of all his Europeans & Topasses & 2000 Peons were sent with 5 Coss of Mootapillee to escorte them to Condawdoe -

As

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As the Iron aboard the Vessell may be intended for Country Cannon or Military Stores of some Kind or other, & being of Opinion that You would chuse to make an Example of People detected in supplying the Country Powers with Arms – I have desired Mr. Martin to keep Possession of the Boat & the Things in her, till you or the Nabob are pleased to send Orders concerning them – It is the Monsoon is expected to set in every day – to bring her into a River near Pundarty where she'll be safer than in an open Road & as the Rajah's People have, marched off with the Cannon & Arms, to return here with his Party –

I shall to morrow enquire very particularly who the Boat belongs to & where & by whom these Stores were shiped & acquaint you therewith – I am

Hon.ble Sir

Your most most Obed.t & most Hble Serv.t

P Perring –

Ongole
13 October 1766
6 O Clock P M –

18 To which the following Answer was sent

To Mr. Perring

Sir

Letter to Mr Perring

I have received your Letter of the 13.th Instant & desire you will desire the Nabob's People to detain the Boat, ordered to detain the Vessell & Stores –

with the Effects found in her till further Orders, and you will in the mean Time make all possible Enquiry from whence, & by whom the Stores were sent – It is necessary that every thing relating to this Business should pass in the Nabobs Name, you will therefore act accordingly –

I am

Sr

Your most Obedient Servant

Robert Palk

Fort St George
18.th Oct.r 1766 –

Mt

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Monday 6th October

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President

Charles Bourchier, John Sybus

Samuel Ardley, John Call

George Stratton George Dawson

James Bourchier, George Mackay

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. Perring

Letter from Mr Perring with a further Account of the Stores in the Vessell

Honble Sir

Mr Martin with the Nabob's Officer returned with her Party last Night & gives me the following Account of the Sloop, that her Name is Roza Maria, has Danish Colours & belongs to one Mr. Alear of Tranquebar who let her at Freight to a Frenchman at Pondicherry to go to Mazulipatam and back again and that the Frenchman shiped on her at Pondicherry the undermentioned Articles

Five small Pieces of Cannon — no Carriages

Three large Chests of Arms 50 Firelocks in each Chest

Mr Martin did not ask the Syrang if there were Bayonets to them —

119 Bars of Europe Iron

3 Leaguers of Brandy

2 Casks of Red Wine — & a Chest of Cloaths belonging to a Frenchman the Owner of these Things who came on the Boat —

That she left Pondicherry the Middle of September Arrived at Madras the latter End of that Month where she took aboard four Casks of Wine for Mazulipatam the Syrang thinks they were received from the Master Attendant —

That

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That on the Sloops arriving off Mootapillee the Frenchman told the Syrang to anchor that he was to remain there a few Days & was going a shore to send a Letter to a French Officer with Rajah Bahaudre which he did, & in a few Days receives an answer - that he was immediately on the appearance on the Shore of 30 European Troopers mounted to land the Cannon & Arms which Number appeared the 11th Instant & received four Peices of Cannon & the 150 Arms & carried them off to a Party - I wrote you was waiting about 5 or 6 Coss from thence to escort them to the Rajahs Camp, the Guns were carried off by 16 Coolies to each & the Firelocks on Bullocks - the other Things are yet on board & the Sloop taken Possession of & brought into a River near Pondarty -

The Boatmen say the Cannon that is aboard is damaged, Mr Martin tells me it a small Peice he thinks about a two Pounder he forgot to ask if the other four were larger than this or not - The Boat being safe in the River I have sent for the Syrang & will acquaint You to morrow with what further Particulars I can pick out of him -

The Frenchman went with the Cannon & Arms to Rajah Bahaudre's Camp & told the Syrang he would be back in a few Days - he no doubt will be here in a Day or two to demand his Vessell & Cargoe, when I shall lay hold of him and keep him here till the Receipt of your Orders concerning him & his Vessell - I have not received any fresh Intelligence since my last -

I have this Instant your Letter of the 11th & shall act accordingly - I am

Honble Sir

with great Respect

Your most Obedt & most Hble Servt

P Perring -

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To the Honble Robert Palk, Esqr.

Letter from Mr Perring on the same Subject

Honble Sir

The Tindall of the Sloop gives me the following Account of the Arms &c.—

That Mr Ulcar the Searcher of Goods landed at Tranquebar let his Sloop Roza Marea to Freight to one Mons.r Markeen a Frenchman, to proceed to Masulipatam and back again— That Mr Markeen bought the 5 Pieces of Cannon, two Pounders, of Mons.r Pishair who lives at Tranquebar— & shipd them there—

That Mons.r Markeen proceeded with the Sloop to Karreal where He shiped the 150 Firelocks with Bayonets & Iron Ramrods that he saw them received out of the French Companys Godown there, from one Mons.r Morang, who has the Care of the Store Godowns, & searching Goods landed at Carreal, That the Iron about 16 or 17 Candy, the 3 Leaguers of Brandy & 2 Casks of Wine, Monsieur Markeen bought at Pondichery—

The Gun aboard now has but one Trunion, but that the four Mons.r Markeen landed at Mootapellee were without Defect— The other Circumstances as I related them yesterday—

I had a Man come in last Night from the Rajahs Camp, who tells me. his Troop are in the same Situation as before that he could not learn any News about his Designs —that he heard some Guns were come from Guntoor but did not see them & that the four that were landed at Mantapillee were expected in that the Innagundah & Chicacole Pedoo Men are not yet come to Condavadoo—

As I cant learn the Rajah is threatened with any Kind of Invasion, I can hardly think this assembling & encreasing his Force, can be meant only for self Defence— The

People

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The People of the Ongole Countries contiguous to his leave it among them he intends coming into this Country but these are reports rose by their Fears & not to be depended on — I have so many People out that I dont doubt of getting Intelligence of his Intentions, if he has any against this or the Paluaud Country, in time to advise you & Mr Smith for a Reinforcement — I shall agreable to your Orders send him from Time to time what Intelligence I receive —

As the French with the Rajah tend to make his Force much more formidable than it otherwise would be by supplying him with Arms & Stores & putting them in a Method of keeping them in Order & repair — I immagine you would be glad to draw them off from him & I dare say if the Nabob would allow each European 6 Pagodas a month as Pay and Batta & buy their Horses at a reasonable Rate they would all come over to him — a Correspondence might be with ease carried on from hence by means of some of the Nabob's Topasses here — If you'll please to authorize me & let me know the Terms the Nabob would receive them on I will use my utmost Endeavours to bring them off — The Rajah gives them 30 Rupees a month each, but pays them so irregularly that they are always complaining of Stoppage of Pay there is not two Garce of Rice to be bought here at once, the Consumption of that Article is supplied by Bullocks from the Country almost daily so that no Person lays up a Stock, its brought by 5 10 & 15 Pagodas worth a Day & that very dear. This Country produces Grain called Cholum very little inferior in quality to Rice the Country People and Sepoys all live on it — Rice not being to be had some Times & at all Times too dear for any but the better Sort of People — I have bought Sixty five Putty of this Grain, which is near twelve Garce & will collect a Garce or two of Rice —

Proposes drawing the Frenchmen from Bazalet Jungs Service

which

which will be sufficient Stock of Grain for 500 Blacks for two Months — I am also collecting the other Articles as fast as Possible —

The Veneaty Gurry Rajah is gone to Veneatygurry I have acquainted the Chief of the Nabobs People here and at Pellore with the Contents of your Letter & he has given Orders for some Grain & things to be laid up at Pellore, which is the more necessary as the Merchants here keep no Stock of Things on hand — The Consumption of Provisions being brot in daily from the Country — which the Rajah if he was to enter it would put a Stop to & if nothing was laid up by that means expose the People to great Distress which I have explained to him — I am

Hon^ble Sir

with the greatest Respect

Your most Obed^t & most humble Serv^t

P. Perring —

Ongole
16 Oct^r 1766 —

Agreed that a particular Account of the Affair relating to the Vessell & Stores be drawn out & delivered to the Nabob that He may send the necessary Orders to his Manager for detaining her, with the Stores remaining on board; and that He may complain to the Governor & Council of Pondicherry of this Breach of the Articles entered into between him and M^r Law —

The Nabob to be informed thereof —

With Regard to the Frenchmen in Bazalet Jungs Service, We think the Nabob should endeavour to draw them off if it can be done at a reasonable Expence He is therefore to be desired to write to his Manager accordingly, & M^r Perring is to be directed to assist him in the Business, And ordered that a Copy of the Proposals that were before made to them by General Caillaud & M^r Pybus be sent him —

The Frenchmen in Bazalet Jung's Service to be drawn off —

Letter from Colonel Wood read as follows —

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

Letter from Colonel Wood

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Pleasure now to acknowledge Your Favor of the 8th Inst. (inclosing one under a flying Seal to me) for Lieutenant Colonel De Beck, of the same Date, with the Copy of his Letter to you of the 29th of September 1766 both of which I have had the Satisfaction to peruse and have forwarded Colonel De Beck's Letter on to him last Night when they arrived here.

Be assured I shall assist Colonel De Beck & Captain Frischmann as much as possible to quell the Disturbances to the Southward, agreable to your Orders, & for which Purpose I have sent Captain Dormond this Morning from hence with 5 Companies of Sepoys of the 10th Battalion, with Directions to him to make the greatest haste on his March thither. This Detachment with what has been sent from hence and Madura before of the Nabobs Troops will be a sufficient Force to establish Peace with the Polygars in that Country I hope, its surprising, if that any Disturbance can happen among such petty Polygars as those are, that the Nabobs Force in that Country are not able to chastize them as I am told the Buckshee has now more than five Thousand Men under his Command. I think when Captain Dormond joines his Sepoys will be an Example and they being Lead on with our Officers they will do their Duty better I mean Nabobs Troops.

sends Captain Dormond with 5 Companies of Sepoys into the Madura Country

I have the Pleasure to acquaint You, the Troops here now make a very pretty Figure, come on greatly in their Exercise, and I can assure You the Sepoys go through every Part of it beyond Expectation.

I have the Honor to remain most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your

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Trichenopoly
13th Oct. 1766

Your most Obliged Humble Servant
John Wood

The President lays before the Board the following Letter
from Lieutenant Colonel De Beck

Letter from Lieut Colonel De Beck

Honble Sir

I'll beg leave to acquaint you that I received yesterday Intelligence from Mr. Dawson an Officer of the Nabobs whom I sent a few Days ago with four Companys of the Nabobs Troops against the Pollygars in the Tinnavelly Country. (who are plundering wherever they come, that the Killedar of Sanderawandy, as soon as he received Intelligence of his Approach, surrendered the Fort to the Pollygars & afterwards joined them, He is since marched to Shevelapattoor and as he has requested a Reinforcement 150 Topasses having arrived yesterday from Trichenopoly I purpose sending them to morrow to join him.

advices of Sandrawandy is being given up by the Nabobs People

I am informed by one of my Hircars which came from the Mysore Country that Hyder Ally Cawn and Sarra Narrain Moodely are marched to Syringapatam 7 Days ago, with 1000 Horses, 500 Sepoys & 2 Field Pieces and that Mauphus Cawn and Purchatulla remains at Coimbetoor with 20000 Sepoys, 7000 Horses and a 1000 Europeans and Topasses.

I have the Honor to remain with great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obed.t
most humble Servant
De Beck

Madura
13th Oct.r 1766

We can only observe that this a further Proof of the Necessity of the Nabobs consenting to put his Troops under the Orders of our Officers, agreable to the Resolution of last Consultation, & which He is therefore to be earnestly requested

Resolution in Consequence

to

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to do. for there is no manner of Dependance to be placed either in his Sepoys or His Managers —

Robt Palk
Co. Boundrill
John Pybus
Sam. Ardley
John Call
Geo. Stratton

Ja. Bouchier
Geo: Mackay

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22d. Came in the following Letter from Colonel Wood to the President —

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

Letter from Colonel Wood —

Honble Sir

Lieutenant Colonel De Beck acquaints me that the Polygars are plundering all round the Country of Madura and Pattamcotah. They have taken Sundrawendy & Shevlapatore & the Killedar with one Company of Sepoys of the former of these two Garrisons has joined the Plunderers

And as Colonel De Beck says he can put no Dependance in the Nabobs Seapoys, I have ordered this day the 11th. Battalion of Sepoys to march from hence thither to reinforce Captain Dormond whom I acquainted you had marched from hence in my last; when this Force joins I believe it will be sufficient to chastize these Rebellious Polygars

11th. Battalion of Sepoys to reinforce Captain Dormond in the Madura Country

A few Days ago Hyder Ally Cawn marched from Combettore with a Detachment of four Thousand Horse & five Thousand Sepoys towards Seringapatam some say he is gone thither others say only to visit his Cantonments

I am most respectfully
Honble Sir
Your most Obliged Humble Servant
John Wood —

Trichenopoly
16th. October 1766 —

To which the following Answer was returned

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to them in answer —

Sir

Whenever our Troops are withdrawn from any Place, and the Posts they occupied left to the Nabobs People immediate Troubles are always the Consequence. We hope the

