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Came in the following Letters —

The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council

at Fort St. George

from Captn

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received your Letter of the 19th Instant &

agreable to your Orders have seen four of the most no-

torious Offenders executed

for

Conspiracy

a Gun; the inclosed will shew their Names and that

Day I have sent off the other Prisoners in Irons, under

by a Havildar, Naigue & 12 Sepoys, there are 8 Topasses

& 3 Country fellows —

The Party mentioned in my Letter of the 19th

Inst. under Enloor Vankanah & Sarjeevee, are now

a thousand Men, & are still hovering from Village to

Village, on the Edge of this Country, they have not ente-

the Country as yet, but from Reports & Intelligences a

expect them every Day to begin Hostilities — There are

two five thousand Bullocks going to Pundar

:y for Sale, & are now within about 7 Cos of the Place

& it is reported about the Country that Rajah Baboo

:er is to move with a Force to Pundarty to receive the

Money for Sale, & Sarjeeve & Enloor Vankanah are

to join him —

I am with much Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & Hble Servt

Henry Davis Captain

Ongole

20th October 1767 —

P.S. Ensign Walker arrived here from Mazulipatanam

24th Instant, & reports himself fit for Duty —

It —

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Names of the Persons
Executed —

Appeared to Us —

That Vyssente & John De Madras are
principal and the most notorious among the Topaz
that Odaysee and the black Doctor appear to have
the Promoters of the whole they are pitched on for
four to be blown from a Gun agreable to the Order
ceived from the President & Council of Fort St. Geor
bearing Date the 19th of October 1767 —

By Us

Henry Davers
Peter Perring
Killedars Jegu —

Prigole
24th October 1767 —

Letter from Captain
Cooke —

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

I have this Moment received a Letter fr
Mr. Stone, with an inclosed Complaint from the Amu
dar of this Village, to Atchemapunt, of my using him
the following is a true Relation of my Proceeding with
him, I had had Complaints from the Men, Sick and
wounded in the Hospital, of the Badness of the Meat
served them, which upon my examining I found it unfi
for any Person to eat, I sent for the Victuallers Conicoply
and asked him the Reason of it, he said it was such
as the Amuldar Supplied him with and he had no
better — The Surgeon was making daily Complaints
for want of Straw, to fill Matrasses, for the Sick to
lay on, We had not been able to procure more than
filled fifty four Matrasses on the 11th Instant, most of
which was brought in by Bullocks belonging to my
Battalion, the Surgeon likewise complained much
of the Amuldar's Slowness in bringing in a few Ba
Boos and other Materials to make

Covering an Account of
the Dispute between
Him & the Natobs
Amuldar —

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he had pitched upon for an Hospital, I had Seven or five Times that Day sent for the Amuldar, he always put me off that he was not well, or was busy, the repeated Complaints, and my being certain that He was entirely in fault, obliged me to send you in a positive Order to come to me, I believe about the Time he smelt one, I took him into my Room that I might talk to him privately, I asked him the Reason of his ill Behaviour in not supplying me with the Necessaries, I had so frequently spoke to him for, I desired him to go into the Choultry where the Sick were, & see their Condition the Men at that Time were lying upon the bare Stones & had nothing to cover them, they were dying daily, many of them I believe might have been saved, had they been properly accommodated, I told the Amuldar it was entirely his Neglect that they were not better provided for, He answered He had supplied me with the wrong things I had desired, as soon as he could get them. I knowing this to be an infamous Falsehood, acknowledge it put me into a violent Passion, and I gave him one blow a Trunk being just behind him, occasioned his setting down on it, but that He fell down insensible, or that I struck him more than once, is entirely false, as is saying I consulted with Messrs Sartees & Huske, he says he lay on the Ground insensible, I declare upon my Honor and every thing dear to me, that I believe, if the Amuldar had exerted himself, he might have got every thing I applied to him for in three Days, and every thing I did apply for was for the Hospital —

I am sensible Honorable Sir & Sirs, it was

Dou

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Duty to acquaint you, with any ill Behaviour of the Natives
Officers, and not to presume to chastize them myself, but
I hope, you'll consider how I was circumstanced at this time
so great a Distance from Madras, and the Tappals not
regularly placed at that time, prevented me taking the
proper Method of acquainting the Honorable Board,
of this Mans ill Behaviour, I have more than once com-
plained to Colonel Smith of him, who I believe is well
acquainted with his General Behaviour, as is likewise
Colonel Todd. The Amildar's saying of I stay here the
Country will be ruined, Nothing would give me greater
Pleasure, than your Honors, being pleased to order
the strictest Scrutiny into my Behaviour to the Country
People, I hope your Honors will further consider the mis-
erable Situation of the Sick & wounded, at the Time I had
the Dispute with the Amildar, and the strong Injunction
laid upon me by Colonel Smith, to supply the wounded
with what the Country afforded, I hope then you'll be of
Opinion that (what I did, was entirely for the Good of the
Service. I am

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs with the utmost

Deference—

Your most Obed.t Humble Ser.t
Wm Cooke

Trinomalé
23d Oct.r 1767—

To the Hon'ble Charles Boucher Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Lieut
Cooke Esq.r

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Honor to receive your Hon.r

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a sufficient Quantity of Provisions, to be laid in for them &
Estabe

Five long Brass French 3 Pounders, two Eight &
giving an Account of the Guns at Maza- lipatam Viz the Co- lours
English three Pounders received by the Chatham, two 6 Inch
-ders, and two Lygoneer Howitzers, are all the Field Ordnance
that are fit for Service on the Expedition
from which I imagine may be sent on the Expedition to-
-wards Hydrabad, all the three Pounders will be required
to accompany Hussain Ally, while settling the Jamma
bundee with the Zemindars. I am however to observe to
your Honor &c. That the French 3 Pounders are extremely
heavy and inconvenient, as they greatly exceed in Weight
English Guns of double their Caliber. I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. humble Servt
J. Lo. Smith

Mazulepatam
28th October 1767

5th To which the following Answer was wrote

To John Lewen Smith Esqr
Chief at Mazulepatam

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 28th Inst.
Letter to J. L. Smith Esq
containing a List of the Field Pieces at Mazulepatam.
We shall forthwith send you two Brass Nine Pounders
Record of the Guns intending to be sent thither.
and two Eight Brass 3 Pr from hence by Land, but you
must immediately order Carriages & a Tumbril to be made
for the three Pounders of the same Kind as those lately
sent you. The two 6 Lbrs must go with the Party towards
Hydrabad, also four of the French 3 Lbrs & the two Howit-
zers, besides the Guns which have & shall be sent from
hence. You must therefore contrive to equip Hussain Ally
with

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with two other Guns, the short Iron 12 & 6ps. will probably be the best he can take on leg, you'll think they may be wanted for the Walls of Hydrabad

According to the foregoing Directions there will be two 9 Pounders, two 6 Pounders, four French 3 Lbrs. and two Howitzers for the Party of European Troops & four light 3 Lbrs. for the Battalions of Sepoys who should be exercised to use them by two Volunteers from each Company assisted by two Artillery men as has been practised lately by the Battalions under Colonel Smith with great Success. The Sepoys so acting with the Guns are to have 2 or 3 Pagodas P. Month for full Pay out of which the usual Stoppages of a Sepoy are to be made

The 1000 Sepoys to be sent from the Circar Battalions on the Hydrabad Expedition We think had better be composed of the five remaining Companys of Capt. Madge's & five of the best of Captain Dennis's, for We would Recommend that the best Sepoys be sent on Service in the field

By Letters of the 3 and 5th of October received yesterday from the Select Committee at Bengal, we are advised that 200 Europeans more to be embarked with the Ultimate Expedition in the Company's Pilot Sloops & sent to Masulipatam; the rest of an European Regiment was to follow as soon as Tonnage could be got, or the Season permitted, and also 3 Battalions more of Sepoys. With such a Force not only the Tranquility of the Circars will be ensured, but We may hope to accomplish any Views which the Conduct of Nizam Ally may oblige us to undertake on the Deccan

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ordered to make every Preparation for the Expedition to Hyderabad

accordingly make every Preparation for fitting a Force
acting with Vigour, & particularly provide for the Conveyance and Supplies of Provisions which We understand
are not easily to be had on the Road to Hyderabad

& ordered to consult with the Commanders of the Ships expected from Bengal respecting the Expediency of sending on all or Part of their Stores

As We shall probably want a Conveyance to Sea
of You Sundry Stores we would have you consult with the
Commanders and if you conceive it practicable for any of
them to come here, & get to Masulipatam again by the
beginning of January you may send her up with an
Indent of such Stores as you may want & they shall be
immediately put on board her

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Chas Bourchier &c Council

Fort St. George

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Received the following Letter from the Chief &c at Vizagapatam

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George.

Letter from Vizagapatam

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 14th. Instant, the

Arrivall of the Earl of Elgin & Northington Ships being dispatched for Bengal

Troops from the Earl of Elgin and Northington have been landed and those Ships were dispatched the 16th. Inst.t & sailed the next Morning for Calcutta agreable to the Desire of the President & Council of Fort William

We have received a Letter dated the 18th.

Arrival of the Snow four Brothers with Sepoys on board at Vizagapatam

Instant from Captain Richard Price of the Snow Four Brothers, who was arrived at Vizagapatam to the Southward of this Place, with another Part of the Bengal Detachment consisting of 155 Sepoys and as

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it is impossible for Them to reach this Port at this Season of the Year (the Winds and Currents being very strong against Them, and no Boats at Madrass to send the Troops, neither can any be sent from hence) We have accordingly directed Him to proceed, with all Expedition to Mazulipatam, with the Troops on board, & follow all such Orders he may receive from the Gentlemen there for his further Proceedings, but as We have since had a very violent Storm here, we are apprehensive that he is drove off more to the Southward, as all the Vessells at this Place except one, were so End as he may in all probability be gone either to Carringa or Bandarmalanka, we have desired Mr Dolben in case of his Arrival with them, to deliver our Letter to Them, but if not to forward it to Mr Whitehill with our Desire to do the same, in Case of his Arrival at Bandarmalanka — We are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obed. & very humble Servts

Viragapatam
22d Oct. 1767

John Smith
Hinchman Parker
M Wallace

At a Consultation Present

Monday
9th November
1767

Charles Boucher Esq. Governor President
Samuel Ardley — John Catt
George Stratton —
James Boucher George Mackay
Mr Dawson absent on Service

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The following Letters from Captain Calvert

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.

President & Governor

of Fort St. George

Letter from Capt.n Calvert

Honble Sir

The Portuguese you wrote to me about arrived here yesterday, and this Morning I sent him forwards, to morrow or next Day I will send a Man with the Letter —

I have just now received Information of about 200 of the Enemys Horse having passed Venambaddy about 10 o'Clock this forenoon, and came to a Village called Bandaw Pelley about three Miles on this Side, which they set on fire and took upward of a hundred Cattle, but a Company of Men which I had sent off this Morning to reinforce Venambaddy, in which Place there is now a good Garrison Lieutenants Robinson & Davis, 3 Companys of Sepoys and near two of Captain Frazers. 3 Guns & a Mortar one, So that I hope they will be able to make a good Defence or in Case of need I'll favor their Retreat — however I look on these only as a Sett of his Plunderers, they did not go near enough Venambaddy for our Shott to reach there every Report says they design to take Vedear's Body I have six Men in Hyder Ally's Camp, but have had no Accounts of his having moved since I wrote you last — I had also a Letter this Day from Melpaddy wherein the Killedar says that Hyder Ally Cawny himself came two Days ago with a large Body of Horse to reconnoitre his Hill but he will keep it fast against any Force whatever. I hope the Serjeant & his Party are got Safe

to

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to him, they went from Vencatamboddy, the same Night before
wrote this Letter to me, so that he could not give me any
Account of them, but as I have heard nothing of them
since, I dare say they are safe, had any thing happened
Some one certainly would have come back to tell the Tale.

What I wrote you of the other Day, was not true
the Nizam is not gone, but remains on the Ds Ground
of Cally mettoor, he has sent his Baggage to Seringapatam
and talks of going daily —

I hear a Party of Horse are marched from My
der Ally's Camp thro Cupattacaddy Pass, to go round by
Vencatagherry, and from thence into the Carnatic by Cad-
dapahnattum. I have wrote to the Gentlemen comman-
ing there desiring him to make all Enquiry and on the
first Tidings of them, to let me know and I will send
him a Company of my Sepoys, for perhaps but one of
Captain Frazers and a few of the Peons and those can-
not be depended on. I have acquainted you with every
thing I know at present concerning the Enemy. I have
likewise wrote to Vellour, you may depend on hearing
from me on all Occasions — I am with the greatest Respect

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Sunboor 2 Nov: 1767 — 8 o'Clock at Night —

Your most Obed.t & most Obliged
humble Servant
M. Calvert

To the Hon'ble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President & Governor of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir

Just now two of my Men came from the Enemy's
Camp they

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The Enemy threatens to take Vaniambaddy

which Place it is reported they are determined to take
Mr. Robinson who commands in it has agreable to your
Instructions discretional Orders concerning its Defence
abandoning it when he finds it no longer tenable, but to
can and I am sure will hold out some Days. I have sent
to Velour and have acquainted the Commandant with the
Enemy's Situation — I remain with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedt & most Hble Servt
H. Calvert —

Amboor 6 Novem 1767
½ Past 2 o Clock in the Morning —

The President acquaints the Board that He some
Days ago sent Directions to Captain Calvert to give the
Officer Commanding at Veniambaddy discretionary Orders
to withdraw with his Garrison from thence, whenever
He found it likely to be invested with any considerable
Body of the Enemy, & not to run the Risque of losing
the Sepoys & Arms —

The Board approve of what the President
wrote to Captain Calvert, and as it is neither our In-
tention nor can it answer any End to attempt the De-
fence of Places not tenable, and which must, when the
Army takes the Field fall again into our Hands. It is
agreed that Captain Calvert be directed if the Place has
not already fallen to order the Officer Commanding at
Veniambaddy to retire with his Garrisons to Amboor,
If he finds himself likely to be attacked by any large
Body of Troops, & if he has time to demolish the Works &
to carry off or destroy such of the Stores or Provisions as he
may be able, And on no Account to run the least Risque
of losing the Sepoys stationed there with their Arms —

Veniambaddy to be withdrawn if likely to be attacked by any large Force —

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Advice of a Party of the Enemy going to Athoor

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Captain Mathews advising of his having received Intelligence of a Body of the Enemy's Horse being sent to Athoor — As this Motion must be with a View of Plundering the Country about Outatoor & Teagar, It is agreed that Captain Mathews or the Commanding Officer at Worriapollam be ordered to send as many of the Sepoys of the 15th Battalion, as will as of those belonging to the Nabob, as can be spared from Worriapollam & Tirrypoor with the two light Field Pieces to Teagar, to assist in the Protection of that Country, & the Commanding Officer there is to be ordered to send People out to Athoor to gain Intelligence of the Enemy's Motions; & to use every means in his Power to prevent the Country being plundered —

Sepoys to be sent from Worriapollam and Tirrypoor to Teagar

Letters from the Select Committee at Fort Williams read as follow —

Letter from Select Committee at Fort Williams —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor and the Gentlemen of the Secret Department
at Fort St. George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

This Day We have the Honor of both your Letters under Date the 5th Instt: but by what Conveyance We have not yet learnt —

You are already advised that three Battalions of Sepoys under Command of Lieutenant Colonel Smith had embarked on three Europe and some Country Ships with Orders to proceed to Vizagapatam and follow such Directions as they might receive from your Board — By this Time We have reason to hope

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are safely arrived, as for several Days past the Winds have
blown from the Northward —

I immediately on Receipt of your Letter the 21st
August, We issued Orders to Colonel Pearce to hold the first
Brigade in Readiness to move at the shortest Notice to Cal-
cutta, and We have now in Consequence of your last Letter
set every Engine at Work to expedite the Succours you re-
quire and transport the 1st Brigade either to your Pre-
sidency or to Mazulipatam with all the Dispatch
which the Season of the Year and the Nature of the
Service will admit —

Almost the whole Tonnage now in the Road
consists of three Europe Ships Calcutta Norfolk and
Egmont. The great Distance at which they lie from the
Presidency and the extreme Rapidity of the Stream
render the loading & un loading them very tedious Business.
But as the Commanders have orders to prepare for Sea
with all possible Expedition, We doubt not they will be
ready to receive the Troops, before the Change of the
Monsoon will enable Us to dispatch them, with any
Degree of Safety, or Chance of making a tolerable Pas-
sage. Be assured, that not a Moment shall be lost, on
Our Part, in fulfilling your utmost Expectations from Us, in pro-
secuting with Vigour a just & unavoidable War, on the
Issue of which the Hon^ble Company's Interest so deeply
stakes —

Promise to send a
2nd Brigade

The European Regiment shall be sent on
board the Ships first in Readiness, as you seem to stand
most in Need of them; & the Sepoys shall afterwards
be sent in such Conveyances as we may be able to provide

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We remain with great Regard
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Hble Servants
H. Verelst
John Carter
Rich.d Becher
Alex.r Campbell.

Fort William
3. October 1767.

To the Honble Charles Boorchier Esqr.
President & Governor and the Gentlemen of the Secret Department at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Select Committee at Fort William to Purpose embarking 200 Europeans on three Sloops.

Since our Letter of the 3d Instant, a Duplicate of which goes under this Cover, We have come to the Resolution of sending Your 200 Europeans on three of the Company's Sloops, which from their Size and Construction We doubt not will be able to effect a speedy Passage even at this unfavorable Season.

We shall endeavour to embark this Detachment in 15 Days; and the utmost Expedition shall be used in clearing the Europe Ships and providing further Tonnage to transport the Remainder of the Brigade.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt & most Hble Servants
H. Verelst
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Fort William
5th October 1767.

Agreed that the Receipt of the above Letters be

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advised of our Situations and of the Orders We have given
for the Operations of the Troops to the Northward
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at Bombay

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

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of the 3d Instant with the Papers said to be enclosed there-
in

We are obliged to your Honor &c. for the very
particular Account you have been pleased to give Us of
your Operations for some Time past, and your Motives for
them, at the same time that We cannot but very sincerely
lament the great Probability there seems to be of com-
mencing an immediate Rupture with Hyder Ally, in which
case, our Investments on this Side of India will be put an
entire Stop to, at least for some Time, and other bad Con-
sequences ensue to Affairs under our Management. How-
ever should your Honor &c. contrary to our Wishes, find
War with him unavoidable You may rely on our doing
every thing We can consistent with our Situations upon
this Coast to promote the Success of your Operations
against him and the Soubah, and shall immediately pur-
sue such Measures as may appear to Us most eligible
for answering your Intentions in respect to the Marattas,
which We shall be the better enabled to do from a Difference
which is likely to arise between Mahanderow and his

Uncle

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Uncle Rogoba; and which We shall do our utmost to forward and embrace any other Opportunity which may offer for drawing off their Intention from the Carnatic - We shall likewise give all suitable Encouragement to the Malabar Coast Powers to act with Vigour against Hyder Ally & on every Respect endeavor to facilitate the Accomplishment of your Views, at the same Time that We cannot avoid representing to you that the Troubles we are unfortunately engaged in on the Gulph of Persia employs a very considerable Part of our Marine and Military Force, and untill We shall put it out of our Power to act upon this Coast so effectually as you may be led to expect, tho you may rest assured nothing shall be omitted, which We can prudently do to ensure Success to the Measures you have thought proper to adopt and represent so absolutely necessary for the Safety of our Honble Masters Possessions & Interests on your Coast.

addressing that the Troubles in the Gulph of Persia will prevent their affording any effectual Assistance -

Previous to the Receipt of your Letter We had given Orders to Mr John Stracey our Resident at Cotrore to proceed to Hyder Ally to settle the Price of Pepper and to adjust some other Points for our Honble Masters Interests upon this Coast of which We directed him to advise your Honors &c. and that He had our Orders to pay due Obedience to any Instructions you might think proper to give him relative to Affairs under your Charge during his Stay with the Nabob. The Receipt of your Letter having however rendered this Measure improper We have countermanded our Orders to Mr Stracey this We fear he will be set out before

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when He meets the Nabob, & will be ready to attend to any Plans you may think proper to recommend to His Notice —

We are with Esteem

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obed. Humble Servants

Thos. Hodges

P. Wrenche

D Draper

James Ryley

R. H. Boddam

Th. Mostyn

Bombay Castle
30th September 1767 —

We are concerned that the Troubles in which the Gentlemen at Bombay are engaged in the Gulph of Persia, prevents their co-operating with Us so effectually as We could wish tho We doubt not they will afford all the Assistance in their Power — We are sensible that the War with Hyder Ally must prejudice, or perhaps put an entire Stop to their Investment on the Malabar Coast for a Time; But this Consideration is by no means to be put in Competition with the Dangers to be apprehended, if so aspiring and powerful a Person as Hyder Ally is not reduced as We are thoroughly convinced. He will embrace every Opportunity that offers of distressing our Affairs, and He will no doubt gladly join the French whenever their Situation will admit of it, the Consequences of which are too evident to need reciting. Whatever therefore we may determine regarding the Soubah, the Overthrow of Hyder Ally must at all Events be effected, as

Resolution in Consequence —

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Possessions both on this and the Malabar Coast — And
as it is reported that both the Nizam & Hyder Ally
have made considerable Offers to Mahadaverow for
Assistance, It becomes more immediately necessary that
the Gentlemen at Bombay should keep the most watch-
full Eye on the Conduct of the Marattas —

Letters from Masulipatam read as follows

To the Honble Charles Boureher Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Masulipatam

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Commands of
the 13th Instant, and are apprehensive it will not be in
our Power either to procure Coolies, or Carriage Bullocks
to send to the Southward, and that we shall even have
some Difficulty in getting a sufficient Number for the
Troops in the Circars —

By a Letter received last Night from the Chief
and Council at Vizagapatam we are advised of the
Earl of Elgin and Northington having arrived there
and landed Lieutenant Colonel Smith with the remainder
of the three Battalions of Bengal Sepoys, which we
are extremely concerned at, as Needless Your Honor &c.
intended that two complete Battalions should Embark
to Fort St George which will now be impossible to do
by sea, until the Month of December, and even then, our
being able to procure sufficient Conveyances, is a cir-
cumstance extremely precarious —

As Warnaging Lieutenant Colonel Smith
hath not yet received your Honor &c. Instructions, we

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are of Opinion that We cannot take upon ourselves to give
him any, not that if we did, he would Receive them from
Us, but We apprehended it would be attended with more
convenience, for any Body of Troops to remain in the
Circars and not be subject to our Authority, We take the Liber-
ty to request, that your Honor &c will favor Us as soon
as possible with your Orders for our Conduct on this Oc-
casion —

As we have not yet received any information
with Regard to the Pay and Batta to be given to the
Bengal Troops, we likewise request that you will have
the Goodness to send Us your Directions —

We are with the very true Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. & Most humble Servants

J. L. Smith

Samuel Johnstone

Quenton Crauford

Masulipatam
22. October 1767

P.S. Should your Honor &c. judge it necessary
to order the Remainder of the two Battalions to proceed
to Madras by Land, we should be glad to know, whether
Colonel Smith is to accompany them, or to remain in the Circars —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

desiring Orders re-
garding the Bengal
Troops —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Price of the Snow four Brothers
having landed here a Serjeant and 141 Black Officers
and Seapoys, belonging to the 4th. Battalion of the
Bengal Detachment, We have this Day reembarked
them and they now proceed to Fort St. George
So soon as the Remainder of the Troops arrive,

Letter from Messrs
Smith Johnstone
& Crauford

dated on board the Snow
Four Brothers having
sailed from thence
with 140 of the Bengal
Seapoys on board for
this Place —

we

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we shall forward to your Honor &c. as many as will compleat the 3 & 4th Battalions either by Sea as Conveyances offer, or by Land, should your Honor &c. think proper to order it.

To the 141 Seapoys embarked on the four Brothers we have advanced nine hundred and thirty two (932) Rupees 12 Anns. & 8 Pice, as will appear by the Accompanying Pay Roll, for which We shall debit Account Current Fort St. George.

As Captain Rice only freighted his Vessel from Calcutta to Vizagapatam, he expects that an Allowance will be made to him proportionable to the Increase of the Voyage & Risque, for which Reason We have at his own Desire referred him to your Honor &c.

We are with much Respect

Hon'ble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & humble Serv.ts

T. La Smeathe

Sam.l Johnstone

Duncan Crawford

Mazulipatam
27th Oct.r 1767

P.S. One of the Seapoys having deserted last Night we have only embarked 140—

Cross m.r Consignee

By our Orders already sent to Mazulipatam the Gentlemen there will be sufficiently acquainted with our Intentions regarding the Disposition of the Troops from Bengal.