Force

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Force you have sent will put an effectual Remedy to these Disorders but as we judge an Officer of Experience should have the Command, Captain Harper is to put himself at the Head of those Troops, and to enquire particularly into the Cause of the Surrender of Sundrawandy & Shevelpettoor, that by means of the Nabob's Officer severe Examples may be made of those to whom their Defence was committed, as well as of any of the Disturbers that may fall into his Hands, & if any of our Sepoys were in either of those Forts or Moodis=

ordered to send Captain Harper to command the Detachment

dellance our Enquiry should be made into their Conduct

We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.ª Council

Fort St. George
22ª October 1766

Dispatched the following Letter ffª Pattamar to Fort William

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
President & Governor &c.ª Council
at Fort William

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William

The Pigot having been obliged to put back by contrary Winds, & the Captain informing Us that he expre=hended his Passage would be very tedious, and very few of the Recruits having been on shore since they left England We judged it might be prejudicial to them to proceed at this Season of the year especially as some of them were already afflicted with the Scurvy. We therefore disembarked 100 of them, who shall be forwarded after the Monsoon if the Situation of your Affairs continues to make it necessary — We shall then be at some Certainty with regard to the Intentions of Nizam Ally, Hyder Ally Cawn & the Marattas The Devonshire We imagine has proceeded directly to Bombay.

ddening of the Recruits disembarked from the Pigot

Captain Richardson has been paid for the Diet of

those

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Those Recruits as well as for 20 left on Board to the 16th Instant inclusive —

We are

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.a Council

Fort St George
22.d Oct.r 1766 —

To Mr. Perring 23.d Sent the following Letter to Mr. Perring at Bogola —

Letter to Mr Perring

Sir

The President has communicated to Us your Letter of 15th and 16th Instant We approve of your having caused the Nabobs People to detain the Vessell & Stores, the Chief requesite you should not appear to have interMeddled in the Affair —

With regard to the Body of French, the Nabob now writes to Mohiunderow his Manager to endeavour to get them into his Service, on the best Terms he can, in which you will assist him with your Advice, taking Care not to be seen to have any to do with this Business — We send for your Information a Copy of the Proposals that were before made by General Caillaud & Mr. Pybus to their Commanding Officer —

We are Sir

Fort St. George
23.d Oct.r 1766 —

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c.a Council

Received the following Letter from Captain Dodwell Commander of the Patty —

Letter from Captain Dodwell

Sir

Meeting with the Opportunity of a Dutch Ship going to the Coast, I do myself the honour to pay my Respects to you, & to acquaint you that I arrived here the 29th of last Month, with Captain Del Plans, the Troops, Stores, all the Sago, and other Matters from Sooloo as directed, were I to

Arriving of the Pattys Arrival at Banca with many Particulars from Sooloo —

gave

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give you a Recital of the many Dangers & Fatigues I have gone thro' on account of the bad Condition of the Pooly, it would be more the Subject of a Volume than a Letter, I must therefore content myself for the present with informing you that on the Second of last January having had all the Sepoys imbarked, I weighed Anchor intending to prosecute my Voyage to Madras, but on the Second day after my Departure I met with a hard Gale of Wind & being incompassed with Islands was obliged to come to an Anchor under the Lee of one, the Gale still continuing I parted from my best Bower Anchor about 12 o' Clock at Night, I was obliged to bear away for Sooloo replenishing my Water, Demending the Sails (having not a compleat Suit, & them above two Thirds worn) took me up 10 or 12 Days after which I made a Second Attempt but the Winds hanging to the Northward obliged me to work to windward to fetch the Straits of Balliabach which loosned the Ships Works so much that I was obliged to keep one Pump constantly going however I made shift to fetch the Mouth of the Straits, but the Wind being scant, & the Night coming on, obliged me to come to an Anchor in this Situation we were attacked by an other Gale which parted us from the small Bower & with a great Deal of Difficulty we clawd off the Land under our Courses; The Leaks increased insomuch that we kept both Pumps constantly going, & in this Condition I thought it most advisable to hold a Consultation with Captain Dod Plans & my Officers, in which we came to a Determination to return again to Sooloo, on our Return I heel'd Ship & discovered three Leaks which not being able to mend properly for want of Carpenters & other Conveniences, I thought it was necessary to hold a second Consultation, in which we determined to go through the Straits of Macassar, & so to Batavia, where God has been pleased to permit Us to arrive the 29th of last Month, after encountering many dangerous Rocks & Shoals, in

a

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a leaky Ship, having lost two Anchors, and with Sails that were so rotten, that they want to Pieces with every Puff of Wind.

On my Arrival here I drew out the State of my Case and layed it before the General & Council, requesting they'd grant me Liberty to repair, a place to put the Sea Stores in & a Store House for the Cargo, they sent the Commodore with the Master Carpenter & several others to overhaul the Ship upon their Report my Request was complyed with, upon which I went to the Island got the Cargo into a Storehouse & when the Carpenters had a full View of her Bottome, they declared her Timbers were so rotten, that she would not bear to be hove down. This is certainly the most villainous place I ever met with, I never was there a poor wretch more to be pitied than I, for every man one has to do with here must have his bribe, & my being out so much longer than I expected - having no money of the Owners & being at great Expences about the Ship, Rice being very dear where I was, & the Sums I have advanced Captain Des Plans on the Company's Account, have drained me so, that I'm drove to my last Shifts for money, Captain Desplans applyed to the General & Council to get money for Bills but was refused, I'm actually at a Loss to know how to manage, and am obliged now to take money up at Respondentia, their Situation I am in, has caused me such Anxiety and Trouble - that it has thrown me into a violent Fever that made me keep my Bed eleven Days, I had very little Expectations to recover, but I thank God I find myself now on the mending hand, I have many things more to say but the feeble & weak Condition I am in obliges me to stop short, by assuring you that I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

George Dodwell

Batavia
20.th June 1766

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Came in a Letter from Mr Perring at Ongole, enclosing Letters from the French Officers in Bazalet Jung's Service, and the Commander of the Vessell which was seized, as also from Royah Behauder to the Nabobs Manager, demanding the Restitution of the Vessel & Stores —

The French Officers &c. demand the Vessel & Stores —

In answer to which the following Letter was wrote —

To Mr. Perring

Sir

Letter to Mr Perring

I have received your Letter of the 19th Instant, with the several Papers inclosed, as the Boat or the Things in it are of little Consequence, and Montapillee where they deserted the other Stores, belongs to the Circar of Condavere you will recommend to Moccunderow to cause the Boat & what Remains in her to be delivered to the Order of Royah Bahauder, and advise him at the same Time to acquaint the Raja, that the Reason of seizing the Boat was from his Suspicions that the French People had some bad Designes, but now that he is assured the Royah Sowing pursuits is clear of those Apprehensions and the Boat shall be delivered to his Order —

Directed to desire the Nabobs Manager to restore the Vessel &c.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Robert Palk —

Fort St George
25th October 1766 —

Fort St. George 27th October 1766.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 27th. October.

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Sykes
Samuel Ardley, John Call
George Stratton, George Dawson
James Bourchier, George Mackay

Letter from Colonel Wood Commandeny at Trichenopoly read as follows

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

Letter from Colonel Wood

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor last Evening to receive your Favor of the 16th. Instant, agreable to your Orders shall send the Detachment of 50 Europeans & 500 Sepoys to assist the Renter of Manapar.

I have already acquainted you of my having sent 7 Companys of the 11th. Battalion to Colonel De Beck the other 3 Companys of that Battalion are at Carour. So that Colonel De Beck has 12 Companys of the 10th and 11th. Battalion now from hence, that will I believe do their Duty for they go through their Exercise near as well as Europeans. If Colonel De Beck should want an Artillery Officer or any thing else from hence be assured I shall assist him, but I believe he has very sufficient now to settle the Disturbance in that Country.

I have been obliged to detache Lieutenant Sinclair with 3 Companys of the 8th. Battalion of Sepoys to Mooriapollam with one Gun; as the Nabobs Troops that were sent

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sent to Escort the Begum from thence, were not able to force their Way through the Colleries, that had surrounded the Place, and stopped all the Roads leading to it. I have wrote to the King of Tanjour on Consequence of his harbouring & encouraging those Polygars to Rebellion, told him if he had a mind to acquit himself of that Accusation he must send a Party of his Troops to assist in driving them from thence and out of his Country. This I hope you will approve of —

wrote the King of Tanjour upon encouraging the Rebellious Polygars about Worriapollam & order to him —

I am informed that one Ram Reddy, one of Hyder Naigues Amuldars near Outaloor has assisted this Polygar now before Worriapollam and that by his Master's Orders —

Hyder Naigue is returned again to Coimbatore, from Dindigul —

I beg you will please to accept my best Thanks in paying so much regard to my Recommendation of Lieutenant Rose to be Quarter Master. I had the pleasure to receive his Commission for that Post last Night, and he desires me to offer you his sincere Acknowledgments for that favor I am with perfect Esteem & Regard —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Humble Servant —

John Wood —

Trichenopoly
21st October 1766 —

We cannot approve of Colonel Wood's writing to the King of Tanjour in the manner he seems to have done, & laying to his Charge the Troubles at Worriapollam, as it does not appear to us that He is any Ways concerned in encouraging or harbouring the disaffected Pollygars, or that he has any Business to send his Troops to quell Disturbances in the Nabob's Country unless desired so to do by the Nabob or us; Colonel Wood is therefore to be directed

which is disapproved —

to

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to transmit Us a Copy of the Letter He wrote to the King of Tanjour and his Answer —

Letter from the Chief and Council at Cuddalore read as follows —

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

Letter from Cuddalore

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Chief has delivered to Us a Petition from John Tonsack, a Topass, representing that he had served the Company Thirty Eight Years, but receiving a Wound at Conjeveram, which rendered him unfit for future Service, has been dismissed and having no possible means of Support begs to be admitted as a Pensioner —

Petition for an Allowance for John Tonsack an Invalided Topass

Upon Enquiry we find his Representation to be just we request your Honors &c.a pleasure thereon, and are most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servants
John Calland
Robert Dowsett
Wm. Ceuning

Cuddalore
20th. October 1766

One Pagoda p.r Month allowed him —

Agreed that they be permitted to make John Tonsack the Invalid Topass an Allowance of one Pagoda p.r Month —

Orders to be sent to the Out Garrisons &c.a regarding Sepoy Off Reckonings —

The Commissary General acquaints the Board that He finds it very difficult to make out an Account of the Sepoy Off Reckonings for the year 1765, as several of the Subadars and Jemidars have had Stoppages made from them, without receiving any Cloathing. He therefore desires that an Order may be issued to the different Settlements and Out Garrisons, requiring all such Subadars & Jemidars to procure Certificates from the Paymasters where they died Duty that such Stoppages were made, that the Value of the

Cloathing

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Cloathing may be returned — And that all Officers who are to share in the Sepoy Off Reckonings for 1765, do send in their Claims, specifying the Time & Place they did Duty with the Sepoys to the Commissary General by 1st December, next about which time a Committee will be appointed to decide the same —

Resolved that an Order be sent agreable to the Desire of the Commissary General to the Commanding Officer of the Troops in the Field the Chiefs of the different Settlements & Commandants of Garrisons, who are to see that they are complied with —

The Nabob desires to have Credit for the Stores taken at Pondicherry —

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob having examined the General Statement of the Debits & Credits carried to his Account which was delivered to him agreable to an Order of Consultation of 24th February last had represented that he had no Objection to any part thereof, except that he has not been credited for the Stores taken at Pondicherry & the other Forts agreable to the Promise that had been made him when he took upon him to bear the Expence of the Sieges of Madras & Pondicherry either that the Stores should be delivered over to him, or that he should have Credit for their Amount in Case they were given to the Company —

Deletion thereon

On Reference to a Consultation of 12th October 1762, when it was debated what Sums ~~sums~~ should be charged to him We find it was agreed that the Nabobs Account should be credited for the said Stores, And as We judge there can be no doubt of their being given to the Company and great part of them having been expended at the Siege of Madura & other Places charged to the Nabob with an Advance, It is resolved that on the general Statement of his Account he be now credited for their amount.

Geo: Mackay

Rob[t] Palk

C. Boucherie

John Ryves

Sam[l] Sidley

John Call

Geo. Stratton

Ja Bouchier

Fort St. George 28th. October 1766.

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichenopoly.