The President acquaints the Board that He had on the 31st. October received a Letter from Mr. Smith enclosing the Signals which Captain Pince of the Snow Four Brothers proposed making on his appearing off this Place, a Copy of which he had immediately sent to the Chief at Cuddalore, that in Case of the Vessels

proceeding

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proceeding thither the Sepoys might be landed and or-
dered to march to this Place

As We have yet heard nothing of the above Snow
We are apprehensive, that some accident has befallen
her, or that she has been obliged to proceed to Anjengo
In either of which Cases it will be impossible for the Se-
poys to join their Battalion, or to arrive here in time
to take the Field. And as We observe by Lieutenant Colonel
Smiths Returns of the Battalions now with him that they
are far from being compleat; It is agreed that the Chief
& Council at Masulipatam be ordered immediately to
raise 200 Sepoys, either to replace those which Lieutenant
Colonel Smith may, in Consequence of our former Direc-
tions, draft from the Masulipatam Companies, or to
fill up the Vacancies in his Battalions. It is also ordered
that a Letter be wrote to the Chief & Factors at Anjengo
requesting, in Case the Snow your Brothers should ar-
rive there, that they will order the Sepoys to be landed
& that they will supply them with such Conveniences as
may be requisite for their March to Tellicherry, the
Commanding Officer of which Place is to have Directions
to order them to Tricchinopoly

(Letter from the Chief & Council at Cuddalore

Read
Follo

To the Honble Charles Boucher Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council (In their Military Department)
of Fort St. George

Letter from Cuddalore

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt
of your several Letters of the 15, 16, & 19th Instant, and in
Consequence of the first, shall use our utmost Endeavors

to

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to raise the Number of Sepoys required, as few, however, have presented themselves. We beg leave to enclose to your Honor &c. Copy of a Letter the Chief has received from Captain Mathews, recommending one Cauder Saib, lately a Jemedar in the Company's Service, as appears from his Commission N° 453. offering to bring in a compleat Company, on Condition that he is reinstated: concerning which We request your Honor &c. Directions —

Advising of Captain Mathews having the Offer of an entire Company of Sepoys —

We shall in Compliance with your Orders make up the Gun Carriages, and Cartridge Boxes here —

The three Europeans sent here by Ensign Clarke at Wonniarpollam, have been already sent to Madras by the Chief.

The Toppatts shall be immediately posted in the Manner recommended, to Trichenopoly —

We are very respectfully —

Cuddalore
29th October 1767 —

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t humble Servts
Henry Brooke
Robert Dowsett —

To Henry Brooke Esq.r
Chief at Cuddalore

Sir

By a Letter of Yours to Mr. Clark I am informed you are to raise two Companys of Sepoys and request my Assistance. I can furnish you with a compleat one, If you please to favor a Man who hath faithfully served the Company 16 Years and has been twice wounded. On my raising my Battalion he was sent to me from Cuddalore a Jemedar, But I unluckily lost the first Opportunity

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Opportunity of promoting him to a Subadar this against his Inclination in the Nabobs Service. I say unluckily because the Nabob has neglected paying his People which hath occasioned the Loss of above half, and He is much distressed on that Account. If you accept of these you will much oblige me. I take the Liberty of making him the Bearer of this. I am

Sir

Your most Obedt. hble Servt.

Worcanpollams
23d October 1767

Richard Matthews

Resolution thereon

The President acquaints the Board that he has already sent Directions to Captain Matthews to order the Company of Sepoys raised by him to Madras which the Board approve; But as it is probable they may be arrived at Cuddalore, before these Orders reach him, the Chief & Council are to be directed to send them further with all Expedition.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Wood.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Letter from Colonel Wood

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor yesterday to receive Your Letter of the 23d Ult.

And you may depend on every thing on my Power being done to compleat this Detachment for the Field agreable to your Directions.

I have ordered Captain Orton to Carroor

sends Captain Orton to command at Carroor

and shall compleat Captain Cowpers & Dormonds Battalions for the Field by making the Disposition you

Servs

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have ordered to the Southward of Captain Harper's Bat-
talion, as there is not at present a compleat Battalion
of the Nabobs Seapoys there Nine Companies are at Tan-
-ore under Captain Mathews, and three at Ramgarry
which cannot be exchanged time enough to have them
ready for the Field by the Time you mention; and what
are in here now of the Seapoys came last from Pallam-
-cotah that are none of the best.

We have not one 3 Pounder fit for the Seapoys
here those we had out last with the Seapoys are 2½
Pounders and were heavier than our Sorts, so that it will
be necessary to have some light 3 Pounders sent hither
for these two Battalions of Seapoys that are ordered for
the Field. We have only 6 Brass 6 Pounders for the
Field at this Place which shall be in readiness.

There are no Ligonier Howitzers here so that
I shall send to Captain Mathews for those two agreable
to your Directions.

The Bullocks for the Artillery and Sawarys
are kept in Pay & will be trained for that Purpose. The
Carriage Bullocks and Cooleys are dismissed the Service
agreable to your Orders.

I have the Honor to remain with the great
Respect and Esteem.

Sir & Honble Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
Solom Wood.

Trichenopoly
29th October 1767.

Desires some light
3 Lbrs may be sent
him adverting of
their being only six
Brass 6 Pounders at
Trichinopoly for
Field Service.

Orders thereon

As We shall not have light Brass 3 Lbrs sufficient
for all the Sepoy Battalions, Colonel Wood is to be ordered
to equip some of the 2 or 2½ Lbrs or the lightest 6 Inch 3
Lbrs

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Sltr. from Trichenopoly to go with the Sepoys — We are concerned to find that the two 12 & two 6 lbrs with the Tumbrils which were sent to Cuddalore some time since, have not been forwarded to Trichenopoly agreeable to our Directions; The Chief & Council are therefore to acquaint Us with the Reasons why they were not sent & if they are not already gone, they are to be ordered to forward them to Tiagar with all Expedition —

Letter from Mr. Hay read as follows —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George —

Letter from Mr. Hay —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your favor of the 24th. the contents of which you may depend on my strictly adhereing to in every Respect, And I have only to assure your Honor &c. that I shall exert myself to the utmost of my Power to get every thing in readiness for the Detachment that goes from this with the greatest Expedition —

There is only one thing which I am afraid I shall meet with some Difficulty in procuring, that is proper Dooley Coolies and Mattys, however I shall do what lays in my Power with the Assistance of the Young Nabob (who I should be glad was wrote to) to get those People. If I find they are not to be got, I shall take Care to make your Honor &c. acquainted with it, so that you may favor me with your further Directions on that Head. In the mean Time I have the Honor to remain —

apprehends difficulty in procuring Dooley Coolies & desiring the Nabobs Son may be wrote to to assist him —

Honble

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Trichenopoly
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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & very Hble Servant
James Hay Paymaster.

Agreed that Mr Hay be directed to procure Dooly Coolies with Masbys at 2 Pagodas p Mo each and as the Campaign will probably be a severe one, Henry allow an Additional Cooly to carry two Doolies - The Number of Doolies are to be agreable to the Regulations in Proportion to the Number of Men & He will consult with the Surgeon the most expedient Means of keeping the Coolies from deserting, and the Nabob is to be desired to write to his Son at Trichenopoly, to assist Mr. Hay in procuring them - Mr Indent for Medicines for the Troops intended to march from Trichenopoly is laid before the Board & sent to the Surgeons to be complied with as soon as possible -

Letter from Mr. Dawson read as follows -

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George -

Letter from Mr. Dawson -

Honble Sir & Sirs

I addressed the President from Chungleput & informed him of the Quantity of Paddy & Rice at Gingee, as also with the Quantity beat there in a Day, I have now upon Enquiry found that there is in Store there 60000 Colum of Paddy & 3400 Colum of Rice besides sundry other Bazar Provisions in smaller Parcells. There is now beat there in a Day 100 Colum of Paddy, but the Weather continues so bad and the Scarcity of Inhabitants gives but little Prospect of an Increase

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Increase till the breaking up of the Rains. As it is also necessary to provide for the transporting the Grain to the Frontier Garrisons or to whatever Place your Honour &c may judge most proper. I have wrote to Messrs Boucher & Pyne as well as to the several Boulidars of Chittoor Arnee, Trivaday, Bonagherry and the Other Places where the Enemy have not been to supply me with Bullocks, Sheep &c. Provisions as those Countries may be able to afford, and I have this Morning received Proposals from a Man here to furnish Mr Sullivan with 300 Bullocks at any time they may be wanted provided he has ten Days Notice, and in hopes of inducing others to bring in their Bullocks. I have advanced him on Account 100 Pagodas & make no Doubt but this Circulation of Cash with Endeavors to prevent the Customary Oppressions will be a great Means of the Inhabitants returning to their usual Occupations.

Mr Casamajor who I have appointed to manage the Granarys at Arnee will set out for that Place to morrow, and Mr Sadlier (when he arrives) shall be stationed where his Service may be most required. I intend proceeding to morrow Morning on my Way to Trinomallee & Tiagar where I shall continue to exert my utmost Endeavors for promoting every means consistent with the good of the Service.

Captain Baillie who commands here, having represented to me how much the Tumbrils & Field Carriages suffer from being exposed to the Weather, I did propose building Sheds for them, but finding the Sepoys were all gone to bring in the Enemies Guns, which were

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were taken in the late Action. I could not be expected to have them Either in less than a Month, and without these Helps it would be a Work of considerable Time to fit them under the Necessity of laying that Scheme aside, more especially as the Artillery Officer said it might be dispensed with. I provided his Indent for Tar & Tow pasalines was complied with and immediately forwarded —

I have the Honor to be with much Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very faithfull & obedt. Servt

George Dawsons

Wandawash
Octr. 25th. 1767 —

P.S. Note. 3/2 Madras Marcalls = 1 Column. 2 1/5 Ls Sterl. = 1 Pagoda

The President lays before the Board the following

Letter from Mr Dawsons —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr Dawsons giving an Account of his Proceedings & the Difficulties Hemet with —

Being arrived at this Garrison after having visited those of Wandawash, Chittapet, Arni & Polure & procured an Account of the several Sorts & Quantities of Provisions in Store at each of them, at the same time concerted & enforced every measure for beating a considerable Quantity of Paddy into Rice with all possible Expedition as also to collect an Increase of every other sort of Provisions & the means of transporting it to the Army or wherever it may be thought proper — I have accordingly stationed the Gentlemen you were pleased to appoint to assist me in this arduous Undertaking with the necessary Instructions for their Proceedings, I now beg leave to transmit you a General Report for your Speculation —

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As to the Article of Rice, I was proceeding to
Hunte from what the Amildar had assured me, and
the Advices since from the Gentlemen I have stationed,
that 100 Garce might have been got ready by the begin-
ning of next Month (provided the approaching Season
does not prove very unfavorable) but I am surprized
to learn to Day from Mr Sathom, that the Nabob's
Naib Achna Pundit had wrote to the Amildar at Nun-
dawash to forbid him boating more Paddy than 10,000
Colums, which will not produce more than 40 Garce
of Rice, & it was from the Garrisons of Wandawash,
Chittapet, Arnee & the Villages dependant thereon I ex-
pected the most —

It is with much Concern I am under the
Necessity of representing Difficulties which it is my
Study to surmount & avoid as much as possible, but
when I consider the Nature of this important Business
& the absolute Necessity of carrying it into Execution
without Delay, I think it my Duty to set forth such as
now occur to me in hopes of their being in some Measure
in your Power to remove them — Those which present
themselves at present are not only the accomplishing
the great Quantity of Rice required for the Army's first
taking the Field, but the Want of a sufficient Number
of Gunny Bags & Carriage Bullocks to transport it. I
have wrote to Mr. Brooke at Cuddalore & Mr Tyne at
Vellour very pressingly to procure & send me both the above
mentioned Articles with all possible Expedition — however
I am glad to learn from Messrs Sathom & Boileau
that they have already contracted for as far as 5 or 600

Bullocks

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The Nabobs promised to furnish 10,000 of the former as soon as the Troops move & Bullocks for victualling may be got at any Terms, Mr. Dawson must therefore endeavour to procure the Remainder. He is also to engage all the Carriage Bullocks he is able, but they are not to be procured into immediate Pay, unless they are wanted to carry Grain to the Frontier Garrisons and which should be done with all Expedition.

Read the following Letters from Captain Pascal &c.

To the Honble Charles Boucher Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council of Fort
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Captain Pascal

I have the Honor to acquaint you that agreeable to your Orders I have raised one hundred Seapoys who are constantly drilled two a Day and come on very well in their Exercise, Permit me to request you will please to send me Arms for them.

You were pleased to direct me to draught from the old Seapoy Company as many Seapoys as were willing to go for Camp, on my proposing this to them they unanimously requested the whole Company might be permitted to march wherever ordered upon they have constantly been in Garrison for these five Years past.