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenopoly

Letter to Colonel Wood

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 21st. Instant, &c. can by no Means approve of your writing to the King of Tanjour & laying to his Charge the Troubles at Worriar-pollam as it does not appear that He is concerned in har-bouring or encouraging the Polygars to be troublesome - or that He has any Business to send his Troops to quell any Disturbances in the Nabob's Country unless desired so to do by the Nabob or by us. We therefore direct that you send us a Copy of the Letter you wrote to him, as well as the Answer you may receive -

We are
Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St. George
28th. October 1766 -

Wrote the following Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Tod -

To Lieutenant Colonel Tod

Sir

The Polygars in the Trepassour Country lately drove out of their Pollams, having taken Shelter in Villa-condapoh Naigs Woods, from whence They frequently sally in the Night, & plunder the neighbouring Villages & the Roster having recommended that Alley Coley in the Midst of the Woods be made a Post of Sepoys, to employ the Attention of these Plunderers which upon Enquiry will not answer the Purpose, Captain Cosby, being of Opinion that it will be better to take Possession of the Village Con-jum Poodey, close to the Skirts of the Woods, We desire You

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you will call at Trepassour in your Way to Vellour, & with the Assistance of Captain Mathews & Captain Casby make such a Disposition of the Troop of Horse, and the 7 Company's of Sepoys, as may as shall appear upon the Spot best calculated for preserving the Country from the Incursions of the Poligars —

Ordered to give Directions for Stationing the Sepoys about the Villages to prevent Disturbances —

Vencatrow who commands 50 of the Nabobs Horse is to put himself under the Direction of Captain Mathews & three Company's of the Nabobs Sepoys are posted on Beam Naigue, Verdapah Naig and Maubraieze Pollams, besides 300 Peons under the Command of Maubraieze, & 50 Las=cars & 400 Coolies with the Renter: Any of them in Case of establishing a Post or finding it necessary to cut down Woods, may be assembled —

Weare

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant —

Fort St. George
28.th October 1766 —

Robert Palk &c.a Council —

Novem.r 2.d Came in the following Letter from Colonel Wood —

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

Letter from Colonel Wood

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have now the Pleasure to acknowledge your Favor of the 22.d Ult.o which I had the Honor to receive this Morning —

I believe there cannot be the least Reason to doubt but the Troops sent from here will be sufficient to establish Peace in the Tinnevelly Country, which Detachment I have the Pleasure to acquaint you Captain Harper has the Command of, which I am extremely glad of as it seems to be agreeable to you; but I have had no Accounts

From

from thence since the Troops from Vence joined, nor can much be done yet I am afraid as the Monsoons are so heavily set in that we have had nothing but continued Rains for these Eight or ten Days past, the Country is all under Water, and there seems to be no End to it yet. I believe none of our Sepoys were in the Garrison taken by the Colleries at least I understood Colonel De Beake so, when he wrote me that the Killedar and one Company of the Nabobs Seapoys had delivered up Sandravandy and joined the Plunderers. However I will inform myself better and acquaint You, and at the same Time shall give Directions to Captain Harper that the Necessary Examples may be made on the Aggressors who may fall into his Hands: at least enquiries and report them to you.

Indeed it appears to me that Hyder Naigue is at the Bottom of all these Troubles, and does in order to divide our Force, as much as possible. For I am very well assured that a very little Power throughout the Country has Vaccheels with Sunni; and he assures them all he shall be this Way in January next. I have just now had an Account from Sirs Camp of six Thousand Marrattas who joined Sunni about a Month ago from the Northward of Coimbettore mutinying and cutting through Sirs Guards which he had posted to keep all Necessarys out of Camp until the Commander of them had agreed to serve Sunni with only Four Thousand of the best, but he refused without he took the whole good & bad together. However they went only as far as great Dorabarahanur where Manpheus Cawn was sent and has made up Matters, and taken them all into his Service.

Lieutenant Forbes writes me word from Worcapolam, that he arrived there the 22d with one Serjeant, Major, & five Seapoys wounded, but this he had a scattering

Fire

Fort St. George 2. November 1766

Fire from the Woods on each Side the Road all the Way from
the Entrance of the Fort Barrier to the Fort and Trenches
& Thorns thrown acrost the Road in many Places
I have the Honor to remain most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servant
John Wood

Pt. Pedro or:
Jaffnapatam

Trichenopoly
27th Octo. 1766

At a Consultation Present

Monday
3 November
1766

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Sybers
Samuel Ardley, John Call
George Stratton, George Dawson
James Bourchier, George Mackay

Letter from Colonel Campbell to the President read as follows

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.
Governor of Fort St. George
Honble Sir

Letter from Colonel Campbell

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith the usual monthly Returns

I think it my Duty to represent to you the ex-
cessive Badness of the Quarters with which the Officers
of this Garrison are provided, and indeed I apprehend
that if it had been expected so large a Body of Troops
would remain here for a constancy, the Expence attending
proper Barracks would have been judged not only reas-
onable but absolutely necessary - those lately can
accommodate but very few and are not calculated to
last long, most of the Gentlemen live in old ruinous
Houses, which, they fitted up at their own Expence, so as

representing the bad State of Officers Quarters at Vellore

to

to be tolerably decent during the dry Weather. But now the Rains have been very heavy for some Time, as Foundation Walls, & Timbers are all rotten, they tumble to Pieces — they must however do the best they can for this Monsoon, but if it is intended that Vellour shall for the future be a Cantonment there is a Necessity for having regular, solid and lasting Barracks —

That a Part of the Rampart is washed down —

Part of the Rampart having been washed down by the Rains, and a Battery sunk a little, I have made the Nabob acquainted therewith, and now I have the Honor to give you the same Information —.

I understand the Detachment from Madras arrived yesterday at Arcot —

I am with perfect Esteem Respect & Regard —

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obed.^t & most humble Serv.^t

Donald Campbell —

Vellour
5^th November 1766 —

Agreed that Colonel Campbell be informed that by the Month of January We shall be able to determine concerning the Expediency of building Officer's Quarters at Order in Consequence Vellour, when proper Measures will be taken both with regard to them and the Rampart which is damaged by the Rains —

One of the Chaplains to proceed to Vellour

The most considerable Part of our Troops being Stationed at Vellour, and the other Out Garrisons, It is necessary that one of the Chaplains should visit the Cantonments, and Out Posts — Mr. Thomas is therefore to proceed thither who is to have the same Allowance as Paymasters in the Field, which is to be charged to the Commissary General —

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Corby at the Pollams had applied for more Sepoys to assist in

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another Company of Sepoys to be sent to the Pollams

in quelling the Disturbances occasioned by the Polygars —
It is ordered that another Company of Sepoys be sent thither.

Robt Palk
Chr Boucherett
John Pybus
Sam Wheeley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
J. Boucherett
Geo: Mackay

Fort St. George 5th November 1766

Came in the following Letter from Colonel Campbell.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

Governor of Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Campbell.

Hon'ble Sir

Lieutenant Colonel Tod having in a Letter I received from him last Night, signify'd to me that it was your Honour's orders Lieut. Cowley to Join you. Lieutenant Cowley with the Detachment of the second Troop should march immediately to join Captain Matthews, I have ordered him away this Morning. he will be to Night at Covenpauk and most probably at Trevalore the 5th in the Evening Lieutenant Sackett with his Detachment arrived yesterday. they shall be kept seperate agreable to your Directions I have ordered four Serjeants and four Corporals from the second Regement to assist in disciplining them, one of them died in a few hours after they marched on.

I am with perfect Respect, Esteem & regard.

Hon'ble Sir

Your most Obed.t & most hum.ble Servant

Donald Campbell.

Vellour
5. November 1766.

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Campbell.

To Colonel Campbell

Commanding at Vellour

Letter to Colonel Campbell.

Sir

The President has communicated to Us your Letter of the 1st & 3d. Instant

By the Month of January we shall be able to determine concerning the Expediency of building Barracks at Vellour, when proper Measures shall be taken regarding them, as well the Rampart which is damaged by the Rains.

The most considerable Part of your Troops being stationed at Vellour and the other Out Garrisons. We think it necessary that one of our Chaplains should visit the Cantonments and Outposts

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Out Posts Mr. Thomas will therefore proceed in a few Days
Captain Kirker is set out for Vellour & Captain
Bellingham & Marchand will soon follow, who are all ap-
pointed to your Regiment

Weare Sir

Fort St George
5 November 1766

Your most humble Servants
Robert Palk &c. Council

Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Fod

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr
&c &c

Letter from Lieut. Colonel Fod regarding the Posts at the Pollams

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of your Orders of the 28th Ultimo I arrived here the 3d Instant & have since been employed visiting the Country along the Skirts of the Polly gar Woods, in order to dispose of the Force employed here so as best to prevent their Incursions on the Tripatore Country

I found Captain Corby had already taken Possession of Conjeeveram Cuddey a Village belonging to Vellaconda pah-
-aw Naig, round which he has some flat Country lying close under the Skirts of the Woods to the Northward, and is a very proper Post for the Defence of that Part of the Country; but as it is a Village wholly belonging to the Poligar it may be expected that he will endeavour to regain it, and I have therefore ordered Brush Works to be thrown up, and the Wood cleared round it. I have left a Subaltern, 2 Serjeants and 3 Companys of Sepoys in it, having retired some of the Force from Verdapahnagy &c. Pollams for that Purpose, as Conjeeveram Cuddey being in their Front to the Southwestward there is the less to apprehend. I found Captain Matthews's Troop and the Peons and Sepoys employed about Tripatore lay too far back from the Woods to protect the fertile Country to the South Westward of Tripatore, I have therefore moved them nearer to the Poligar's Country, and extended them more to the Southward from

Conjeeveram

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Conjam Poodee. The Troop of Horse and black Horse being posted centrical to the whole at a Village called Patra Poram: battore within an Hours march of Conjam Poodee —

By this Disposition I think the Country may be effectually secured from the Incursions of the Polygars and our posts being so disposed, may on Occasion assist one another if any of them should happen to be attacked —

There is a Village called Trwangaloor belonging to the Polygar which would make an exceeding strong Post to the Southward, as Conjam Poodee does to the Northward but as I was restricted from ordering any hostilities to be committed on these People, I did not think it proper to take Possession of it without an Order so to do. Imagine they will take the first Opportunity to shew their Resentment for our having taken Conjam Poodee, & have advised Captains Matthews and Cosby to be the more on their Guard and in Case of they (the Polygars) making any Incroads then to take possession of Trwangaloor, but to run no Risque of losing (Europeans especially) but in Case of absolute Necessity and in Defence of the Country —

I would recommend another Serjeant to be sent to Captain Cosby from Madras —

As I have executed that Part of your Orders which depended on me I shall set out for Vellour this night and in a few Days return to Madras having left Captain Matthews and Cosby entirely satisfied with the Disposition of the Force under them — I am with perfect Respect

Hon^ble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed^t & most humble Servant

Charles Tod —

Encampments near Trepassore 4th November 1766 —

Came in the following Letter from Mr Perring at Ongole —

To

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To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

Letter from Govr. Perring orders the Stores with the Boat to be delivered up.

Honble Sir

I have received your Letter of the 25th. ordering the Boat to be delivered up to the Rajahs Order, which I have made Mocondarow acquainted with and he has wrote to him accordingly.

I am Honble Sir with the greatest Respect Your most Obed.t most Hble Servant

Onjole 30th. October 1766.

P Perring

Letter from Captain Harper to Lieutenant Colonel De Beck received as follows

To Lieutenant Colonel De Beck

Letter from Capt. Harper to Lieutenant Colonel De Beck regarding his March against the Polygars.

Sir

I informed you yesterday that we were going to march, it true we did so, but when we got a Mile from the old Encampment we found a very rapid River occasioned by the Enemies cutting the Tanks and turning the Water down it, It has continued so deep & rapid ever since that we have not been able to cross.

The Morning we began to make a Place to turn part of it another Way, I hope we shall be able to compass it to day, altho' it is a heavy Piece of Work.

The Enemy has made several Attempts on our Out Posts and as often beat off Yesterday they came on very boldly to attack our Advance Posts but at last were beat off with the Help of a Gun I had advanced to cover them, by all Accounts they lost many People, We had four wounded.

We have had a deal of Firing within this three or four Days occasioned by the Enemies hovering round us Day and Night, I have seen nothing of them to Day but have heard some Firing at Shivelpettoor which is about

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Ten English Miles from Sanca

Camp 27th. Oct. 1766

Sir

AB The B Encampment was at Moregunda

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Hump. Harper

Monday 10th. November 1766

At a Consultation Present

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President

Charles Bourchier, John Bybus

Samuel Ardley, John Call

George Stratton, George Dawson

James Bourchier, George Mackay

Report of the Committee of Stores read and the following Orders are made thereon

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Hble Sir & Sirs

Report of the Committee of Stores

Orders thereon

We have now the Honor to lay before you a Report with the Proof of the Gun Powder received by the Ships Hampshire, Neptune, Glatton Leonard, Duke of Kingston and Earl of Ashburnam, which we have carefully examined and find it much better that what has been sent out for several Years past however we must remark that the Powder in every Barrel was caked together, which we imagine must have arisen from the Ships being new or the Powder put on Board in Wet Weather, to remedy this in future we recommend that the Powder sent out hereafter be

Ordered that this Matter be recommended to our Honble Masters & that the Report of the Powder be entered hereafter

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be all glazed & care taken to have it shipp'd in dry Weather & also orders given to the Commander of every Ship that the Powder Barrels be moved & rolled a little once a Month on the Passage out —

2d. We have already recommended in our Letter of the 23d September 1765 that the Barrels of the Firelocks in future be of 42 Inches & the Bayonets 16 Inches in the Blade, & the Report of Colonel Donald Campbell concerning the Arms at Vellour confirms Us in Opinion of the Necessity of having them of that length —

2d. Ordered also that this be particularly mentioned to our Honble Masters & that both this and the foregoing Paragraph be remarked in the Indent for Military Stores —

3d. Having been obliged to use Tents & Tarpaulins in drying & sifting of the Powder for the Want of a proper Place for that Purpose several have been rendered unserviceable a Report of which we have now the Honor to lay before you —

3d. Ordered that the Amount of Tents mentioned in this Article be wrote off, and that what remain of them be kept for drying and sifting Powder, And the Engineer is desired to pitch upon a proper Place for building a Shed for that Purpose —

4th We have examined the Stores in Garrison and have the Pleasure to acquaint you that they are all in good Order except the Drum Heads sent out this Season they are full of Holes which don't appear until they are wetted. We therefore recommend that two of them be sent home with the two broken Firelocks sent on by Colonel Campbell — We are with Respect

4th Ordered Accordingly —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servants

John Call

George Stratton

John Eley —

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7th November 1766 —

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Report of Gunpowder received from England p.r the Undermentioned Ships this Year 1766

Ships Names and Marks of the Barrels	By shifting & drying produced						Proofs of Powder						
	Damaged Powder	Coarse	Fine	Dust	Lost	Total	Number of Firings	Weight of Powder	Nature of the Mortar	Weight of the Shells	Elevation	Range	Medium Range of 3 Shells
	100lb Barrels	100lb Barrl	100lb Barrl	100lb Barrels	100lb Barrels	100lb Barrl.		lb	Inches	lb	Dgr.	Yards	Yards
Neptune W W T	111	70	30	10	1	111	1	2	10	96	45	1270	1244
							2					1250	
							3					1213	
Glatton W T	111	70	25	15	1	111	1					1045	1126
							2					1250	
							3					1213	
Hampshire B E W	111	63	25	19	4	111	1					1270	1262
							2					1260	
							3					1256	
Lioness I T	111	61	39	10	1	111	1					1255	1255
							2					1270	
							3					1239	
Earl of Ashburnham W	111	82	15	13	1	111	1					1270	1241
							2					1230	
							3					1223	
Duke of Kingston M P A	112	79	21	10	2	112	1					1280	1249
							2					1226	
							3					1241	
Total	667	425	155	77	10	667							

	100lb Barrels	Coarse 100lb Barrl	Fine 100lb Barrl	Dust 100lb Barrels	Lost 100lb Barrels	Total 100lb Barrl.
Received from the Commanders of the Europe Ships for Return of Salutes	10	Barrels 6.80	2	1	lb 20	10

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John Call
George Stratton
John Eley
} Committee of Stores

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A Report of Tents &c.a damaged worn out and lost in shifting and drying Powder on the Island —

Laboratory Tents	1		59 —	—
Officers Tents	3		90 —	—
Private Tents	1		11	20 55
Tarpaulins	3		32	9 —
Copper Hoops	8		1	31 —
		Pagodas —	194	24 55

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27th October 1766 —

John Call
George Stratton
I Eley —

Letter from Captain Billingham read as follows —

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

Letter from Capt.n
Billingham —

Honble Sir & Sirs

As the Resignation of Major Kirkpatrick will I presume occasion a Vacancy of a Majority in the Second Regiment now in Cantonements at Vellore, and as I have been informed since my Arrival here from the Northward that it has been lately determined by the Board to give the Officers of Cavalry Rank in the Infantry according to the Dates of their Captains Commissions, by which means I shall have the Mortification of finding myself supercedad by Captain Thomas Fitzgerald, whom in Consequence of such Determination stands next before me in Succession to a Majority —

I therefore beg leave to lay before you a Representation of my Case, hoping you will be pleased to take what I have to offer into Consideration, and look upon this Address to proceed rather from a modest and becoming Exertion of that Spirit which ought to distinguish those of my Profession, & of those Principles which ever have

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and I hope ever will animate my Zeal for the good of the Service I have the Honor to be employ'd in, than to be Disposition to complain or Remonstrate without a Cause —

In order to set what I have to lay before you in as clear a Light as possible, give me leave to observe that I had the Honor of receiving my first Commission as Ensign in this Service in May 1758 and served with the Troops in the Field under the Command of General Lawrence, till we retreated from the Mount the beginning of December following, and afterwards during the Siege of this Place, by General Lally, when I received a very severe Wound in my Head by the blowing in of the Counter scarp of the Ditch the third of February, which disabled me from further Service for the Remainder of the Siege: But so soon as I was fit for Duty I joined the Army then under the Command of Major Brereton, & it was not till July 1759 that Ensign (now Captain) Thomas Fitzgerald arrived from Europe, from which time he took his Rank, and soon after joined the Army. From this Recital it will appear that I had the Honor of serving as an Officer upwards of fourteen Months before Captain Fitzgerald's Arrival, and here I hope I shall not be thought too assuming by claiming some small Share of your Consideration in the Suit I have now the Honor to lay before you, on account of my Service during the Siege, which however inconsiderable were exerted to the utmost of my Abilities, and as I have ever considered the smallest Share I had in that memorable & truly Honorable Event, as the most fortunate Circumstance that ever happened to me as a Soldier, I hope it will likewise serve in some Measure to bespeak your favorable Decision of my Cause —

But to return from this Digression permit

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me to observe that in September 1759 (three Months after Ensign Fitzgerald joined the Army, I received my Lieutenant's Commission about which time a Second Troop of Horse being thought necessary, he was removed from the Infantry to that Corps with a Commission (I believe) as Cornet. & there being then but very few Officers of Cavalry the Promotion was so quick that he obtained a Commission as Captain Lieutenant in that Corps before I was advanced to the same Rank in the Battalion. But at set was at that time determined that Officers of Cavalry should only rise in their own Corps, no Injury could be sustained by those of the Foot from their Promotion, I therefore considered Captain Fitzgerald's Rank as no Grievance to me — We were both advanced to the Rank of Captain during the first Siege of Madura, he in the Cavalry and I in the Battalion and our Commissions bore the same Date, but this did not long continue the Case, for soon after Colonel Charles Campbell took upon him the Command of the Army during the Second Siege of Madura he sent for Captain Fitzgerald to his Tent and asking him for his Commission told him he had orders for antedating it to mine, which was then done accordingly by one Day only —

To what Cause this was owing I never learnt, nor did I at that time concern myself much about it from a Persuasion that Captain Fitzgerald's Rank in the Cavalry could never interfere with my Promotion in the Infantry. But as in Consequence of the Regulation lately made, I find his intended he shall take his rise in the Battalion from the Date of his Captain's Commission, I hope your Honor &c, will not think this my Application, to you to be restored to the Rank which I humbly conceive I have so just a Right to, either unreasonable or impertinent, particularly as Captain Matthews who by having served in the Cavalry at a time when

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the Rise in that Corps was not so quick as in the Battalion has been restored to the Rank he would by that means have lost and as I have never had the least Cause to doubt the Justice of your Decision, I flatter myself you will not in the present Instance refuse to me that Redress you have so lately been pleased to grant to another, under the like Circumstances on Confidence of which I have the Honor to subscribe my-self most respectfully—

applies for Rank before Capt. Fitzgerald—

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10th November 1766—

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t & most humble Servant
John Bettinghame—

We are always sorry whenever any Individual suffers, by a General Establishment's taking Place which was calculated solely with a View for the good of the Service, and to prevent any ones being injured in his Rank, And as we have all the Reason to be well satisfied with Captain Bettinghame's Behaviour, it gives Us the more concern that there should be any appearance of his having suffered thereby— But as Captain Fitzgerald by his rise in the Cavalry was promoted to Captain Lieutenancy long before there was a Vacancy of that Rank in the Infantry for Captain Bettinghame We cannot now, consistently with the Regulations recommended by General Lawrence and the other Field Officers and approved of by the Board give him rank superior to Captain Fitzgerald— of which Captain Bettingham is to be informed—

Resolution in Consequence—

Mr. Pybus desires leave to give in the following Dissent to the Resolution of the Board, which is ordered to be entered—

Mr Pybus's Dissent

I dissent from the preceding Minute, because I think's Captain Bettingham's Application for being

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restored to the Rank he has lost by Captain Fitzgerald's having served in the Cavalry instead of the Infantry, is founded on the most just and equitable Pretentions. Not only, because he had been an Officer upwards of fourteen Months before Ensign Snow Captain Fitz Gerald's Arrival from England, and that his Case is exactly similar to that of Captain Matthews, who having lost Rank in the Infantry by serving in the Cavalry has been lately restored to that Rank; But because he was one of those Officers to whose gallant Behaviour the Company are indebted for the Preservation of this Place when besieged by the French, whereon I might almost venture to say all their Possessions in India depended, And whose Services therefore on that Occasion ought alone (In my Opinion to be sufficient, was there no other Reason, to preserve them from being injured in their just Rank, provided there was no Objection to their Characters as men or Abilities as Officers And as I know of no superior Merit that can be urged in either of these Respects more in favor of Captain Fitzgerald than Captain Bellingham I must be of Opinion that Captain Bellingham ought to be promoted to the Rank of Major in the Infantry in preference to Captain Fitzgerald. In which I find myself supported by the Opinion of the Committee of field Officers in their Report entered the 4th Nov.r on the Proceedings in this Department given by them in the following Words. Viz.t "Our Reason for not recommending that the first Officer of Cavalry should come into this "Tour for Preferment in the Battalions from the Rank of "Captain is, That we think it better for the Service that the "Majors of Infantry should be Officers who have been regularly "bred in that Corps, for as the Discipline of the Battalion "chiefly rests on them, a Captain of Cavalry is promoted to be "Major of Infantry would not in our Opinions be so proper a

Subject.

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Subject. Captain Bellingham has never served in any other Corps than the Infantry. Captain Fitzgerald never served in it above three Months. John Dyer

Letter from Captain Mathews read as follows

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

Letter from Captain Mathews

recommends taking Possession of Trevalangar for the better Security of the Pollams

Honble Sir & Sirs

I humbly conceive it is necessary that the Village of Trevalangar, and two small Places on the Wood just by it, belonging to the Enemy be immediately taken Possession of, because during the Rains a River that is between me and Conjeveram soon swells so as to be impassible when it will be impossible for me to succour that Post and were I on the other Side before the aforementioned River is secured this part would be liable to Insults. The Village of Trevalangar lies South of Ramalchurry 6 Miles at the Edge of a Hill & Wood that rises near the latter and continues South about 2 Miles beyond the former, where it turns directly West and is the Property of some Independants, excepting the 2 little Places belonging to Vellaus Condapah Naig were they taken, the Enemy could not move from the Valley so as to give us any Disturbance any other way than between Ramalchurry and Condapah Naigues Pollam. The Troops then being fixed at Ramalchurry within a Mile of Conjeveram would effectually stop the Incursions of the Plunderers & perfectly secure all the Trevalore Country.

Trevalangar is 2 Miles and a half from thence, is a large Place, with a stately Pagoda surrounded by a high Wall, there is but 100 Peons in it & 40 in each of the Pollams. Mr. Cowley arrived here with his Detachment the Night before last. I have the Honor to be

Honble

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Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most Hble Servant

Richard Matthews

Patra Pormadoor
7th November 1766

Order in Consequence

Ordered that a Copy of the above Letter be sent to Cap^t Sam Corby, who is to be directed to consult with Captain Matthews regarding the Ports necessary for the Protection of the Country — Hee is at the same time to be informed that We should much rather, if possible, accommodate Matters with the Polygars than be constantly obliged to keep a Force there, since wherever that is withdrawn Fresh Troubles will arise for which reason the Nabob and the Renter have been spoke to on the Subject. And Captain Corby is to acquaint the Polygars that our only motive for carrying Matters thus far was to preserve the Country from being ravaged —

In order to compleat the former Establishment the following Promotions are to take Place —

Captain Lieut.^t Evans appointed Captain in the room of Captain Pascal Commanding at Chungleput

Ensign La. Motte
Edmonds
Lane
Morrison
Barnewall
Carpenter

} appointed Lieutenants

Mess^rs Walter Gorehame
Henry Edw.^d Estor
Adair

} appointed Ensigns —

Thomas Barrington
Charles Maitland
George Bryce —

Letter from Captain Pascal Commanding at Chungleput read as follows —

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

Hon^ble

Fol. Fort St. George 10th November 1766.

Letter from Captain Pascal

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Permit me to acquaint You that the Waters have so much increased all round Us, that it is necessary to build a small brick Channel of two Feet in Breadth and about seven feet long under the narrow Passage leading from the outer, to the inner Fort, by which the Water is now confined & comes up to the Soldiers Cook Room will be drained and have a free Course into the main Ditch of the Outer Fort the Expence will not exceed four Pagodas — Your Pleasure herein will much oblige —

Draws to cut a Drain for carrying off the Water into the Ditch —

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & most humble Servant

Edmund Pascal —

Cungleepet 9th November 1766

The President acquaints the Board that he had received a Letter from Captain Pascal advising that the Causeway leading to the Fort was out of Repair and wanted mending in several places, of which He had informed the Renter.

Adjoins that the Causeway wants Repairing —

Agreed that the Paymaster be directed to make the Drain recommended by Captain Pascal & he is to be informed that the Renter has been spoke to regarding keeping the Causeway in proper Repair —

Orders in Consequence

Robt Palk

C. Boucher

John Pybus

Sam.l Bradley

John Call

Geo. Stratton

J. Brohier

Geo. Mackay

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Received the following Letter from Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichenapoly

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

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Wood containing his Excuse for having wrote to the King of Tanjore

I had just now the Honor to receive your Favor of the 28th of last Month, and agreable to your Request inclose you a Copy of the Letter I wrote to the King of Tanjore and am extremely sorry, as it has not met with your Approbation; But this I have been lead to do from your Orders last June, as likewise the Nabob and his People have have desired me now, since the last Troubles have commenced at Warriapallam to write him — I have had no answer from the King of Tanjour to this Letter, but he sent me word that he should answer it when he heard good News from Warriapallam, I enquiring me that he had sent three Companys of Sepoys and some Horse thither.