I shall be glad of twenty foot of four Inch Plank to

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Drawn Plans may be sent to direct the Gun Carriages in

to remount the only Gun we have left without a Carriage also a Pair of three ft. Wheels for the same. I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. & very hble Servt

Edmund Pascal

Chingleput
29th Oct. 1767

To the Honble Chas. Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Forgive I pray the Confession I have been

Leaving of an Apartment being ready for the Gt. inhabit

guilty of in not advising you that an Apartment was ready for Mr. Gelehrist at proceeded entirely from my Conception of your knowing the Officers Appartments here were not occupied, please to send him whenever it shall be agreable, I shall be glad to know how he is to be subsisted & am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & very hble Servt

Edmund Pascal

Chingleput
3d November 1767

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Day before yesterday a Messenger came to me from a Person in the Country requesting I would permit him to come to me and relate his Business, I accordingly gave him leave and he has just left me, the sole Purport of his Business is to tender his Services on the present Emergency, having with him at this Time, three Hundred & fifty good Seapoys armed

with

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with good Arms, men that have seen much Service and most of them formerly with Mr. Bayly, but last in the Tanjore Service which he quitted on some Difference with Manager these Arms are all his own and he proffers to compleat his Numbers to one Thousand, at the End of Thirty or Forty Days with good Arms and Accoutrements — of these he deserves the Command, and Rank of Commandant being ready to march on any Service you shall please to order him — his Name is Nella Tombi Row, a young man born at Pondicherry, the Pullegar Cast, he is impatient for your Answer as his People preys him for Subsistance

I am very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Serv.t

Edmund Pascal

One Nella Toombi Row offers taking into the Service a Body of Sepoys ready armed

Chungleput 4th November 1767

Agreed that Captain Pascal be acquainted that the Wheels & Cheeks for the Gun Carriage have already been forwarded to Chungleput — That Mr. Call send out as soon as Convenient thither, when He is to appoint some Person to receive his Pay and to subsist them out of it — As to Nella Toombi Row who has made an Offer of bringing a Body of Sepoys ready armed & accoutred: He was much surprized how he could march such a Body of Men thro' the Country, & in what manner He could have procured Arms for them — Captain Pascal is therefore to be ordered to send him & his People further, when He will take his Proposals into Consideration, & give him what Encouragement he may deserve —

Order thereon

Letter from Mr. Rastell read as follows —

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George —

Letter from Mr Raitt

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am this Day Honored with your Letter of
the 23d Instant & agreable to your Orders thereon forward
the Names of the Officers that have applied for Payment
of their Tents who are as follows. Captain Edward James
Captain Leopold Hercker, Lieutenants Lawrence Murphy
& James Powell —

giving an Account of the Officers applying for Tent Money —

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt & most Hble Servant
Chas. Raitt —

Trichenopoly
28th October 1767 —

As We find on Enquiry that the Officers men
tioned in the above Letter have received no Allowance
for Tent Money Mr Raitt may pay them for their Tents
agreeable to our Orders under Date of the 23d October.

Read the following Letter from Captain James Fitzgerald.

To the Honble President & Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Captain James Fitzgerald with the Proceedings of a General Court Martial on Lieutenants Thos Workman Woodbine & Monkhouse

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Voice of the Members of the Court
Martial I am to recommend to your Mercy and
Protection, Lieutenant John Woodbine, as well from
the Character given of him by Captain Walbank at
his Trial, as from many favorable Circumstances
that appeared on his Side in the Proceedings of the
Court — I am

Honble

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Conjeveram
Nov. the 3d 1767

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs most respectfully & truly

Your very humble Servant

James Fitzgerald Capt.

The Proceedings of the Court Martial on
Lieutenant Fire Workers Woodbine & Monckhouse.
being also read whereby they are both dismissed the
Service for acting unbecoming the Character of Officers
& Gentlemen; The Board approve the Sentence, But
in Consideration of the Courts having recommended
Mr Woodbine to our Mercy; tho' they both appear
equally guilty of the Crime for which they were tryed;
We consent to their being again admitted on the Lists
of Cadets & not to be promoted, till their Commanding
Officer thinks them worthy of it —

Lieutenant Fire Workers Woodbine & Monckhouse dismissed the Service —

appointed again Cadets in the Artillery

Mr Monckhouse is therefore to be ordered to
Madras to proceed with the Detachment of Artillery
intended to be sent to the Northward; & Mr Woodbine
is to do Duty as a Cadet in the Artillery at Camp —

Having determined to form a Company of Artillery for the Service of the Circars and the Northern Settlements to consist of 1 Capt. 1 Lieut. 2 Fire Workers 3 Sergts. 4 Corpls. 2 Drums 4 Bombs 6 Gunrs. 20 Matrs. 40 — Captain Little is to have the Command of them, and a full Commission as therefore to be given him — And the Chief & Council at Masulipatam are to be advised of our Intentions, and that all the Artillery to the Northward of the Kistna, are to be looked upon as belonging to this Company; and that in order to compleat it Captain Little with three other Officers & 20 Artillery Men will proceed to Masulipatam & take with them two 9 lbrs and two 3 lbrs with a Tumbril,

a Company of Artillery formed for the Circars & Northern Settlements

Captain Little appointed to the Command of it

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to

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to be drawn from hence as far as Ongole or Coracondah to which Place 140 Draught Bullocks & an Escort of 100 Sepoys are to be sent to meet them from Masulipatam and the Gentlemen there are to advise Captain Little whether he should proceed by the Way of Guntoor, or by Nerampatnam, & to have Conveyances ready for their crossing the Kistna.—

In Consequence of the Promotion of Captain Little Lieutenant De Morgan is to be appointed a Captain Lieutenant; and to fill up his Vacancy and the Additional Company three Lieutenants will be wanted, which will reduce the Number of Lieutenant Fireworkers to five, so that We shall require six more to compleat the Establishment. And Colonel Smith having particularly recommended Mr. Donald Sutherland, who has for some Time past acted as a Conductor. It is agreed that he be appointed Lieutenant Fireworker, and Mr. James Connor who was formerly a Midshipman on board a Man of War and recommended also by Colonel Smith is appointed a Cadet on the Artillery.— Mr William Holloway who came out 6th Mate on the Hector & was left here, having also offered himself as a Cadet in this Corps; & tho' We would by no means give Encouragement to Persons who leave their Ships, yet the Distress we are in for Officers both on the Artillery & Infantry, obliges Us to admit him a Cadet in the Artillery.—

Lieutenant Morgan appointed Captain Lieutenant

Officers wanted for the Artillery Corps

Mr Donald Sutherland appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker

Mr James Connor appointed a Cadet for the Artillery

as also Mr William Holloway

Mr Mordaunt who came out 5th Mate on the Houghton & remained here, & having expressed the greatest Aversion to a Sea Life & his Desire of entering

Mr Mordaunt appointed a Cadet on the Infantry

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into the Military. The Board in Consideration of the
Friends in England, and that Hennay not be rejected
by remaining idle here do consent to his Proceeding
to Camp as a Cadet in the Infantry—

Mr Lambellais

Mr James Lambellais who was left an Orphan
& has been taken Care of & educated by Mr Dawsett,
who recommends him as a very deserving Young Man
is appointed a Cadet in the Infantry—

Quarter Master Sergeant Watts appointed a Cadet in the Infantry—

Quarter Master Sergeant Charles Watt being also
recommended as a very deserving Man, It is ordered
that He be admitted a Cadet in the Infantry—

Sergeant Major Sellers – appointed Adjutant.

An Adjutant being much wanted for the Duty
of this Garrison, in the Room of Lieutenant Trumbee
deceased, and Serjeant Major Thomas Sellers, being
represented as a very fit Person for that Employ, It is
Agreed that a Warrant as such be given him—

Lieutenant William Fitzgerald permitted to act again as Vol. Lieutenant—

It is also agreed that Lieutenant William Fitz
gerald who was broke by the Sentence of a Court Mar
tial, but whom the President augments the Board
Colonel Smith has recommended our granting another
Trial of, be permitted to do Duty as a Volunteer, till
by his Behaviour he renders himself worthy of a
Commission—

The President lays before the Board the
following Letter from Captain Billingham—

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.
President & Governor of Fort St. George

Letter from Captain Billingham—

Honble Sir

On Receipt of a Letter from the Honble Board
dated the 12th of September, wherein it was recom-
mended

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recommended to me, in the strongest Manner, to take every prudent Measure for the Security of Vellore: and that the Pettah must be preserved to the last Extremity. Upon which I made Application to the Killedar and Renter to set People about repairing the Works of the Pettah as they were defective in many Places: especially the North Front, where the Wall was very low and Dale and might have been escaladed with Ladders of five Feet in length: They complyed with my Request: but after working a few Days, to very little Purpose, they sent to acquaint me, that they could not do any more for Want of Money, and that they would be much obliged to me if I would undertake to get it done myself, which I did, as there seemed at that Time, to be an absolute Necessity of having done. I took in hand to finish, what they had begun, at the same Time made the Nabob acquainted with my Intentions, and my Reasons for so doing, and in a short Time run a Wet Ditch Nine Hundred Yards in length, Nine feet deep and twenty one in Breadth, between which, and the Wall I left a Berm of above twelve Feet broad, upon which, I planted the Seeds of Thorns all along, which, when grown up, will be a greater Security to the Place, than the Wall itself —

I have wrote to the Nabob several Times as I imagined that He was the Person that would not only have reimbursed the Money that I have laid out, but have thanked me for the Care, and Trouble, that I took in getting it done; as I am well convinced that He never had so much necessary work done, in so short

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Short a Time and for so little Money

Now Sir, as the Trouble that I have taken &
the Money that I laid out was for the Good of the
Public Service (and indeed I should have neglected a
very material Part of my Duty had I not done it) I
hope you will be so good as to let me know how I am
to be reimbursed as I am in real Want of the Money
at present — I have the Honor to be

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obed^t humble Serv^t

John Bellingham

applies to be reimbursed the Expence of fortifying the Pollams at Vellour

Vellour
27th October 1767

Orders thereon

Agreed that Captain Billingham be desired to send in a particular Account of the Expence he has been at in repairing the Fortifications of the Pollams at Vellour, whom We will consider in what Manner He is to be reimbursed — He is also to be acquainted that immediately on the Hillmen or Renters refusing to advance the Money necessary for those Repairs, He should have address'd Us, to whom He would have sent Directions to the Paymaster as well for paying as mustering the Coolies, as it is by no means proper that the Commanding Officer at the Out Garrisons should make any Advances for carrying on the Repairs

Letter from the Governor & Council of Pondicherry

read as follows —

To the Hon^ble the President
& Gentlemen of Council
at Madras —

Letter from Pondicherry —

Gentlemen

Having learned that some French who

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escaped from hence have been stopd on the Coundy and
carried to Madras and put in Prison We request you
will restore them, assuring You they shall be secured till a
Convoy arrive offers for transporting them to Europe

We have the Honor to be with great Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt & Most humble Servants
Saw de Saurenstone Dt the
Superior Council of Pondichery

Detaining that some French Men who were brought Prisoners here may be sent thither

Pondicherry
31st October 1760

Agreed that the French Men that were brought
Prisoners to this Place be sent to Pondicherry under a
Guard of Sepoys as soon as the Weather will permit,
agreable to the Desire of the Governor & Council there

The Prisoners to be sent to Pondicherry

C. Boudain
Saml Wally
John Call
Geo. Stratton
H.
J. Bouchain
Geo: Mackay

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Sent the following Letter to Captain Calvert at Amboor —

To Captain Calvert
Commanding at Amboor

Sir

I have received your Letters of the 5th & 6th Instant —

As it would be to no Purpose to attempt the Defence of Places, which are not tenable, & which are of little Consequence, and I do not imagine it will be possible for Vencatabaddy to hold out against any considerable Force, & We should be in Danger, in Case it is once invested of losing the Sepoys stationed there with their Arms, I desire you will on the Receipt of this if the Place has not already fallen, send Orders to the Officer commanding there, to retire to Amboor, if He finds there is any likelyhood of his being attacked by any large Body of Troops, and if he has time, to demolish the Works & to carry off or destroy such of the Stores & Provisions as He may be able — In short He is to be ordered on no Account to risque the Loss of the Party now there with their Arms, with a View of defending a Place of little or no Consequence in its present State, & which must fall again into our Hands when the Army moves that Way —

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
Charles Boone

Fort St. George
9th November 1767 —

10th Dispatched the following Letters —

To

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To Johnn Lewen Smith Esqr
Chief &c. &c. Council of St Maruliputame

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 22d & 29th October —

The Snow 4 Brothers not having arrived here as we have heard nothing of her, we are apprehensive some Accident has befallen her, or that she has been obliged to go round to Anjengo, and to land the Sepoys at that Place in either of which Cases it will be impossible for them to join their Battalion, or to come here in Time to take the Field — And as we observe by Lieutenant Colonel Lamb's Return that the two Bengal Battalions to the Northward were far from being compleat We desire you will immediately recruit 200 Sepoys either to replace those that may be drafted from the Companies at Maruliputam, or to be incorporated with the 2 Bengal Battalions that they may be compleat for Field Service —

Having determined to form a Company of Artillery for the Service of the Circars which is to consist of

Capt.	Lieut.	Fireflies	S.	C.	D.	Boys	Gun.	Matrosses
1	2	2	4	4	2	6	20	40

and of which Captain Little is to have the Command: all the Artillery to the Northward of the Kistna are to be looked upon as belonging to this Company, and in order to compleat it Captain Little will in a few Days proceed to you with three other Officers & 20 Artillery Men, and they will have with them two 9 lbrs. two 2 lbrs with a Tumbril — The Carriages will be drawn from hence by Bullocks as far as Ongole or Carrecondra You will therefore send 40 Draught Bullocks, and 2

Companions

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Companies of Sepoys to meet them at Caracondy, or if they are not arrived there to Anjengo, and at the same Time advise Captain Little whether it will be most expedient for them to proceed thro' the Gauntoar Country, or by Nizampatnam and you will provide Conveyances for their crossing the Krishna.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Cha.s Boone Chier &c Council

Fort St. George
10th November 1767.
To Thomas Whitehill Esqr
Chief &c Factors at Anjengo
Letter to Anjengo.

Gentlemen

Being advised by a Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam that 140 Sepoys belonging to one of the Bengal Battalions were on the 27 October embarked on board the Snow four Brothers Captain Price for this Place, and having yet heard nothing of her on the Coast, We apprehend she has been obliged to proceed with them to Anjengo. We therefore request that you will in that Case furnish them with such Money & Necessaries as may be requisite for their March to Palamcotah, to which Place We desire they may proceed as soon as they conveniently can, where they will have Orders for their further Destination.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t humble Serv.ts
Cha.s Boone Chier &c Council

Fort St. George
10th November 1767.
To Lieutenant Colonel Fischmann
Commanding at Palamcotah

Sir

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Sir

The enclosed Letter from the Chief & Factors at Anjengo comes under a flying Seal for your Perusal & which you will forward with all Expedition —

Should the Sepoys mentioned therein arrive with You, we desire they may be ordered to proceed to Trichinopoly as soon as possible, and for which Purpose you will supply to Mr. Palmer to Journey what Bullocks and other Necessaries may be requisite for their March and Money sufficient for the Subsistance, having appointed you to be a Lieutenant Colonel to rank from the 11th Day of June 1765 next after Lt. Colonel De Beeks a Commission as such shall be sent You —

You are appointed to take first Regiment which you will join as soon as an Officer is sent to relieve you in the Command of Palamcotah which will be in a few Days. We are

Sir

Your most humble Servants

Charles Boursher Vc Council

Fort St. George
10th November 1767 —

To Henry Brooke Esqr
Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 29th October and approve of Captain Mathew's having entertained the Company of Sepoys, & have wrote him to send them further with all Expedition, But as it is probable they may be arrived with You before the Letter reaches them, You will in that Case order them to march immediately to this Place —

Ans

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As We observe by a Letter from Colonel Wood that the two 12 lbrs & two 6 lbrs with the Tumbril which were sent some Time since to Cuddalore and intended for Tranquebar, were not arrived there, We desire to know whether they have been sent further, & if they have not, why they were detained at Cuddalore: and 2dly We desire that you do send them to Tanjore with all Expedition —

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends —

Chas. Bourchier &c Council

Fort St. George
10th. November 1767 —

To Captain Pascal
Commanding at Chingleput

Sir.

We have received your Letters of the 29th Oct.r & 3d & 4th. Instant.

The Cheeks & Wheels for the Gun Carriages have already been sent you —

Mr. Gilchrist will be ordered to Chingleput in a few Days, and We desire You will appoint some Person to draw his Pay which is 15 Pagodas p.r Month, & out of it to supply him with Victuals, Cloaths, and other Necessaries —

With Regard to Nelli Tombi Row, who has made an Offer of bringing into Service 350 Sepoys well armed & accoutred, We desire he may be sent further with his People when We will take his Proposals into Consideration, & give him all the Encouragement he can desire —

P. We

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We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants
Chas Bourchier &c Council

Fort St George
10th Novr 1767

To George Dawson Esqr

Sir

The President hath communicated to us your Letters to him of the 3d Instant.

As We find that Rice beaten in this Wet Weather and kept in damp Places is very apt to sport, and as 200 Garce will be sufficient for the Army for two Months, We desire that Quantity only may be beaten, till the Army takes the Field, and you will if possible collect 150 Garce of Grain — As to Sheep & Bullocks, The Nabob having engaged to furnish 1000 of the former as soon as the Troops move, & Bullocks may be got at any Time, You need not collect any at Present, as it will only distress the Country & many of them must die before they are wanted —

A Principle Article to be provided is Gunny Bags, of which at least 6000 should be collected, We have already sent 1000 to Wandawash, and 1000 more shall be sent thither in a few Days; The Remainder therefore you will use your utmost Endeavors to procure

You will engage all the Carriage Bullocks you are able, but they are not to be received into immediate Pay, unless they are wanted to carry the Grain to the Frontier Garrisons, to which it should be sent on the all Expeditions —

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We are Sir Your affectionate Friends
Chas Bourchier &c Council

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To Lieutenant Colonel Laing
Commanding the Troops at Conjeveram

Sir

We return you the Proceedings of the General Court Martial transmitted us by Captain James Fitz=gerald, the Sentence of which We approve. But in Consideration of the Members having recommended Mr. John Woodbine to our Mercy, and as We do not perceive, by the Proceedings, any material Difference with Re=gard to their Behaviour, We consent to their being both again admitted as Cadets in the Artillery, & not to be promoted till their Commanding Officer thinks them Worthy of it. You will therefore order Mr. Monk=house to Madras, as We purpose sending them with the Detachment of Artillery going to the Northward, and You will appoint Mr. Woodbine to do Duty as a Cadet in the Artillery in Camp.

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants
Chas. Bourchier &c. Council

Fort St. George
10th. November 1767

To Captain Billingham
at Vellour

Sir

Letter to Captain Billingham

The President hath communicated to us Your Letter of the 27th. October

We desire you will send in a particular Ac=count of the Expences you have been at in repairing the Fortifications of the Pettah; When we will consider in what manner you may be reimbursed.

We cannot however avoid observing that im=

mediately

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immediately on the Collectors and Renters refusing to advance the Money necessary for these Repairs, you should have advised Us, when We would have sent the necessary Directions to the Paymaster; as well for paying as mustering the Coolies; as We cannot allow of our Commanding Officer's making Advances for carrying on Repairs of the Out Garrisons —

We are. Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

Chas.t Boucherer &c Council

Fort St. George
10.th November 1767 —

Came in a Letter from Major Bonjour enclosing the following from Captain Captain Calvert to him —

Dear Major

Letter from Captain Calvert to Major Bonjour — Tells of the Enemys having appeared about Amboor —

I wrote you hence yesterday, I now acquaint you again that the Horse are all swarming like Flys between this and Vellamboddy, and the Number of Guns I have heard this Day, they must have besieged that Place, I have had no Intelligence from them since I wrote you yesterday, I have just had a Letter from Cuddapah Station acquainting me that a great Number of Hyder Naigues People are collecting at Vencatagerry, and designed in a few Days to come that Way — I have sallied twice after the Horse had come near Amboor but there is no coming near them the moment they see us pretty near away they run last Night I had formed a Scheme of taking a Party of them napping, but when my Party was ready, I received Intelligence they were gone towards Vellamboddy which was true, for there was not one of them to be seen till within this Hour, and it is now half past Twelve at noon.

J.

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Ironman

Sir

Amboor
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Your most Obed.t Hble Servant
Mat.s Calvert

Sir

Letter from him
Loosing of Vencum-
baddy's being taken

The Bearer of this is just come from Venkam-
baddy and acquaints me that is in the Hands of the
Enemy, so I shall of Course have a Visit from their
Main Body tomorrow; I do not know on what Terms
the Garrison surrendered as the Man came away dur-
ing the Time of Capitulation. Iam

Dear Major

Amboor
8th November 1767

Yours &c.
Mat.s Calvert

In Consequence of which the following Letter was
immediately wrote by the President to Major Bonjour

To Major Bonjour

Sir

I have just received your Letter of the 8th
inclosing one from Captain Calvert by which I
perceive Venkambaddy has fallen into the Enemy's
Hands - Iam not much concerned about the Place
but the Loss of the Sepoys & Arms of they have not
capitulated as Heavy Ought not to have been risqued
Captain Calvert was cautioned against that and it
was intended that his Battalion should have been
kept together at Amboor - You will write to Lieutenant
Austin or the Officer at Cuddapahnattum, acquainting
him that as soon as he perceives the Enemy are got
into his Rear and possess the Pass or that the Pre-
servation of his Post is precarious that he retires to

Palmaner

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recommending it
and the Troops at
Cuddapat to march
to withdraw if they
should be attacked with
any considerable
Force

Palmeneer or by some Road to Sault Guddeah not
to risque the Loss of the Seapoys & Arms he has
with him, for it is not our Intention to sacrifice any
Troops to keep Places which must soon return again
into our Hands —

If the Enemy should advance nearer
with their Main Body towards Vellour, the Troops
at Conjeveram & from Wandewash shall be ordered
to march that Way if the Weather permits — In the
mean Time You will do what you can to cover the
Country against Horse & to keep the People quiet
in the Pettah of Vellour —

Advise me every Day of what News you
hear & endeavor to send Spies into the Enemy's
Army — If the Rains fall as heavy on the Valley
as they do here the Enemy must suffer greatly —

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Chas.t Bourchier —

Fort St. George
10 Nov.r 1767 —

11. Sent the following Letters to Bengal & Bombay —

To the Honble Harry Verelst Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Gentlemen
of the Select Committee at Fort William

Letter to Select
Committee at
Bengall —

Gentlemen —

We have been favored with your Letters
of 21.st September 3.d & 5 October; and cannot suffi-
ciently express the Sense We have of the Readiness
and Vigour with which you have entered into our
Measures, by the Assistance you have so chearfully
afforded us —

Since

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Since our Letter of the 2d October, a Duplicate of which comes enclosed, We have been advised from Vizagapatam of the Arrival of the Northington at that Place on the 8th Inst of the Earl of Elgin the 9th October with Lieutenant Colonel Smith & the Troops on board. The Chief & Council there agreable to our Instructions, gave the Commanders of those Ships Orders to proceed directly to Masulipatam, but the weak & sickly Condition of many of the Sepoys, and their disagreeable Situation on board, owing to their being greatly crowded rendered it impossible to prevail on them to proceed any further by Sea, they were therefore Landed at Vizagapatam from whence they are ordered to march to Masulipatam as soon as they are sufficiently refreshed. And We recommended it to Lieutenant Colonel Smith to compleat his Battalions either out of the Companys now at Masulipatam, or by entertaining any good Sepoys he may be able to procure as We found by his Return that they want many of their Complement.

The Earl of Elgin & Northington were dispatched both to You the 16th October We are concerned to acquaint You that the Snow Four Brothers, Captain Pence, which the Chief & Council at Masulipatam dispatched from thence the 27th October with 140 Sepoys of the 4th Battalion on board is not yet arrived here, neither have We heard any thing of her on the Coast, We therefore apprehend that some accident has befallen her or that she has been obliged to proceed to Anjengo. We have therefore wrote to the

Chief

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Chief & Council there, desiring they would furnish them with what Necessaries they may require & to order a march to Palamcotah from whence they may proceed to Trichinopoly — But as they cannot possibly join their Battalions, or arrive here in time to take the Field We have directed the Gentlemen at Masulipatam immediately to raise 200 Sepoys, either to replace those Lieutenant Colonel Smith may draft from the Masulipatam Companies, or to be attached to the Battalions under his Command —

We proposed having two of your Battalions sent hither, to assist in our Operations against the Soubah & Hyder Ally, but as it would be too far for them to march; We have directed that the whole of the Reinforcements you may send be employed on the Deckan, except one Battalion, part of which is now here & the Remainder is ordered to proceed over by Land, by the Way of Angole, where their Assistance will be of Service in quelling some Disturbances raised by the former Rajahs of that Country, upon our withdrawing a Part of the Troops from thence to oppose the Attempts of the Soubah & Hyder Ally —

We have given the Gentlemen at Masulipatam Orders for making every necessary Preparation that the Expedition towards Hydrabad may be undertaken without Loss of Time, and as We may want to send thither more Stores, We have directed them to consult with the Commanders of the Sloops You are sending with the Europeans, whether One of them may not be able to proceed hither and to work

Boats

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back again with such Stores as may be required —

As We have but too much Reason to appre-
hend We shall soon be distressed for Money to carry
on our intended Operations, and We find little Proba-
bility of obtaining any considerable Sums for Bills
on your Presidency, We are therefore under the Ne-
cessity of repeating our Request that you will supply
Us as early as you can with the Sums We have desired

We are with the greatest Esteem
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Most Humble Servants
Chd.t Bourchier &c. Council

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To the Honble Thomas Hodges Esq.r
President & Governor &c. Council
at Bombay

Letter to Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your Letter of
the 30th September and are much concerned to find
that the Troubles in which you are engaged on the Gulph
of Persia will prevent your co-operating with Us so
effectually as We had flattered ourselves; We shall how-
ever rely on the Promise you have given Us of affording
all the Assistance in your Power —

We are sensible that the War with Hyder
Ally must for a Time prejudice or perhaps put a Stop
to your Investments; But that Consideration is by no
Means to be put in Competition with the evident Dan-
ger to be apprehended from the ambitious Views & Designs
of so powerful and enterprizing an Neighbour as the
most vigorous Measures are not taken to reduce him

next

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and if this Opportunity is lost the most fatal Consequences are to be apprehended as there is no Doubt but that he will embrace every Opportunity to distress our Affairs and if the French had it in their Power to join him, which it is uncertain how soon they may be able to do, He would gladly enter into such an Alliance the Ben-efits of which are too obvious to need a Recital —

Whatever therefore We may determine with Regard to the Soubahs, whom we would, if possible draw off from his Connection The entire Overthrow of Hyder Ally must at all Events be effected, as the only Means of securing the Companys Possessions both on this & the Malabar Coast

It gives Us Pleasure to find that a Difference subsists between Mahandoo Row & his Uncle & which We doubt not but you will foment all in your Power, which may prevent their engaging with the Soubah & Hyder Ally who We learn have made them large Offers to obtain their Assistance; It therefore becomes more immediately necessary that your Honors should keep the most watchful Eye on the Motions of the Marattas & by using every means of engaging their Attention on your Side of India, prevent their giving any Interruption to our Operations on this Coast

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed. Hble Servants
Chas Bourchier &c Council

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12 Came in the following Letters —

To

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Letter from Major Bourcier upon his not Receiving Intelligence of Ambaoor's being invested

Hon.ble Sir

I am to inform you that I have received Intelligence of Ambaoor's being invested, which appears to be a Step formed by my having recalled an Account from Captain Calvert this Day, as it is not in my Power to send him Orders, But he is to act as Affairs appear to him requisite, I have by my last Letter to him expressed myself as follows.