Captain Harper acquaints me he arrived at Pallatore the 30th of last Month, & found the Enemy had left it the Day before; That he intended the next Day to march to Sendrabandy, where he has Intelligence, the Enemy have left a small Garrison, and that it is said the Body of the Enemy are gone into the Tinnevelly Country and dispersed different Roads: I have the Honor to remain with great Respect —

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obliged & most hble Servant
John Wood —

Trichenapoly
4th November 1766 —

12 Sent the following Letter to Captain Corby —

To Captain Corby

Sir — The Enclosed is a Copy of a Letter from Captain Matthews

Letter to Captain Corby —

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Matthews, with whom you will consult with regard to the Posts necessary for the Protection of the Country and act accordingly —

We had much rather, if possible, settle Matters with the Polygars, than be obliged constantly to keep a Force there some whenever that is withdrawn Fresh Troubles will arise the Nabob & the Renter have therefore been spoke to on the Subject, and We desire you will acquaint the Polygars, that our only motives for carrying Matters thus far were to preserve the Country from being ravaged —

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Robert Palk &c.ª Council —

Fort St George
12th November 1766 —

The Coach sent from the Company to the Nabob over this Day presented to him with the usual Ceremony, & graciously received —

Came in a Letter from Captain James Fitzgerald dated at Instant, advising of his Arrival at Trichinopoly with his Battalion of Sepoys —

13th Received the following Letter from Mr. Palmer Paymaster at Madura —

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

Letter from Mr. Palmer at Madura

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

I have been duly favored with your Orders of the 16th Inst.ª relating to the Fortifications of this Garrison & to which you may depend on my punctual Obedience. I am with due Respect —

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Madura
6th November 1766 —

Your most Obedient Hble Servant
Archdale Palmer
Paymaster

Fort St. George 17th November 1766

Came in the following Letter from Captain Cosby

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Captain Cosby regarding the Posts for the Security of the Pollams

I have had the honor to receive your Letter enclosing Captain Matthews whom I shall according to your Directions consult with regarding the Posts necessary for the Protection of the Country, but must beg leave to differ in Opinion with him in regard to our immediately taking possession of Trivatangar, as I presume from the Tenor of your Letter it is not intended at this Juncture to act on the Offensive, our Troops are at present certainly situated in such a Manner as to incapacitate the Polygars from molesting any part of the Trivatoor Country. It is true was the Troops obliged to move forward to Coyumpoody the Polygars might be sally from Trivitangar, but as the former is now so well fortified as to need little or no Assistance should it even be attacked, and as Trivatangar has been long since ceded to the Church and looked on as the Property of the Brammees, I imagine whether we have possession of it or not is of little Consequence. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obliged &
very obedient humble Servant
H.D.M. Cosby

Verdapah Naigs Pollam
15th November 1766

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 17th November 1766

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Pybus
Samuel Ardley, John Call
George Stratton, George Dawson
James Bourchier, George Mackay

Letter from the President and Council at Bombay read as follows

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

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your several Letters of the 12th. 16th. & 29th. July, 5th & 6th. of August

We have not had any certain Intelligence of Hyder Ally Cawns Motions since he left Cattoor, but are inclined to believe he will cautiously avoid coming to a Rupture with Us, more especially, as we have authorized the Chief at Tellicherry to enter into a Treaty with him which we flatter ourselves he will succeed in, in which case we shall fail to communicate the same, to you in the speediest manner, Weare obliged by the Orders Your Honor &c. gave Mr. Bourchier, and you may rest assured whenever Occasion requires, we will most chearfully cooperate with you in any Measures, that may be judged for our Honble Masters Interest. Weare with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servants
Chas Crommelin
Wm. Hornby
Daniel Draper
R. H. Boddam

Bombay Castle
26th. September 1766

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adorning of their Houses authorized the Chief at Tellicherry to enter into a Treaty with Hyder Ally

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Agreed

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Agreed that the Gentlemen at Bombay be informed of the Advices received from Bengal (as contained in the Letters from the Select Committee and Lord Clive entered with the Proceedings relating to the Northern Circars) as well as with the Situation of our Affairs on this Coast, and of the hopes we have of the Treaty with the Soubah's being soon concluded, by which we shall probably be engaged in assisting against Hyder Ally Cawn, who from the many Violences he has committed and his immense Conquests, Riches & Power is become obnoxious to every Government, and dangerous to the Carnatic - They are also to be desired to make the necessary Preparations to co-operate with Us should we enter into such a Measure, which we are of Opinion will not only tend to the Security of our Hon^ble Masters Possessions on this Side of India, but may be a means of procuring such Acquisitions & Privileges to the Company's Settlements on the Malabar Coast, as must be very beneficial to their Trade & Interests -

Purport of a Letter

Letter from Captain Davis Commanding at Tumory Cotah read as follows -

To the Hon^ble Robert Palk Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St. George

Hon^ble Sir

Letter from Capt^n Davis setting forth the bad Government of the Nabob and of distressed Situation of the Country -

Tho' the Nabob promised you his Troops should be more regularly paid - they have not received a single Cash of their pay, since I acquainted you last. The People are in the utmost Distress. The Nabob depends on the Revenues of this Country, to pay his Troops here, but it would not be sufficient if it was entirely employed for that Use. Moorderow the Nabob's Buxy at Ongole has drawn Several Sums from this Place, but none returns in its room. The Amuldar tells me himself that he has made

more

more of this Country, than ever was made yet, Viz. Eighty thousand big Pagodas last year, and the Country never was worth above sixty thousand Pagodas, this however has destressed its Inhabitants so much and given them such an aversion against the Nabobs Government, that I believe it will not amount to Sixty thousand Pagodas next year, Nothing but distress is seen or heard of in every Village, The Inhabitants cannot subsist in this Country, they are obliged to seek elsewhere for cheaper Maintenance in this District Cholum is sold for 3 Pice ffr. Sear, and round about Us, it is sold for one Pice ffr Sear, No thought is taken for the poor Labourers (which is the riches of a Country) nothing is encouraged in its place Extortion, Fines & heavy Taxes, how then can the Nabob ever expect to reap Benefit of this Country. The People look upon us as their cruel Enemies, when we might make them our Friends only by kindness it is a Pity that this People should be abused by his Servants so much, please to excuse my troubling you upon this Head — but I could not refrain, from the daily Complaints made I would have wrote to the Nabob and acquainted him in particular but I think it would only be troubling to no Purpose without He removes this Amuldar — For several Days past we have been infested with a Sett of Robbers who call themselves the Friends of Verapetroy by different Accounts, sometimes one thousand, sometimes two thousand, they are commonly divided in three or more Parties and keep chiefly amongst the Hills in Day time, at Night they make incursions into the plain Country & plunder the poor Villages. — A few Days ago Ensign Tarwell with 20 Topasses and one Company of Sepoys, Some Colleries and a few Horse with the Amuldar came

into
Service
Some of

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up with a Party that had the Boldness to stand in Defiance. But the Officer with his Party immediately mounted the Hills and put them to the Rout, killed 20 of them, on our Side one Topaz & 4 Sepoys were wounded. I learn by a Prisoner that there were one thousand of them. & there were only 300 of Verapedroy's Peons. the rest were poor Fellows hired upon that Occasion. Some of them the poor Inhabitants of this Country and the neighbouring Places round here. Seven of the Venicondah Mani People was sent backe to the Venicondah Rajah Prisoners, but they say that the Rajah knows nothing of their being employed. Since this all the parties are dispersed and nothing is heard of, but General Caillaud's being at Hydrabad, setling a Reconcilation with Nizam Ally. between the Nabob and his Allies. I have now the Honor to enclose you a Month: by Return of the Detachment under my Command in the Paleacad. I am Honble Sir

with much Respect

Your most Obed.t Hble Servant

Henry Davis.

Tumery Cotah
2.d November 1766.

Observations of the Board thereon.

We are sorry to observe that the above Letter contains but too exact an Epitome of the Nabob's Government in all places; and the President acquaints the Board that he has represented to the Nabob, how much his Revenues are wasted & the Country distressed thereby. That the Nabob seemed very sensible of the Justness of the President's Remarks, & promised that He will in future take no more from the Countries, than they can well afford, & as soon as Peace is concluded with the Soubah, He will discharge all his Sepoys & keep only a few Sibbendy for collecting the Rents, and rely entirely on the Company for the Protection of the Country. The

President

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President also observed to him that after next year when his Debt to the Company will be nearly discharged, the running Expences of the Company's Troops kept for the Protection of the Country will only amount to about Sixteen Lacks of Rupees p.r Annum; Upon the Reduction of Sixteen thousand Sepoys now kept by him, if it should be judged expedient by the Company to raise four or five thousand out of them. The whole yearly Disbursements then to be made by the Company will not exceed twenty five Lacks of Rupees and he might in a short time, with good Management be enabled not only to pay off all his Debts, but to lay up such a Sum in his Treasury as would always secure to him, in Case of any Emergency whatever Assistance he may at any time require.

Rob.t Palk
C.t Bourchier
John Pybus
Sam.l Bradley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Ja.s Bourchier
Geo: Mackay

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Dispatched the following Letters to Bombay & Tellicherry

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

Copy to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your Letter of the 26th.
September

We advised your Honor &c.a under Date the 11th.
October p.r Spanker, that We had reason to hope the Soubah
was well inclined towards Us, & would acquiesce to our holding
the Circars, you were at the same Time informed that we
judged it most prudent to defer taking any Measures
with regard to the Plan proposed by the Select Committee
at Bengal, as we imagined that both Nizam Ally & the Mara-
tas would be desirous of reducing Hyder Ally

What we then foresaw, has in a great Measure come to
pass & we have the Satisfaction of acquainting Your Honor &c.a
that General Caillaud has nearly concluded the Treaty with
the Soubah, and possibly We may be prevailed on to assist in
reducing the Mysore Government within its antient and
proper Bounds, and which indeed We cannot but look
upon as a favorable Opportunity of checking the ambitious
Designs of a Man from whose Violence immense Conquests
Riches & Power the Peace of the Nabob's Dominions is liable
to be disturbed, And indeed his refusing to admit Mr.
Bourchier who was set out to negotiate with him sufficient-
ly evinces how little desirous he was of our Friendship and
Alliance & that nothing but proceeding to Extremities can
bring him to reason

Indeed we cannot but look upon this Measure as
best calculated not only to preserve the Tranquility of the
Carnatick, but also of the Malabar Coast, & very possibly
may enable you to procure such Requisitions & Priveleges to

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ining of the Treaty
nearly concluded
Nizam ally &
Designs against
der ally Lawn

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your Settlements there, as cannot fail of being of very consiederable Advantage to our Honble Masters Interests. It may likewise be a Means of facilitating the Execution of the Bengal Plan whenever it shall be judged adviseable to undertake it

We shall not fail to advise you, should We be obliged to take any Part in the Designs against Hyder Ally, that you may take Measures accordingly, which we need not add should be done with the greatest Secrecy

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.a Council

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To James Ryley Esq.r

Chief &c.a Factors at Tellicherry

Letter to Tellicherry

enclosing the above

Gentlemen

The accompanying Letter for the Honble the President & Council at Bombay comes open for your Perusal that you may be acquainted with the Situation of our Affairs here and which we desire you will forward with the utmost Dispatch

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Humble Servants

Robert Palk &c.a Council

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At a Consultation Present.

Thursday 27th November 1766.

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Pybus
Samuel Ardley, John Call
George Stratton, George Dawson
James Bourchier, George Mackay

General Caillaud having in his Letters entered the Proceedings relating to the Northern Circars of this Day advised of the Treaty with the Soubahs being concluded, & of the Designs against Hyder Ally Cawn, in which he has engaged our Assistance, It is ordered that the Gentlemen at Bombay may be immediately informed thereof, that they may take the necessary Measures for the Security of our Honble Masters Possessions on the Malabar Coast. And as we may be assured as soon as our Intentions are known, every Power, whom Hyder Ally's Ambition has deprived of their Country, will naturally embrace so fair an Opportunity of recovering their antient Possessions, The President & Council at Bombay will be the best able to determine how far it may be expedient to assist any of those on the Malabar Coast as well as what Grants or Privileges will be most for our Honble Masters Interest to be obtained for their Settlements on that Side.

Purport of a Letter to be wrote to Bombay in Consequence of the Designs against Hyder Ally.

Mr. Pybus's Minute of Dissent as entered in Consultation of 10th Instant being read the Board observe that Captain Billingham's Case is not properly stated.