"Were I to go upon a certain Disposition I would "abandon Coddapanatham, leaving only in the Pass "Leading to that Place a few Peons of those under the "Killedar of Sautgudda with Orders to retire to their Place thro' the Hills, suppose they could not maintain their Post, which by the Treachery of the Enemy is become of very little use & much expensive, I have also repeated to him, some Advice in regard to Sautgudda which Place except the Hills is far from being out of Danger"

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Hon.ble Sir

Your most Obed.t & humble Servt

A. Bourcier

Vellour
9th November 1767
8 o'Clock at Night

To the Hon.ble Charles Bourchier Esq.r

Letter from Capt.n Calvert

Hon.ble Sir

I told you in my Yesterdays Letter that by the Number of Guns I heard fired at Vaniambadi by the Enemy I feared it, it was but too true, and about 7 o'Clock at Night it was given up to them, I have had no Letter from Mr. Roberson, since the Enemy came into the Valley, nor do I know on what Terms he has

surrendered

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surrendered a Subedar and a Sepoy, who made their Escape at the Time the Enemy took Possession, are just arrived, the Subadar tells me that three of the Towers were knocked down, & two of the Guns dismounted, before Mr Robinson sent Mr. Davis to speak with the Enemy that Mr. Davis brought an European Officer belonging to the Enemy up to the Gate, who spoke to Mr. Robinson then returned & brought a Party to take Possession, hereupon when the Sepoys saw that, they fell upon their Faces, and begged Mr. Robinson would march out with them and they would fight their Way through the Enemy to Amboor; but Mr. Robinson told them that was impossible, so he the the Subedar and many others made their Escape, however I have only seen him and one Sepoy, when I sent Mr. Robinson to Vaniambadey, I shewed him your Letter, and likewise gave him Orders when he found he could not defend the Place any longer to retreat & acquaint me with his Intentions, and I would march out to secure his Retreat, but I never received any Letter or Message from him, but that was not his Fault, for the Subedar tells me, Mr. Robinson had many Men out for Intelligence, but that the Enemy themselves brought the first Intelligence he had, and that they surrendered the Fort immediately, which I believe is true, for I sent many Chitts most of which came back. I am now preparing for their Reception at Amboor, for the Subadar tells me the Road from Vaniambadey, to within about three Miles of Amboor is covered with the Enemys Horse and Foot, they will meet with a warm Reception here, and as I can keep

expects the Enemy before Amboor —

these

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them so long in Play, that could a Body of our Troops march round by Changamo to Vanother by Ghorial-tum, we should have them hemmed in, in such a manner, that they could no Way make their Escape —

I remain Honble Sir with the greatest Respect

Your most Obed.t Hble Servant

Mat. Calvert

Amboor
8th November 1767 —

To the Honble Charles Boverchier Esq.r
Governor &c &c of Fort St. George —

Honble Sir —

In my Letter of Yesterday I acquainted You of Vemambaddy being taken, this Morning that whole Army designed coming here, but after the Baggo had beat twice for that Purpose a Horseman came in & told Us our Army was marching from Vellore, on which they halted, but this Evening they received Intelligence that it was not our Army only a few Sepoys, so that they are determined to come here to-morrow, and attack the Redoubt and Pettah at the same Time, and this Evening a large Body of both Horse & Foot came to Toota Pett, Amoor Pettah and all the Topes about that Place, which is within three Miles of Amboor, if they come, I make no Doubt of beating them from the Pettah & Redoubt at the same Time, the Vambaddy of Sepoy Gunners, and Sepoys, the first of which have but One to a Gun, and but 6 Sepoys on the Garrison and they belong to the Camp Stores, I am alleged to manage the Guns with Sepoys, and they have been much harrassed with scampering after the Horse who have been plaguing us these four Days past. I am thankful

received Advice of their Intentions of coming directly this Way —

enough

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enough to kill one Man and two of their Horses to Day
I have just now received a Message from Mr. Robinson
who is a Prisoner in their Camp, which agrees with what
I have said just before with this Addition they bring
with them 24 Guns. And will most certainly come to
morrow or next Day; I am determined to hold the Lower
Fort as long as I can on Account of the Great Quantity of
Camp Stores that are there, the Works which are begun
are not half finished and a few Shott will bring it down
in Heaps, the Redoubt is good & strong, they may batter
a Month and not breach it, therefore I will order that
Place to be defended till Relief comes, I know the Moment
they hear of our Army or any Part of it marching this
side Vellour, they will walk off. I remain

Honble Sir with the greatest Respect

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Mont. Calvert

Amboor
9th Novr. 1767 10 o'Clock at Night

P.S. I have wrote to Major Bonjour the same as I have to You.

In Consequence of which the following Letters were immediately wrote & sent away.

To Major Bonjour

Sir

Letter to Major Bonjour on Consequence

The President has communicated to Us your Letter of the 9th Instant & we approve of the Advice you have given to the Officer at Cuddapah Nattum. It is not our Intentions by any means to attempt to preserve any little Fort at the Risque of losing good Sepoys & Arms & therefore we are much concerned that Vemancoddy was not abandoned on the first Approach of the Enemy. Such was our Intention & such was the Caution

given

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given to Captain Calvert. We hope Montour & Sandys are in no Danger, but lest Succes should Embolden the Enemy to attempt them we have ordered three Battalions of Baillie Corby Brown Chaigneau & Auchmuty to proceed to Vellore with their Light Guns, & Cattle field Pieces. You will therefore make Provision for their being the Field with as many Europeans as are fit to march. Doolys, Cooles & Bannarmen be provided, & a Number of Carriage Bullocks engaged to carry Rice with the Troops.

We imagine when our Troops advance to Policondah the Enemy will retire towards Trapetoor, if not We shall order the 1st. Regiment to march from Conjeveram immediately and the Troops at Tondamopaly to enter the Valley by Way of Changama, We rely on You forgiving Us constant Intelligence. I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Charles Boureheer &c. Council

Fort St. George
12th. November 1767.

To Lieutenant Colonel Lang
at Conjeveram

Sir

The Enemy being advancing towards Amboor, we have resolved to order a good Body of Troops to be collected at Vellore to oppose them, You will therefore give Orders for the Battalions of Captains Craigneau & Auchmuty to march as soon as possible to Vellour taking the Light 6 Lbrs. with them. They need not carry much Musquet Ammunition as there is Plenty at Vellour, tho' the Weather is very favor-

ordered to send Chaigneau & Auchmuty's Battalions to Vellour.

able

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unfavorable for Troops to beat, yet there is a Necessity for it at this Juncture to prevent the Enemy from possessing themselves of Amboor or Sautgud —

Weare Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants —

Chas. Bourchier &c. Council

Fort St. George
12th. November 1767 —

To Captain Baillie —
at Wandawash —

Sir

Letter to Captain Baillie —

The Enemy having entered the Valley and possessed themselves of Vencumbadoy, & Hereabouts to take Amboor as well as to plunder the Country on that Quarter, it is necessary that some of your Troops should assemble at Vellour to oppose them, you will therefore order 6 Six Pounders with the two Howitzers to be ready to march immediately to Vellour by Way of Arcott or Arnee as you judge can be best effected & also to march thither with your Battalion of Sepoys & Captain Corbys, leaving only such as are sick or not able to march in this Weather. As much depends on Expedition & this is an act of Necessity not Choice, you need not wait for the Guns, but proceed first with your Sepoys & those light Pieces leaving only a proper Escort with the other Artillery, nor need you to take much Musquet Ammunition as there is plenty at Vellour

Six 6 Pounders & 2 Howitzers with his & Corbys Battalion ordered to Vellour —

Enclosed is a Letter for your Perusal which We have wrote to Captain Brown to march his Battalion & join You at any Place you shall appoint, taking his light Guns with him —

As

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As there are many Artillery men at Vellour it is not necessary that many should go from Wandawash as they will be wanted there to assist the Clerk of Stores — Weare

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants
Chas. Bourchier &c Council

Fort St. George
12th November 1767.

To Captain Brown

Letter to Captain Brown

Sir

The Enemy having entered the Valley of Gingee & dewy Possessed Themselves of Trinambally, & advanced as far as Alambaur it is necessary to draw together a Body of Troops at Vellour to oppose them, you will therefore move immediately & possible with your Battalion & your Light Guns to join Captain Baillie where he shall direct & proceed to Vellour, leaving at Chittapet only such of your Sepoys as are sick or unable to march this Weather.

ordered to join Capt. Baillie with his Battalion & proceed to Vellour —

Weare

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants —
Charles Bourchier & Council

Fort St. George
12th November 1767 —

To Colonel Wood or the Commanding Officer at Trichenopoly —

Letter to Colonel Wood —

Sir

The Enemy having taken Advantage of our Troops being confined have possessed themselves of Trinambally & are advancing towards Saulgud To check their Progress, & preserve those Places which must otherwise fall into their Hands, it will be necessary that

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That the Troops take the Field again with the utmost Expedition. You will therefore order every thing to be ready for Motion at Trichinopoly. That the Troops may march the instant the Rains are over. Dumrees & Cooper's Battalions of Sepoys are to be compleat now as we shall probably want Sepoys at the beginning of the Season till the Enemy is dislodged from the Carnatic (you will endeavor to draw together all Both Battalion of the Nabobs Sepoys either from the Tinnevelly, Madura, or Trichinapaly Country, & when they take the Field they may be paid by our Paymaster on the same footing as the Sepoys of the Company. We allow of this that there may be no dissentions, & We think some of the Nabobs Sepoys may be spared from the Southern Countries as there is not any Appearance of Troubles that Way —

ordering the Troops at Trichinopoly to hold themselves in Readiness to march as soon as the Weather will permit.

The Number of Europeans & Artillery now to march are as many as are fit for field Duty from Trichinopoly and all the 6 lb.rs Field Pieces with 2 light Iron 3 lb.rs or 2 Boats 2 lb.rs which were kept compleat for Service

Grain of every kind is exceeding cheap at Trichinopoly Carriage Bullocks as well as Gunny Bags may easily be had, We therefore recommend to the Commanding Officer who marches the Troops that he takes with him a good Buzar and at least 1000 Carriage Bullocks for the Carriage of Grain — The Expence of these he will soon be reimbursed by the Sale of Grain in his Buzar where the Price must be proportionably increased —

The

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The King of Tanjore having promised to join the Troops from Trichinopoly with a considerable Body of his Horse, You must acquaint him that you are preparing to take the Field & that you probably shall march by the 25th. of this Month. He will therefore order his Horse to join you at Trichinopoly Pettah or such other Place as shall be convenient.

We are &c.

Fort St. George
12th. November 1767

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants
Chas. Boureher &c. Council

18th. Received the following Letter from Sr. Colonel Lang.

To the Honble Charles Boureher Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Lieut. Col. Lang

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 10th. & immediately communicated the Sentence of the Court Martial & your Intentions to Lieutenants Woodbine and Monkhouse.