First his Case is not exactly similar to that of Captain Matthews, because this Officer would not have been made a Captain had it not been resolved to reduce the Cavalry, at the Recommendation of General Lawrence, so soon as the two Troops could be collected, Major Kirkpatrick was therefore appointed to the first Vacancy in his Ranks of Major, and

Observations of the Board on Mr. Pybus's Dissent regarding Capt. Billingham's Rank in Consultation 10th Inst.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Matthews succeeding Him in the Cavalry took his Rank among the Captains agreable to their Seniority of his Lieutenancy, it having been the Custom in the Army never to go further back than the last Rank ~

This was also the Reason why Captain Fitzgerald's Rank is superior to Captain Billingham's. Viz.t his having been some considerable Time a Captain Lieutenant, while the latter was only a Lieutenant ~

The Report of the Field Officers was set aside when the Cavalry were determined to be reduced, otherwise We should have had two Supernumerary Majors ~

We allow Captain Billingham's [illegible] is discouraging but it is the same with several below him [illegible], & is only owing to a quicker Rise in the Cavalry than [illegible] Infantry, & which must be submitted to, the same thing happened when Major Kirkpatrick was made a Field [illegible] tho no Notice was taken of it ~

Read a Letter from Mr. Archdale Deputy Paymaster at Madura enclosing a List of Invalid Sepoys who are particularly recommended as proper Objects to be put upon the Invalid List ~ Which is agreed to ~

R.o Pt. Pidk
C.G. Bouchier
John Pybus
Sam.l Bradley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Jas Bouchier
Geo: Mackay

by Fort St. George 27th November 1766

Sent the following Letter & Pattamar to the President & Council at Bombay

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

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Triplicate of our Letter of the 18th Instant now waits on you —

And We have the Satisfaction of acquainting your Honor &c.a that the Treaty with the Soubah is concluded. General Caillaud has not yet transmitted to Us a Copy of the Articles, but We find, as we suspected, that Nizam Ally's Designs are against Hyder Ally, in which he is to be joined by the Morattas, & We are engaged to afford our Assistance which he expects should be ready by the End of December, of which We have judged it necessary to give you the earliest Intelligence that you may prepare accordingly — We have endeavored to keep this Measure a Secret as much as possible

endeavoring of the Treaty with Nizam Ally and of His Designs against Hyder Ally —

There is no Doubt, but as soon as our Designs are publickly known, every Power whom his Ambition has deprived of their Country will embrace so fair an Opportunity of recovering their just Rights. How far it may be expedient for Your Honors &c.a to assist any of those in the Malabar Coast you are the best able to determine, as well as what Grants or privileges you may judge most for our Honble Masters Interest to be obtained for their Settlements on your Side —

Treaty with the Nizam

3 Nov 1766

We request you will favr Us the earliest Advice of your Sentiments on this Subject, and We shall, as soon as we are fully informed what Measures the Soubah proposes taking acquainting You with the Plan of Operations, that you may be enabled to join with Us, in the most effectual Manner —

We are Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servant.

Robert Palk &c.a Council —

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27th November 1766 —

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Monday 8th. Decemr. 1766.

At a Consultation Present.

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President

Charles Bourchier, John Sybus:

Samuel Ardley, John Call.

George Stratton, George Dawson

James Bourchier, George Mackay.

Letter from Colonel Wood to the President read as follows.

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr.

President & Governor of Fort St. George

Letter from Colo. Wood.

Honble Sir

By a Mistake at the Storm of a small Fort called Callacondah, that Captain Harper attacked, the Future thereof, it seems has given the Enemy some Spirits; In Consequence of which; Major Flint was ordered this Morning with the following Detachment to join Captain Lt. Colo. Major Flints & Captain Fergans Companys of the 3d. Regiment, Captain James, 1 Subaltern, & 19 Non Commissioned & private of the Artillery and two Company's of the 7th. Battalion of Seapoys. I have now only part of 6 Companys of the 7th. Battalion of Seapoys to do the Duty of this Garrison, therefore cannot send more Seapoys; But the Europeans will above make up for the Deficiency of Black Troops, nay in short I think were they to join the Army which I have all along recommended to Colonel De Beek, would have been sufficient without this Detachment but that has not been done, nor care taken to support the Morrawars People joining our Troops by which they were attacked by the Enemy & met with a great Loss. I have desired Major Flint to be careful to cover the Tondamans Morrowars & Nabobs Troops and to make the best use he can of them. This and a few brisk Attacks on these People will

adds Captain Harpers having failed in the Attack of Calacondah and of the Detachment sent to him.

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will I believe soon establish Peace in that Country, and which I
hope & Major Flint will do. I am most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
John Wood

Trichenopoly
2d December 1766

We approve of Colonel Woods having sent the Detach-
ment he mentions to assist Captain Harper, which We hope
will be full sufficient to establish the Tranquility of that
Country

The Secretary lays before the Board the following
Letter from Mr. Cuthbert in answer to one wrote him enclosing
Copies of the Letters from Mr. Cox Secretary to the Office for
Sick & Hurt Seamen transmitted with our Honble Masters
Commands by Snow Mercury

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr.
Secretary

Letter from Mr. Cuthbert regarding Portable Soup sent out for the squadron

Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 6th Instant en-
closing Copies of two Letters from the Secretary of the Board of
Sick & Hurt Seamen, to the Honble the President and Council
of this Settlement, and to Mr. James Secretary to the Board
of Directors relative to Portable Soup

You will be pleased to do me the favor to acquaint
the Honble the President & Council, that the portable Soup
pointed at in the two Letters from Mr. Cox Secretary to the
Board of Sick and Hurt Seamen has been returned to England
by His Majesty's Ship Argo with proper Vouchers, and In-
structions for delivering the whole to the proper Officer at such
Port in England as the said Ship may arrive at, and that
the Commissioners for taking Care of the Sick and Hurt
Seamen of His Majesty's Navy, have been advised thereof
by the said Conveyance

I am with regard Sir

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Sir

Your most Obedt. Humble Servant

Arthur Cuthbert —

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3d. December 1766 —

Order thereon —

Ordered that the Honble the Court of Directors be advised thereof that they may give the necessary Information on to the Commissioners of that Office —

Captain Ogilvie dies
Lieutenants Dawson & Knox die

Captain Ogilvie having died at Mazulipatam and Lieutenants Dawson and Knox at Vellour the following Promotions are ordered to take place —

Captain Lieutenant Rhett appointed Captain to rank from 1 December

Lieutenant Robert Dixon appointed Capt.n Lieutenant D.o 1.st Dec.r

Ensigns Robert Fowler	D.o	Lieutenant	D.o 1.st Decem.r
Edward Eagles	D.o	D.o	D.o 2.d Decem.r
Henry Nicol	D.o	D.o	D.o 3.d Decem.r
Messrs. John Austin	D.o	Ensign	D.o 1.st Decem.r
George Cunningham	D.o	D.o	D.o 2.d Decem.r
Nathaniel Stuckey	D.o	D.o	D.o 3.d Decem.r

And ordered that Commissions be prepared accordingly &c.

Mr. Thos. Hepworth

Thomas Hepworth having applied to be admitted as a Cadet on this Establishment, and being well recommended is received as such —

The Nabob promises to discharge his Sepoys —

The Nabob having at last consented to discharge the greatest Part of His Seapoys — It is agreed that Orders be dispatched to the Commanding Officers at the different Out Garrisons to send in Reports of what Number may be required for the Defence of the Countries dependant on them, that We may be enabled to determine, how many will

Enquiry to be made what Number should be raised out of them —

be

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be necessary to be kept up—

Robt Park
C.t Bouchier
John Sykes
Sam.l Swalley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Ja.s Bouchier
Geo: Mackay

Can Fort St George 8.th December 1766 –

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichenapoly –

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenapoly

Letter to Colonel Wood –

Sir

The President has communicated to Us Your Letter of the 2.d Instant & We approve of your having sent the Force you mention to the Assistance of Captain Harper, which We hope will be fully sufficient to answer settling the Tranquility of the Country –

We are
Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c.a Council –

Fort St George
8.th December 1766 –

11.th Wrote the following Letter to the Commanding Officers at the different Out Garrisons –

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichenapoly

Letter to Colonel Wood –

Sir

As We find there is little Dependance to be placed in the Nabobs Seapoys, We would as soon as possible be informed what Number will be necessary for your Garrison & the Dependancees (including Warriapollam, Madura & Palamcotah) supposing the Nabobs Sepoys to be entirely withdrawn

We are
Sir
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Palk &c.a Council

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11.th December 1766 –

The same to Colonel Campbell Commanding at Vellour & its Dependancees –

To Captain James Fitzgerald Commanding at Ongole & the Dependancees including Palmaud &c.a –

&c

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 15.th Decem.r

Robert Palk Esq.r Governor President
Charles Bourchier, John Caillaud
John Pybus ——, Samuel Ardley
John Call ——, George Stratton
George Dawson —, James Bourchier
George Mackay

General Caillaud being returned takes his Seat at the Board

Letter from Colonel Wood read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor last Night to acquaint you of the dis affected Polygars having sent a Vaquil to Captain Hay per to propose Terms of Peace; offering to pay all the Money they owe the Nabob, to destroy all the Forts they have built, And to make Restitution for what Damages they have done in the Nabobs Countrys. If the Nabob will deliver to them their Chiefs, who are now Prisoners with him.

Colonel Wood draws regarding the Polygars who have offered to submit

I have received a second Letter from Colonel Lee Desiring Orders how He is to act on the Occasion & I shall be happy to receive your Instructions in the mean time I have the Honor to remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servant
John Wood

Srirangapatty
7.th December 1766

We are well convinced that the Troubles raised by the Polygars in the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries have been entirely

entirely owing to they had entertained that the Rumours of Hyder Ally's Designs and our being too much employed this Way, to be able to attend to them. But finding themselves disappointed, they are obliged to submit, and there is no Doubt, but they would take the first Opportunity of making the like Attempts if Measures are not taken to prevent it

The Polygars to be effectually reduced

Colonel Wood is therefore to be informed that all means should be used to reduce them, by demolishing their Forts, and opening the Communication thro the Country that it may be out of their Power to disturb its Tranquility.

Letter from Colonel Campbell Commanding at Vellour read enclosing the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry on Ensign James Williams for Misbehaviour, in which He desires to resign his Commission being unwilling to stand a Court Martial.

Agreed that Colonel Campbell be directed to receive his Commission & to order him to Madras that he may be sent to England by the first Conveyance.

Letter from Mr. Drake read as follows.

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

Letter from Mr. Drake.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Allowance, which the Board have been pleased to grant me, as Deputy Governor of Manilha, having been very inadequate to the real Expence of the Expedition, I have declined accepting it, in hopes, thro' your favorable Representation of the Case that the Court of Directors will take under Consideration the Great Expence. I have unavoidably been at during my Government, as well as on my tedious Passage from thence. I am hopeful that my Honble Masters will not allow me to be a Loser by the Expedition, especially as I

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I am informed they intend making the Civil Servants sent to Manilha some Compensation for the large Expence the Expedition has undoubtedly occasioned them —

The great Scarcity of Provisions arising from the vast Ravages committed by the Enemy on the Provences, & in short the exorbitant Price of every necessary Commodity rendered Manilha the most expensive Place imaginable — As Station cannot be maintained there without certain Degrees of Show & Grandeur, and which I was obliged to keep up for the Honor & Good of the Service, these also added to my Charges The whole of which shall now be laid before your Honor &c.a in the justest Manner —

Expedition to Manilla ——— D.o

To Cash paid Captain Jackson of the Essex for Passage thither	Doll.s	300 —
To D.o for Sea Stock &c.a Expences attending the Voyage and to the Time the Government was delivered over to the Company.		1234 —
To D.o for House Expences, as Dep.t Gov.r from the 1.st of November 1762 to April 1764 being 17 Months at 1000 Dollars p.r Month		17000 —
D.o for Sea Stock &c.a for Voyage from Manilha		1900 —
D.o for Expences in Soolo 1.st June		100 —
D.o for Ditto — d.o — 2.d Ditto		300 —
To D.o for House Expences in Cochin China from 18.th November 1764 to 1.st June 1765		1200 —
To a Present to the King of Cochin China valued at		1000 —
To Cash &c.a to Captain Riddell of the Admiral Pocock for my passage		800 —
To D.o for Expences in China for 6 Months		1355 —
To D.o for Passage &c.a to Bengal		1000 —
To D.o for D.o to Madras		600 —
To Loss sustained by Sea in the Admiral Pocock		3000 —
Amount of my Expences on the Expedition	Dollars	29989

I think it proper to acquaint Your Honor &c.a that when I was at Cochin China, The King invited me to Court, and after some Days Stay, being made acquainted with our Commodities on the Coast, he signified an Intention & Inclination to trade

with

with the Company - Convinced it might prove very advantageous I fixed a Price Current, I received from the King a Chop authorizing a Ship to be sent thither from hence. Upon Receipt of the Chop I made up for him, as is customary a Present of such Articles as are esteem'd valuable by them, & which I reckoned equal to one thousand Dollars. As this Transaction was meant for the Company's Benefit, should they think proper at any time to enter into Commerce with the Cochin Chinese which is shil practicable, and as I have the Chop and can give perfect Information of the Profits to be made from a Trade with that Kingdom, I hope the first Expence advanced only for the above Reasons, will be allowed me by my Honble Masters -

The Article of any Losses on the Voyage will not be surprizing when I tell you that almost every thing on board the Admiral Pocock was rendered useless - My Furniture carried from hence, & all my other Necessaries were entirely destroyed in the Storm, by the Bilge Water, rolling of the Ship & Dampness, things having remained in the Hold for the space of Eighteen Months - The Captains Letter sets forth in full to me, he says -

"I am extremely sorry to find your Chests & Packages "are so much hurt, I find every thing that could receive "Damage is entirely useless from the Damp of the Hold "& from the Ships making Water - And again he says "I "am sensible there are many Sufferers by our Misfortunes "and that it falls heavy upon you, which I am sorry for" -

Signd J Ridsdell -

More need not be added to convince Your Honor &c. How disagreable, how tedious and expensive the Expedition has been to me, and it is no small Addition to my Regret, that the Expences incurred & Fatigue undergone

Since

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have not been more beneficial and Satisfactory, but these Accidents will, I hope, be imputed to their proper Causes.

I am with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Dawsonne Drake

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Agreed that Mr. Drake be informed that Weare convinced his Expences must have been considerable, and that We will transmit his Representation to our Honble Masters with those of the other Gentlemen, who we hope will take the same into Consideration.

Order thereon.

John Boyers a Pensioner applies for an Additional allowance.

Petition of John Boyers a very old, & who was formerly a Corporal in the Artillery read setting forth that He finds it impossible to subsist upon his Allowance of two Pagodas pr. Month, being unable by Age & Infirmities to assist himself.

Ordered that an Addition of one Pagoda pr. Month be allowed him.

One Pagoda pr. Month more allowed him.

Letter from Mr. Monckton Paymaster at Chingleput read advising that the Sheds for Sepoy Guards are much out of Repair, & desiring leave to repair them, which is granted.

Sheds for Sepoy Guards at Chingleput to be repaired.

Letter from the King of Tanjour read as entered in Country Correspondence No. 106 expressing his sincere Attachment to the Company, & his Hopes that We will continue to oblige the Nabob to the faithful Performance of the Treaty.

Letter from the King of Tanjour shewing his attachment to the Interest of the Company.

Agreed that He be informed that his Friendship to the Company gives us great Satisfaction, and with which we will not fail to acquaint them, and that He may be assured We shall at all Times represent to the Nabob the necessity of his maintaining a perfect Harmony with all the Tanjour Government, in such a manner as We hope will induce him to

Passport to be granted.

Passport of said Order to be wrote.

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to preserve inviolably the Treaty established, which cannot but tend to the increase the Happiness and Prosperity of their respective Countries —

Rob.t Palk
Ed.d Boundell
John Cailleaud
John Lycett
Jam.s Hadley
John Call
Geo.e Stratton
Jam.s Bouchier
Geo: Mackay

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Sent the following Letter to Colonel Wood Commanding at Trichinopoly—

To Colonel Wood
Commanding at Trichinopoly—

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 7th Instant
& are well convinced that the Disturbances raised by the
Polygars have been owing to the Expectations they had
that We should have been so much employed this Way
as not to be able to attend to them; but now they find
themselves disappointed they are obliged to submit, and
there is no Reason to doubt but they will be as ready to
make the like attempts, whenever an Opportunity offers
unless proper Measures are taken to prevent it. We
therefore desire that every Means be used to reduce them
by demolishing their Forts & opening the Communications
so that it may be out of their Power to disturb the Tran-
quility of the Country— We are

Sir

Your most Hble Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council

Fort St George
16th December 1766—

20th Came in the following Letter from Colonel Wood—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Wood—

I am now with Pleasure to acknowledge your
Favor of the 8th Instant, which I had the Honor to receive
last Evening

And am extremely glad to find my sending
Major Flints Detachment from hence to join Captain
Harper has met with your Approbation I really think it

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is sufficient to establish Peace very soon on that Country as I imagine on the Appearance of this Body of Troops the Enemy will disperse and make off—

I am extremely sorry to acquaint you of the death of poor Mr. Doak Surgeon by a most unfortunate Accident, He was with Major Flints Detachment, the Night they halted at Secandarramaddy, going into a small Choultry to visit a Sick man & on returning the Arms of the Picquet, being lodged against the Choultry or rather a mud Wall, The Bayonets being on the Piece were above the Wall near a Foot, which he went to jump over pricked himself on one of them under his left Breast Shabrun Line through the Heart & expired in less than a Minute, without saying a single Word, only I am pricked.

Acc.t of the Death of Mr. Doak Surgeons Mate—

I am with great Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Humble Servant

John Wood—

Trichenopoly 21st December 1766—

29th Received the following Letter from Colonel Wood—

To the Hon.ble Robert Palk Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Wood—

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your favor of the 16th Instant I had the pleasure to receive yesterday; which I immediately communicated to Colonel De Beck and Major Flint, and you may be assured that every means shall be used for reducing the Polygars as soon as possible, agreable to your Orders.

Majors Major Flint having joined Captain Harpers Detachment Captain Harper—

at Shavelapstore the 16th Instant, and were to march the next Day against Collamcanda they acquaint me That Provisions & all necessaries are became very plenty with

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with them in Camp: The Tondamen & Marrawar Man have each two Two thousand men with our Camp: I have nothing more at present to acquaint you with, Therefore conclude having the Honor to be most respectfully

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your very faithfull obligd & most Obedt humble Servant

John Wood

Sricheropoly 24th. December 1766

At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 30th. Decem.

Robert Palk Esqr. Governor President

Charles Bourchier, John Caillaud

John Pybus ——, Samuel Ardley

John Call ——, George Stratton

George Dawson, James Bourchier

George Mackay

Letter from Colonel Campbell read enclosing the following Letter from Ensign Phillips to him —

To Donald Campbell Esqr.

Colonel of the Second Regiment

Sir

Letter from Ensign Phillips represents his having been robbed of Money under his Care to pay the Company

All Expedients to recover the Company's Money of which I have been robbed, leaving hitherto proved in-effectual, I am under a Necessity of requesting, that you will represent the Circumstances of the Case to the Honorable the Governor and Council, in such a Light as may induce them to order me an Indemnification for the Loss - a Loss which were I able to bear, I apprehend it would be a Hardship on me to suffer, but which in my present Situation on it is impossible I should make good —

Had any Money committed to my Charge, been lost

lost by my carelessness, or by the omission of any Precaution which I could possibly have taken, then I should acknowledge myself justly deserving of Censure, nay of Punishment favourable for every bad Consequence that might ensue, that such has not been the Case, I flatter myself you are for your own Part sufficiently convinced, but that it may also appear to the Honorable the Governor & Council I request unless you judge it unnecessary, that you will give me Opportunity of submitting my Conduct in the Affair to a free and impartial Enquiry, before any Court you think proper to appoint, and if they acquit me of Negligence, surely the Board will not deem it equitable that I should sustain the Loss of a Sum of Money, from the Possession of which I could not possibly reap any Advantage, far less a Benefit adequate to the Risque.

I am most respectfully

Sir

Your obliged & obedient Servant

William Phillips

Fellows
December the 20th. 1766.

Resolution thereon

Who We are convinced that the Accident has happened as represented by Mr. Phillips, yet We cannot think we ought to suffer the Company to make good the Deficiency as it would introduce a bad Precedent & expose us to frequent Solicitations which may often happen from Carelessness or Indiscretion. It is therefore resolved that the following Order do take place & that it be sent to every Commandant and Paymaster to be put into general Orders, & inserted in the Military Regulations in the 9th. Page under the Head of Orders to be observed in Military Payments.

General Orders & Regulations

"After a Captain is appointed & has once joined his Company, he shall be answerable for what is received on Advance of the Monthly Subsistance and if it shall happen

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"happen that there is no Captain present or not appointed,
"the Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Spot shall
"signify to the Paymaster, in writing, to what Officer the
"Advance shall be made, who shall be responsible to
"the Men, without expecting to be reimbursed for any
"Losses or Accidents that may happen."

General Caillaud lays before the Board his Sentiments on the Establishment, which He represents he has calculated conformable to the present Number of Men on the Coast, & to the Force which is shortly to take the Field.

General Caillaud's Representation regarding the Establishment.

Notwithstanding the late Promotions of Subalterns The Number of Officers is not yet sufficient: But as we are not yet certain how many may return from Bengal, and as the Arrival of some from Europe may be expected with the Recruits of the next Season. I would for the present not increase the Number beyond what is absolutely necessary to furnish some Additionals to the Corps under Colonel Smith, as likewise some few for the Districts of Trichenopaly & Madura where they are required on account of the late Troubles in those Parts & the Number of small Detachments which are necessary to be made for the Protection & Security of the Country. A Promotion of Seven Cadets to the Rank of Ensigns will give us the Number wanting for both these Purposes. And I therefore recommend it as absolutely necessary. The Cadets to be promoted are as follows

Henry Littleton. The Governor's Recommendation
Alexander Patterson. A Cadet returned from Bengal
Thomas Walker. General Caillaud's Recommendation at Ongole
William Barton. A Cadet returned from Bengal
Richard Godfrey. came out from Europe on the Falmouth.

Thomas

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Thomas Hepworth recommended by the Governor

George Clark Serjeant Major of 2d. Regiment at Vellore

Strongly recommended by Colonel Campbell

As I am more and more convinced of the Utility of the Corps of Sepoys nothing I think should be wanting that our Means can supply to promote good Order and Discipline amongst these Troops, and in that Light I esteem the Service of a Field Officer at the Head of such a Body collected together, for which Reason I recommend that Lieutenant Colonel Todd who is a Supernumerary be appointed to them. The Measure hath been adopted at Bengal, & the Perfection to which they have brought their Sepoys is a Proof that every Addition of the kind hath been of great Service.

I must here at the Desire of Colonel Smith & from my own Inclination in doing Justice to the Merit of Mr. Gee Adjutant to the 1st. Regiment, request the Favor of his being appointed Brigade Major to the Army. An Officer in that Station is absolutely necessary for the Detail of duty of such a Body, and tho' my regard for the Service influenced me most in the Recommendation, yet I own I am happy to have an Opportunity of giving this publick Testimony of my Approbation to an Officer of such promising Hopes, whose future Conduct I am persuaded will approve him worthy of this Mark of your Favor & Kindness.

We approve of what General Caillaud has recommended and Are desired to issue the necessary Orders in Consequence. And it is agreed that a Brigade Majors Commission be given to Lieutenant Gee, and that Lieutenant Colonel Todd have a full Commission as such, and that He be appointed to the Command of the 5th. Battalion of Sepoys going with Colonel Smith.

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regarding the Corps of Artillery.

The present Establishment of the Corps of Artillery appears to me to labor under so many Inconveniencies & disadvantages, That I must in justice to the Service in general, and to the particular Share of Merit of that Corps-ps beg leave to lay before you my Sentiments on that Subject, in hopes that this Representation if seconded, may induce our Honble Masters to pursue Measures in favor of that Body, which may make it, as respectable, as it is useful.

It consisteth at present of three Companies, a Number inadequate to the Services required from it when the Number of Forts are considered, which we have to garrison, for the Protection, and Security of the whole Carnatick, from the River Kistna to the Travancore Country - besides the Company's Settlements & the Circars - in all which the Places Artillery Men are necessary, more or less, according to their Consequence. There is not left for the present Service in the Field, or future Emergencies, a sufficient Number for those Purposes -

As to the Officers - their Hopes & Prospects, either as to Preferment, or Advantage are far short of what all the other Officers in your Service have reason to expect. And from thence none can be found to enter that Corps out of Choice and those who are in it have but too much Reason to be uneasy at their Situation -

The Duty, & Service of an Artillery Officer, is in its Nature so distinct, & different from those employed in all the other Branches of the Military Profession. That the Officers cannot be removed for the Sake of Rank without Evident prejudice to the Corps itself. It should therefore be put upon such a Footing, as that the Prospect of Preferment (tho' confined to that Corps alone) yet should give the Command-

and

Commandeng Officer a Chance according to his Pretensions of keeping pace with the other Officers who rise in the other Corps in the Service - This at least would make some Amends for the loss of those Advantages, which arise from Commands in Forts & Garrisons & on the Field, from which an Artillery Officer is entirely precluded -

If an Augmentation as to Numbers takes Place I should also think that more than one Field Officer would be necessary. This as well for the Good of the Service, as to give Stile to the Officers of that Corps, more Chances for Preferment, which alone can compensate for their being excluded from the other Advantages beforementioned -

I will not pretend to point out the particular Establishment which may be formed for this Corps. The Company of this are, and must be the Judges; But this I may add, that no Corps in their Service better deserves their Attention and Indulgence, whether past Services, or those that they may render in future are considered. One thing more I will venture to recommend, that if the Company agree to an Increase of the Establishment, that they would not add six or Eight Subalterns for that Corps particularly, and these if possible Men who have been trained to that Service in his Majestys Artillery, amongst which no doubt such a Number of Non Commissioned Officers may be found of Merit and Worth, that would entitle them to Preferment -

We agree with General Caillaud that the Establishment should be augmented. for which Reason it is resolved that all the Reformed Troopers be for the present incorporated with the three Companies of Artillery, and that an Increase of Establishment be recommended to our Honble Masters as well as the making a better Provision for the Officers with regard to their Ranks as set forth in the

above

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above Representation —

As the Troop of Cavalry may now be withdrawn from the Circars except the Detachment ordered to proceed with Colonel Smith, It is agreed that Mr. Smith be directed to order them to Mazulipatam, & to send up the Horses under an Escort of Sepoys, & the Men with their Accoutrements by the first Sea Conveyance, and that upon their Arrival they be reduced, and the Horses sold off —

The Troops after to be ordered further reduced —

The following Letter is therefore now wrote to Mr. Smith

To Johan Lewen Smith Esqr.