Mr. Woodbine has accepted of the Service again on the Terms you were pleased to offer with a thorough Sense of the Favor done him. Mr. Monkhouse refused it saying he was not treated well & that he would not serve the Company again. The former I have ordered to Wandewash & the latter to Madras

I am with all due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed. & devoted Servt.
Ross Lang

Conjeveram
12th. November 1767

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15th Came in Advice this Evening that the Enemys Horse Body was advanced near Amboor & that some of their Horse had appeared within Sight of Vellour — In Consequence of which the following Letters were wrote —

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross Lang

Sir

Letter to Lieut. Colonel Lang —

By Advices received this Evening from Vellour I am informed that the Enemys Horse have appeared in Sight of that Place, and that the main Body is near Amboor. It has therefore been resolved to assemble all the Troops at Vellour, and Colonel Smith will set out to Morrow Evening for Conjeveram, In the mean Time you will order all the effective Men there to be ready to march, and detain the 2 small Guns sent off this Morning to march with the Troops, should Ibrahim Begs Horse beat Conjeveram you will order them all to proceed further immediately, I gave them Directions not to alarm or disturb the Country People as they come along but to send 1 or 2 always before to acquaint them that none but Friends are coming — Tents shall be sent away to morrow for all the Men, the Sick are to be left in the great Pagoda on the Hill Tongue till they can be removed further —

ordered to hold all the Effective Men in Readiness to march to Vellour

Ibrahim Begs Horse ordered further —

I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

Cha.s Bourchier

Fort St. George

15th November 1767 —

To Capt. Cook

Sir

Letter to Capt.n Cooke

You will please on Receipt hereof to provide with

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ordered to proceed with his and Cowleys Battalions to Villour

with your own & Captain Cowley's Battalion of Sepoys to join the Troops assembled at Villour, Lieutenant Lieutenant Sowtes in the Command of Trinomalee, with all the Natives Sepoys, and you will immediately

3 Companies of the 16th Battalion order'd to Trinomalee

be sent to the Officer who commands Captain Mat= thews Battalion at Tirgar to send three of those Com= panies to reinforce the Garrison of Trinomalee

You must proceed by the Way of Chittapet & Wandewash taking under your Charge all the Lar= ge Bullocks that may have been collected by Mr Lawrence's Orders at those Places, which are intended to carry Grain for the Use of the Army, You will also take under your Charge what Artillery, Stores & Baggage may have been left at Wandewash, which Captain Wallace who will be there may judge necessary should be sent for the Use of the Army

We hear a large Body of the Enemys Horse have proceeded towards Arnee, you will therefore be on your Guard & keep out proper People for Intelligence to acquaint you with their Motions

I am

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Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant
Chas.s Bourchier Vice Council

15th Received the following Letter from Mr John Stracey

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St George

Letter from Mr John Stracey in Hydrabad Copy

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Accompanying Address dated from Nuggur

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Nugger under the 9th Ult.o I dispatched to the Nabob Hyder Ally desiring he would forward it to your Presidency, as it served to acquaint your Honor &c, with the Intention of my Journey hither. He thought proper however to keep it in his Hands till I saw him under a Pretence that as his Vakeel was withdrawn from Madras he did not know whether any Letters that came thro' him would be received —

Since my Arrival here I have met the Nabob twice & by the Conversation I have had with him he seems to Me to be inclinable to Peace, with regard to the Terms, he hinted that if the Soubah had Satisfaction as to his Demands relative to the Countries he lately gave up to the Nabob of Arcot, other matters might easily be settled; but as I was no Ways authorized to talk with him on the Subject, I declined entering into Particulars, nor shall I say any more till I have the Favor of your Honor &c. Reply when I shall be ready to execute any Orders you may think proper to give me —

Vellore Paddy surrendered to the Nabobs Troops after a Defence of two Days; The Officers and Europeans are permitted to go away upon their Parole and they set out this Day for the Presidency —

I am with very great Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & humble Serv.t

John Stracey —

Vellore Paddy
10.th November 1763 —

To the Hon.ble Charles Boucher Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort St. George

Hon.ble

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ordered to proceed with his and Cowleys Battalions to Villoor

with your own & Captain Cowley's Battalion of Sepoys to join the Troops assembled at Villoor, leaving Lieutenant Surtees in the Command of Trinomalé, with all the Nabobs Sepoys, and you will immediately write to the Officer who commands Captain Mot-=hers Battalion at Tingaar to send three of their Companies to reinforce the Garrison of Trinomalé —

3 Companies of the 16th Battalion ordered to Trinomalé —

You will proceed by the Way of Chittapaut & Wandawash taking under your Charge all the Carriage Bullocks that may have been collected by Mr. Dawson's Orders at those Places, which are intended to carry Grain for the Use of the Army, You will also take under your Charge what Artillery Stores & Baggage may have been left at Wandawash, which Captain Walbanke who will be there may judge necessary should be sent for the Use of the Army —

We hear a large Body of the Enemys Horse have proceeded towards Arnee, you will therefore be on your Guard & keep out proper People for Intelligence to acquaint you with their Motions —

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Chas.s Bourchier

Fort St. George
15th November 1767 —

15th Received the following Letter from Mr John Stracey

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c.a Council
at Fort St. George —

Letter from Mr John Stracey in Hydrally Camp —

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying Address to Mr Powney

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Nuggar under the 9th Ult. I dispatched to the Nabob Hyder Ally desiring he would forward it to your Presidency, as it served to acquaint your Honor &c. with the Intention of my Journey hither; He thought proper however to keep it in his Hands till I now summ'ned at Presence that as his Vakeel was withdrawn from Mad-ras he did not know whether any Letters that came here from would be received —

Since my Arrival here I have met the Nabob twice & by the Conversation I have had with him he seems to Me to be inclinable to Peace; with regard to the Terms, he hinted that if the Soubah had Satisfaction as to his Demands relative to the Countries he lately gave up to the Nabob of Arcot, other matters might easily be settled; but as I was no Ways authorized to talk with him on the Subject, I declined enter-ing into Particulars, nor shall I say any more till I have the Favor of your Honor &c. Reply whom I shall be ready to execute any Orders you may think proper to give me —

Vellambaddy surrendered to the Nabobs Troops after a Defence of two Days; The Officers and Europeans are permitted to go away upon their Parole and they set out this Day for the Presidency —

I am with very great Respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & humble Servt

John Stracey —

Vellambaddy
10th November 1767 —

To the Honble Charles Boucher Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George

Honble

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ordered to proceed with his and Cowleys Battalions to Vellour

with your own & Captain Cowley's Battalion of Sepoys to join the Troops assembled at Vellour, leaving Lieutenant Swertes on the Command of Trinomalé, with all the Nabobs Sepoys, and you will immediately write to the Officer who commands Captain Mat. = thews's Battalion at Tiagar to send three of those Companies to reinforce the Garrison of Trinomalé —

3 Companies of the 16th Battalion ordered to Trinomalé —

You will proceed by the Way of Chittapet & Wandawash taking under your Charge all the Carriage Bullocks that may have been collected by Mr. Swerton's Orders at those Places, which are intended to carry Grain for the Use of the Army, You will also take under your Charge what Artillery Stores & Baggage may have been left at Wandawash, which Captain Wallace who will be there may judge necessary should be sent for the Use of the Army —

We hear a large Body of the Enemys Horse have proceeded towards Arnee, you will therefore be on your Guard & keep out proper People for Intelligence to acquaint you with their Motions —

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Chas.s Boureher Vc. Council

Fort St. George
14th November 1767 —

15th Received the following Letters from Mr. John Stracey

To the Honble Charles Boureher Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George —

Letter from Mr. John Stracey in His Majesty's Corps —

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying Address dated from Nuggur

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Nuggar under the 9th Ult.o I dispatched to the Nabob Hyder Ally desiring he would forward it to your Honour, as it served to acquaint your Honour &c. with the Intention of my Journey hither. He thought proper however to keep it in his Hands till I saw him under a Pretence that as his Vakeel was withdrawn from Madras he did not know whether any Letters that came there from would be received.

Since my Arrival here I have met the Nabob twice & by the Conversation I have had with him he seems to Me to be inclinable to Peace; with regard to the Terms, he hinted that if the Soubah had Satisfaction as to his Demands relative to the Countries he lately gave up to the Nabob of Arcot, other matters might easily be settled; but as I was no Ways authorized to talk with him on the Subject, I declined entering into Particulars, nor shall I say any more till I have the Favor of your Honour &c. Reply, when I shall be ready to execute any Orders you may think proper to give me.

Venniambady surrendered to the Nabobs Troops after a Defence of two Days; The Officers and Europeans are permitted to go away upon their Parole and they set out this Day for the Presidency.

I am with very great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & humble Serv.t

John Stracey

Venniambady
10.th November 1767

To the Honble Charles Boucher Esq.r
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George

Honble

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Letter from Surat

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of the repeated Desire of the Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn, signified to the Honble the President of Bombay, that I might be sent to visit him at his Army, to converse with him on several Points relative to the Connections between the Honble Company and him. I have received Directions from my Superiors to repair to him. I have arrived at Sugger (formerly called Bidrea) in my Way thither, from whence I shall continue my Journey with all possible Expedition.

Enclosed I have the Honor to transmit You, Extract of a Letter from the Presidency of Bombay to the Factors at Onore, from which Your Honor &c. will observe I am directed to follow any Instructions you may favor Me with, relative to the present Situation of Affairs, between the Honble Company & Hyder Ally on your Coast. For Want of a more expeditious Method I have forwarded this Address by Hyder Ally's Horsemen & hope for such Reply as Your Honor &c. may think proper to make to it, as speedily as possible.

Enclosing his Instructions from the Gentlemen at Bombay.

I remain with very great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & faithfull Hble Servt

John Stracey.

Sugger

9th October 1767.

Extract of a Letter from the Honble the President & Council of Bombay to the Factors at Onore, under Date the 24th September 1767 & received the 4th October following.

Copy of the Instructions from Bombay.

The President has signified to Us, that the Nabob is very pressing in his Desires of seeing Mr.

Stracey

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Stracey, in Consequence of which We acquiesce in that Gentlemans Proceeding to meet him as soon as possible as we are in hopes such an Interview may be attended with good Consequences to our Honble Masters Affairs as well upon this Coast, as on that of Coromandel, for which Purpose We now enclose a Copy of a Set of Articles proposd to him last Season, which Mr Stracey, if a suitable Opportunity Offers, must exert his utmost Endeavors to prevail on him accede to. He already knows the Answer given to them by the Nabob last year, but as Circumstances are since greatly altered, We flatter Ourselves he will not readily grant the Provisos we require, and in every other Respect promote the Interest of our Honble Masters on both Coasts. We shall advise the Gentlemen at Madras of Mr Straceys intended Journey & would have you immediately do the same & should they in Consequence pursuant to Instructions to be taken for the Companys Interest under their Jurisdiction of that Presidency. He must carefully attend thereto & endeavour to accomplish the same without waiting for further Orders from Us —

To which the following Answer was sent —

To Mr John Stracey

Letter to Mr Stracey in answer vide p.

Sir

We have received Your Letter of the 10th Instant from Vernam Caddy with the several Papers contained therein —

As your coming to Madras will afford Us an Opportunity of being better acquainted with the Company's Concerns upon the Malabar Coast & also,

add to Madras —

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of advising You more particularly of our Intentions re-
lative to Hyder Ally, We desire You will immediately
upon Receipt of this, set off for this Place —

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

Charles Bourchier &c.a

Fort St. George
15th November 1767

Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Wood —

To Colonel Wood
or the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly
Letter to Col. Wood —

Sir

You have already been advised of the Enemy's
Entrance into the Valley & the Capture of Venkatabady —
Their Horse have appeared in large Bodies near
Vellour and are ravaging all the Country between
that Place and Amboor. It would be a Stroke of the ut-
most Importance if the Troops from Trichinopoly
could get to Trivatore before the Enemy retires
from Amboor, as by the speedy advances from thence
to Tripatore it might be possible to shut them up in
the Valley & obtain a decisive Victory —

ordered to march with the Troops from Trichinopoly with all Expedition

You will therefore lose no Time in marching
from Trichinopoly with such of the Troops as can be
immediately got together. And that the Number of
Sepoys may be augmented as much as possible we now
repeat our Directions that as many of the best of the
Natives be ordered to march as can be spared without
evident Danger to Trichinopoly — Some may probably
be taken from Tanjore, and as 7 Companys of the
15th Battalion are at Tanjore or Trivatore there

also

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also may be added to the Party from Trichinopoly Carriage Bullocks with Gunny Bags to carry 10 Days Provision of Rice &c. for the Party is an Object not to be neglected

We have ordered the two 6 Lbrs & Tumbrils which were at Cuddalore & intended for Trichinopoly to proceed to Tiagar & wait there. It will be necessary we believe to have spare Draught Bullocks for them and also Ammunition. As We have not been able to send any light Brass 3 Lbrs for the Sepoy Battalions, you will equip some of the 2 or 2½ Lbrs or the light Iron three Pounders to proceed with the Detachment. We rely on you for using the utmost Diligence in their Preparations & are

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants

Charles Bourchier &c Council

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Came in a Letter from Major Bonjour with Intelligence from Ensign Seward at Palicondah advising that some Parties of the Enemy's Horse had appeared near that Place

16 Received the following Letters

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Capt. Baillie

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Pleasure of receiving both your Letters. That for Captain Browne after Perusal I forward with Directions for him, to meet me at Arcot the Day after Tomorrow, where I hope to be with all the Sepoys from Service except three Companies

proposes to send for Arcot with his Battalions

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Companies of the Sixth Battalion which I shall leave as an Escort with the Artillery. They may also set out tomorrow by the same Road, As soon as, That by Arnee the shortest, is too deep even for the light Sepoy Guns to pass —

The Guns taken from the Enemy at Tonomaley to the Number of Thirty One, have been taken away, Twelve of the smallest to Chittapet, and the remaining Nineteen to this Place — You may be assured I will make all the Expedition the Weather will permit. I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt Hble Servant

William Baillie —

Wandawash
14th November 1767.