Chief at Mazulipatam —

Ltr to Mr. Smith Consequence —

Sir

Having determined to draw all the European Cavalry to Vellour, except the Detachment appointed to proceed with Colonel Smith, your will therefore order them to Mazulepatam whenever an Sea Conveyance is likely to happen & there imbark the Men with their Accoutrements for this Place, & send the Horses further under an Escort of Sepoys. Cornet Irwin may then join Colonel Smith Quarter Master Syffert being appointed to Colonel Smith's Detachment He is to join Lieutenant Robson

I Weare Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Robert Palk &c. Council

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Letter from Lieutenant Cowley read as follows —

To the Honble Robert Palk Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Letter from Lieut. Cowley regarding his Rank —

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Publick Report that the Cavalry are shortly to be reduced and that the Officers are to have no Rank in the Infantry

Infantry that Rank only which their present Commissions will give them, obliges me, tho with much Reluctance to trouble you with a Representation of my own Case, which I will venture to affirm will be of that Regulation takes place be the Hardest that has been Sustained in the Service for many years past —

I beg leave to remind you that it is now above seven years since you were pleased to grant me a Commission in the Corps being small the Chance of Vacancies few, and of Consequence the rise very slow, I did not arrive to the Rank of first Lieutenant, till June 1764, another Hardship I laboured under, my having been several Months a second Lieutenant, which was just so much time lost — by these means I was daily superseded by the Officers of Infantry, yet I considered it no more than what I might expect, and I acquiesced, nor should I ever have thought, I had any reasonable foundation of Discontent so long as there was a Probability of the Cavalry's being kept up, but to be deprived of my Rank, and of those Prospects which enable me hitherto to bear it without repining, you will surely allow to be very severe —

There are other Circumstances which will make my going into the Infantry with my present Rank particularly galling — Captain Rhore was not made an Officer, until three or four Months after me, and served with me in the Cavalry as my inferior — yet he is now above me. Captain Evans was a Volunteer in the same Cantonment with me after I had been three years an Officer, yet he is also above me, whatever specious Arguments may be used by those Gentlemen in support of their plea, I am persuaded when you compare seven years to four, and allow but an equal Share of Merit, you will not hesitate in decreeing it in my

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Favor, the three years by which I am older, were employd on constant Service - the Officer under whose immediate Command I acted is now on the Spot, and I am convinced he will testify for me, that I never failed in my Duty - I am with the greatest Respect -

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most hble Servt

William Cowley -

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Upon Reference to the Minutes of Consultation of 17th March last, when General Lawrence with the other Officers recommended the manner of reducing the Cavalry, it was proposed that Mr. Cowley should have the Command of the Detachment intended to be kept up, till such time as it came to his Turn to have the rank of Captain; and as we have been obliged to defer reducing them so long on Account of their being employed in the Carnatic, Mr. Cowley could not be removed from them, that by his Rank in the Service he ought to have been appointed a Captain next before Captain Evans, And as We think it a Hardship He should suffer thereby, It is agreed that a Captains Commission be given him to rank next before Captain Evans -

Order thereon -

Letter from Captain Lieutenant M.c Lean read as follows -

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

Letter from Captain Lieut.t M.c Lean

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having had the Honor to serve the Honble Company in the Corps of Engineers only, since the Month of March 1762, when I arrived here on the Choultry Field, I beg the Favor that the Honble Board will now be pleased

desires leave to have his rank in the Infantry -

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pleased to give me my Rank also on the Military Establishment. And this I presume to request with the greater Confidence, as I find by the Orders lately received from the Company, that no Additions is to be made to the Engineers from the Civil List; and that those who now hold both Ranks are to quit one, whenever it is their Turn to be taken into Council.

I had for some Time flattered myself with Hopes of being placed on the Civil List, and therefore was the less anxious to obtain a Military Commission as the that of Engineer: but as these Hopes have lately fallen, and the Prospect of Rank or Advantage as an Engineer only, is very inadequate to the Knowledge required, the great Application, and Fatigue of the Employ, and by much inferior to any other Branch, I hope the Honble Board will take my Case, and past Services, into Consideration, and give me Rank in the Battalion.

In that Situation I shall always be ready to act as an Engineer or Military Officer as my Services may be most wanted, and I shall discharge my Duty on all Occasions with Chearfulness, being certain of the Point to which a regular good Conduct and length of Service will carry me, whereas in my present Situation the utmost Extent of my Prospect, which is to become Chief Engineer, is not equal to that of a Captain of Foot.

I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & faithful

Humble Servant

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In° McLean

As we are sensible of the Reasonableness of Captain McLeans

Resolution on Consequence

Maclean's Representation, and the Disadvantages those in the Corps of Engineers labor under, who have not also a Chance of rising on the Civil List, and as Captain Evans who came out a Cadet at the same time with Captain Lieutenant M.c Lean, is now arrived to the Rank of Captain, It is agreed to give M.r Maclean a Brevet as Captain. That He do proceed with the Army, where he is also to act as Engineer if his Service is required, when He is also to receive the usual Allowance as such — And as M.r Stevens is the only Engineer who is not on the Civil List, and is a most deserving Young Man & a great Acquisition to that Corps. It is agreed to recommend him to our Honble Masters to be put on the Civil List, as the Prospects He will otherways have are by no means equal to his Merit And the usefulness of the Engineer Corps as well as the Labor & Fatigue attending it, makes it necessary that those who engage in it should have every possible Encouragement.

Letter from Captain James Fitzgerald Commanding at Angola read as follows —

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

Sir

Letter from Capt.n Fitzgerald advising of the Nabobs Sepoys mutinying at Palamcotta —

Last Night I received a Letter from Captain Marten at Tinevy Colah, acquainting me of 5 Companys of the Nabobs Seapoys being on their March from that place here, for want of their pay, and he also says the other two Companies will follow, if they don't get some money soon, and that the Sepoyes are in a starving Condition which obliged me this morning to order one Serjeant 3 Companies of my Sepoys there —

Captain Archbald in the Nabobs Service died the 21.st Instant at Tinevy Colah. Captain Davis is still dispaired

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despaired of—

Sam Sir Your most obedient & most humble Serv.t

James Fitzgerald

Ongole
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As We are convinced that great Disturbances will arise in the Ongole & Palnaud Countries as soon as Captain Fitzgerald's Battalion is withdrawn, It is resolved that he be ordered to raise out of the best of the Nabob's Sepoys one complete Battalion with their Officers, who are to be paid in the same Manner with the Companys Sepoys the following Letter is therefore now wrote to Sami & the Nabob is to be desired to give the necessary Directions to his Officer there

a Battalion of Sepoys to be raised out of the Nabobs—

To Captain James Fitzgerald

Sir

The Governor has communicated to us your Letter of the 26th December. We perceive that greater Confusion than what you mention will ensue when your Battalion is ordered to march from Ongole, We shall therefore immediately send you one Subaltern Officer & 50 Men Which shall be appointed another with whom you are forthwith to select from among the Nabobs Troops a sufficient Number of good Subadars, Jemidars Havildars Naigues & Sepoys with their Arms to form a Battalion on the same footing as those already in the Company's Service. This Battalion when formed will be stationed in the Palnaud & Ongole Country under the Command of Captain Davis, & be paid by the Company from the 1st January, and in Case the Sepoys make any Difficulties about their Arrears you may tell them that we will endeavor to prevail on the Nabob to settle with them immediately.

If you cannot find among the Sepoys you take on a proper Number of good Englishmen or French Foreloock,

you

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you will immediately send us a Report of the State thereof, and
the Deficiency shall be supplied from hence —

We are Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants

Robert Palk &c. Council

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Letter from Mr. Drake to the Manilha Committee with
their Report thereon read as follow —

To Samuel Ardley
John Call & George Stratton } Esqrs.

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr. Drake regarding his accounts —

I now lay before you the Extracts of my Letters to the Board concerning the Treasure shipped upon the Admiral Pocock — I apprehend my Duty was discharged by shipping the supposed Ballance due to the Company upon their Ships, and remitting their Bills of Lading to the Residency, which you see I did by two different Conveyances — I was very sensible and publickly declared that the Ballance drawn out on the Cash Account exceeded what was really due, however as in the Confusion, that then subsisted, it was impossible for me to adjust it properly, and those who might have been aiding refused their Assistance, I chose to err on the safe Side.

The second time of our Arrival at Joolo, having been informed of the London Destination for China, I proposed to divide the Risque, but first addressed the Commander to know when He was to sail, and where he was appointed In Consequence of which he applied to Mr. Dalrymple and sent me his Answer, "That as he was going himself in the London, his Orders to me would be, to get ready for sailing as soon as possible, & then proceed to Sea —

Walter Alves —

Mr. Dalrymples uncertain Answer & Adventurous Genius

me

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in rowing through the Seas, Sands and Rocks made me think no more of troubling him or the London with the Company's Treasure, He however ordered Captain Riddell to deliver it up to his Disposal. The Captain wrote me as follows "I have received Orders from Mr. Dalrymple "to deliver to the London 8 Chests of the Honble Company's "Treasure &c.ª — to which I answered — "Should I find it "convenient for the Company's Interest after I know the "Appointment of the London, that half of the Treasure "be put on board the London, I shall give you an Order "for that purpose in due time, which order alone can in- demnify you — Notwithstanding this the Captain de- livered Treasure as follows —

At Sooloo 1 Chest for the Troops —		8000 Rupees
D.o — 8 D.o for the London —		64000
and — 7 D.o to the Supra Cargoes —		57288
Rupees —		129,288 —

When we arrived off Macao I addressed the Supra Cargoes of Canton June 13.th 1765 and consigned to them the Treasure abovementioned, and these Gentlemen having been well satisfied with Captain Riddell in regard to the Company's Cash shipd upon Seven at Manilla, I delivered up his Bill of Lading upon receiving from him an Ac- knowledgement certifying the full Delivery of said Trea- sure, but this Paper I have unluckily mislaid —

Thus you have a Detail of the whole Affair and I hope you will make no hesitation in admitting the above Sum of 129,288 Rupees, in settling the Exchange & paying me the Difference which will much oblige —

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servt

Dawsonne Drake —

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

Report of the Manila Committee thereon —

Honble Sir & Sirs

1 Mr Drake hath objected to the Credit He have given him in the Statement of His Account Current, for the Treasure received by the Supra Cargoes at China, By Mr Dalrymple at Zoloo, by Mr Jourdan at Batavia, and on this place from the Revenge as the whole falls short 1296 Rupees of the Sum of 217288 Rupees which He says He shipped on Board the Admiral Pocock and Revenge at Manila — He likewise refuses accepting the Ballance of his Account as it now stands alledging that the abovementioned Rupees which are carried to his Credit ought to have been brought into 60 Dollars at 2 Rupees for one Dollar instead of being reduced into Pagodas at the rate of 350 for one hundred Pagodas —

2. The Cash Account at Manilla was by Orders from hence always nominally kept in Dollars at 2 Rupees p.r Dollar, tho' the real Cash was often, or in general, Rupees according to the Cash Account delivered by Mr. Drake to the 27th March 1765 the Ballance appears to be 108644. 4. 5 but the real Species shipped on board the Revenge and Admiral Pocock is said by him to be 217288 Rupees, of which only 187992 are acknowledged to be received here by the Revenge instead of 188000 said to be shipped on that Vessel, And on Board the Pocock Mr. Drake says the further Sum of 129288 Rupees was shipped, tho the Supra Cargoes only acknowledge to have received — Viz.t

By the London ——— 64.000
By the Pococke ——— 56.000
And we find there was advanced the Troops at Zoolo by Mr. Dalrymple ——— 8.000
——— in all 128000.

1 Here

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Here then there is a Deficiency of 1288 Rupees, or 644 Dollars which with 8 Rupees or 4 Dollars deficient on the Money by the Revenge makes the whole 648 Dollars short of the apparent Ballance of Cash and which remains to be accounted for by the Captaines of the Ships (if they signed Bills of Lading) or chiefly by the Super cargoes at China, who should be wrote to on that Subject and this is all the Satisfaction that can be given Mr. Drake for the Deficiency - This Letter and this Subject waits on you enclosed With Respect to the Exchange as Mr. Drake thinks himself a Sufferer by bringing the Debit of this Account into Pagodas at 16 Dollars for 18 Pagodas at which the Ballance of the Books are adjusted In way of your Honor &c. to please be debited for Pagodas at 350 Rupees p.c. 100 Pagodas or at the Exchange Rupees here when he arrived here -

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Samuel Ardley
John Call
Geo Stratton
} Manilla Committee -

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Order in Consequence -

Ordered that the Supra Cargoes in China be wrote to regarding the Deficiency mentioned in the Treasure received p. London & Pocock, & that Mr. Drake be paid the same if it appears, on further Enquiry, so much was received; And with respect to the Treasure received more than what was due to the Company by the Cash Account from Manilla; It is agreed that it be

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The Vaquil from Hyder Ally being returned brought the Letters from his Master as entered in Country Correspondence N°. 113 & 114, expressing his Concern at his not having been able to see Mr. Bourchier, and desiring that He may return in order to settle the Terms of Friendship and Alliance —

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From the whole Tenor of Hyder Ally's Conduct We are thoroughly convinced that his Apprehensions of the Consequences of the Treaty concluded with the Soubah, have been the Cause of his writing in the Manner he now does; It is however at present necessary to conceal from him as much as possible our real Intentions. The President is therefore desired to acquaint the Vaquil, that it is our constant Care and Study to live on Terms of Friendship with every Government, that we could not but be alarmed at his Master's doubtful Conduct, which had put us to a considerable Expence, in drawing our Troops from different Parts, but that we are well pleased to find him inclinable to adopt peaceable Measures. And lest the Soubah should have any Suspicions with regard to the Vaquil's being here, It is agreed that Copies of Hyder Ally's Letters be sent him, & that He be assured We shall do nothing inconsistent with the Engagements we have entered into, but shall take every means for cementing the Friendship and Alliance so happily established —

Geo. Stratton — Robt Palk — C. Bourchier — John Cailland — John Lysaght — Sam. Bradley — John Call — Jo. Bourchier — Geo: Mackay

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