Letter from Major Bonjour with his Instructions on our Operations —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Letter of the 12th Inst. and relative to your Instructions, I shall regulate myself. The Hills of Amboor & Santgudda We should think out of Danger, The lower Fort of the first also, on account of its being so well defended from the Rock, that suppose the Enemy have got Possession of it, the could not support themselves without Disadvantage & Difficulty; I am sorry to observe you imagine the Enemy would retire towards Tripetore on the Approach of our Troops, Those who have studied their Genius are well convinced, That these People never give up a Point till they have been reduced to the last Extremity; give Me leave Honble Sir & Sirs, to represent to You that We have done as

yet

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yet very little to that Purpose, and that We were to have less on our Guard than if we had not yet commenced the War. The Advantages We had over them of late are certainly very much in our favor, considering the Effect which our Superiority must have produced in their minds, but these Advantages are ballanced by the Lesson they have received in trying us with so much Assurance and they have expressed in their Behaviour, likely in the future they will be more prudent, and so it may be, that in Ten thousand Times there is only one in which they may defeat, or repulse Us, Men well acquainted with ancient & modern War will be just as much afraid of this critical Instant the first Tryal, as at any other. My last Intelligence I communicate by this Tappal to the President having the Honor to be with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & Hble Servant

N. Bourchier.

Vellore
the 14th November 1767.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President & Governor &c. Council / In their Military Department
of Fort St George

Letter from the Chief
&c. at Cuddalore

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are just now honoured with your Letter of the 10 Instant: Captain Mathews acquaints Us that the Company of Sepoys ordered to Madras from Wandiwash, marched from Verdichellum yesterday Morning; Sixty Sepoys We have raised Shall set out for the Presidency tomorrow.

The four Boats Guns with their Lombers intended &c for Trichinopoly shall be forwarded to Trajor

as

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as soon as ever Bullocks can be procured for them;
they would have been sent to Trichinopoly long since
had not our Boats been employed in carrying up
Lead, and other Stores, which the Storekeeper of that
Garrison wrote Us he was in more immediate Want of.

Their Reasons for not having sent the Guns to Trichinopoly

We are with the greatest Respect

Hble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt Hble Servants

Henry Brooke

Robert Dowsett

Cuddalore
13th November 1767

Received Advice this Day from Ensign Seward that upon his having Intelligence of a Party of the Enemys Infantry advancing with some Guns towards Policondah he had retired to Verungapooram

At a Consultation Present

Monday
16 Novr 1767

Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor President
Samuel Ardley — John Call
George Stratton
James Bourchier — George Mackay

Mr Dawsonn sent on Service

Colonel Smith attends the Board

Letter from the Chief &c Council at Manilla
was read as follows

To the Hble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Manilla
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Hble Sir & Sirs

We have had the Pleasure to receive
Your

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your Commands of the 27th Ult.o and your Honor &c may rest assured, that your Orders as far as depend upon Us shall be executed with the utmost Diligence and Alertness

The Chief hath sent Directions to Lieutenant Colonel Smith to proceed with his Detachment to Ellore where We imagine he may arrive about the latter End of the Month.

As the Expedition which your Honor &c propose to be undertaken, hath obliged Us to send a Number of heavy Cannon, and a very large Quantity of Military Stores into the Circars, which would in no wise have been required for the Service of the Renters, we are of Opinion that the Expence of sending them, cannot with Propriety be charged to their Account. But as they were debited for the Stores that were in the Circars at the Time of their being appointed to the Management of them, and for those sent into the Circars since, and by their Agreement are to have Credit for all those which may be remaining at the Expiration of their Cowle, to prevent therefore any Confusion from arising in their Accounts, We beg leave to take the Liberty of recommending, that Northern Circars be charged with the Expence of transporting the Stores that may be sent into the Circars for the use of the Expedition, & Hussain Ally Cawn and Jogue Pundat their Account of Stores debited for their Value, which Head we apprehend should on the other hand be credited, for the Value of all such Stores as may be expended on any Service foreign to that of the Circars, of which Hussain Ally Cawn & Jogue Pundat are Renters.

during Orders regarding the Stores &c to be charged to Hussain Ally's Acct

With

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With your Approbation, we also propose during the War with the Soubah, to charge the Renters with the Pay to their Quota of Troops, the Batta to such of them as are employed on their Service, and the Charges of the different Garrisons. All the other Disbursements, we imagine should be discharged to Northern Circars.

Enclosed We have the Honor to send You a Gentoo Paper, together with an Extract of a Letter from Vizagee Pundat, containing Proposals from Ruvajee Pundat for the Cohapour Country for the present Year, commencing September 1767, and ending September 68

If We may be permitted to offer you our Sentiments on this Occasion, We must assure your Honor &c. that this Proposal for Renting the Country, appears to Us, in Point of Sum, to be the most Advantageous that could be procured in the present Situation of our Affairs; and the Force which he requires, without being the Occasion of any Expence to the Company may serve to establish their Authority, in a Part of their Possessions where it is not at present known.

transmit Proposals of Ruvajee Pundat for renting the Cohapour District

The Method he proposes of managing the Country as a Whole we apprehend you will consider with too many Inconveniences, to adopt it in our present Circumstances; nor from a Calculation of the Revenues of that District and the Charge likely to be incurred by a Scheme of this Nature, does it appear in itself, near so advantageous as his Proposal for managing it as a Renter. Besides it may be further considered, that when he acts for himself he will most probably be more circumspect in entering into

into

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into Disputes with the Zemindars, and more frugal with Regard to Expences, than if he acted in the Character of the Company's Manager —

Should your Honor &c. approve of Accaye Pundat's Proposal, the four Companies of Sepoys now in Chicacole, We imagine, may in a short Time be compleated to a Battalion; and as Captain Madge will be wanted on this Quarter to accompany the Expedition, we would take the Liberty of recommending Capt Casemore to the Command of the Detachment and the Battalion of Sepoys, which will then be formed for the Service of that Circar:

We are with much Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. humble Servants

I. L. Smith —

Edwd. Ruddock

Lewis. Crawford —

Mazulipatam
7th Novr. 1767 —

Extract of a Letter from Jogue Pundat to the Chief at Mazulipatam —

Proposals of Accaye Pundat

Accaye Pundat whom you sent to take an Account of the Chicacole Circar District, hath delivered me some Proposals in the Name of Venkatapetiraude, and himself, for the Etchapour Country which I herewith enclose —

He is not rich, but is a Man of good Character, is very desirous of being employed by the Company; and hopes for their Favor.

If the Company chuse to appoint him their Naib to manage the Etchapour District, I will assist him

Draw the 4 Companies of Sepoys on the Chicacole Circar into a Battalion —

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him with one Battalion of Sepoys, the Coffree Company, two field Pieces, and two Battering Guns with Stores, he will go there, and collect the Revenues from the Zemindars & from the Circar District, on their making him an Allowance for his Expences.

Should the Company disapprove of the above Method, of agreable to them he will then take the Country as a Renter, and on Condition of being furnished with the Assistance of the Troops already mentioned, he will pay to the Company two Lack and fifteen thousand Rupees for the Rent of Elchapoor, clear of all Charges, and will advance thirty thouss and Rupees every two Months for the Expences of the Detachment so long as he may require its Assistance.

If on settling the Account of his Expences it should appear that they exceed the Sum he may have advanced, he will pay the Ballance to the Company; but should the Money he may have advanced exceed the Expences of the Detachment, and the Value of the Stores that may have been used in his Service, the Company must in that Case repay to him whatever it may amount to.

Should he find that his Business doth not require the Assistance of so great a Number of Troops he must be at Liberty to dismiss Part of them, and as the Troops that he may have no Occasion for, he will allow twenty Days Pay and Batta for their Journey to Rajahmundry, Samalcotah, or any other Place the Company may think proper to appoint.

Q.o

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On receiving his Cowle he will give a Sawcar Note, payable the End of December, for one Third of his Rent, and will also then advance thirty thousand Rupees for the Expences of the Troops. The other two Thirds of his Rent, and the Money for the Charges of the Troops, he will pay according to the Termes mentioned in his Proposals.

I believe he will not require the Assistance of the Troops more than six or eight months, and the whole of the Detachment not so long.

Should Narrain doo. Sellar annarize, or any Enemy invade the Country, the Company must then take care to protect him, as he can only take upon himself to be answerable for the Conduct of those Zemindars, who are situated within the Chokapour District.

I have already informed you that Accaye is a man of good Character, and I find him sensible and experienced in the Business of the Country; but how he will behave after he is made a Renter? is what I cannot take upon myself to say. There is however one favorable Circumstance, that he is not powerful, & therefore cannot resist the Company's Authority; which might probably be the Case, should the Country be let out to any considerable Zemindar. One third of his Rent will be paid on his being appointed Renter, and as he will always be accompanied by our Troops, should he postpone the Payment of his Second Kist, some Person may be ordered to receive that Money from the Zemindars own

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Should the Company think proper to appoint Sum Renter, he ought immediately to go to the Elchapour Country, as the Zemindars will take the Crops off the Ground, and it will afterwards be impossible to get the Money out of their Hands.

Ordered thereon.

Agreed that the Chief & Council be informed that the Renters are to be debited for the Stores sent out of Garrison, & a Head of Expedition into the Deckan is to be erected to which the Expence of transporting them, as well as all Stores actually used on any Service out of the Circars is to be carried.

The Renters are also to be charged with the Pay of their Quota of Troops, the Batta to such of them as are employed on their Service, & the Expences of the different Garrisons rented by them. All the Disbursements made on the Expedition into the Deckan are to be charged to that Head, particularly the Batta to such of the Troops, whose Pay is charged to the Renters.

The Board taking into Consideration the Proposals made by Accaye Pundat & Vencatty putta Rause for renting the Elchapour District, are entirely of Opinion with the Chief & Council that the Method proposed of managing it by means of a Nair, would be attended with so many Inconveniencies, and Difficulties, as well as Uncertainty with Regard to its Revenues that we much prefer them taking it as Renters, and as the Terms they have offered appear to Us as Advantageous as We could, on the present

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unsettled State of the Country, expect, It is agreed that they be accepted; But the Renters must be informed, that they are not to be allowed to dismiss any Part of the Troops destined for the Service of that District, Hired by them without our Consent; as We might in case of Necessity, find it difficult to replace them. And they may be assured that we shall for our own Interests take every measure for the Security of the Country, and shall not burden them with the Expence of a larger Number of Troops, than are absolutely requisite for that Purpose.

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We approve of the four Companies of Sepoys in the Chucacole Circar being compleated to a Battalion & of Captain Casamores being appointed to the Command thereof in the Room of Captain Madge, who is to be employed where his Services may be most wanted.

Nawab Emir Cawn to be deprived of his Jaguier.

Nawab Emir Cawn having by joining the Soubah in his Operations against us, forfeited all Pretensions to the Company's Favor & Protection. It is agreed that the Jaguier which We consented to his enjoying about Condapollia be continued to him no longer. The Gentlemen at Masulipatam are therefore to be directed to secure all the Revenues of it as far as they are able, & to order his Deputy to remove from Condapollia.

Read the following Letter from the Select Committee at Fort William.

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Gentlemen of the Secret Department
at Fort St. George

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Letter from the Select Committee at Bengal

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

We are favored with your Letter of the 20th Ult^o and are happy to find you may repose the greatest Confidence in the Courage and Discipline of your Troops — The Army commanded by Colonel Smith appear to us so formidable in Point of Number, that to increase his Strength by Detachments from hence, would be depriving you the Opportunity of striking a more decisive Blow on the Side of the Decan Either a general Action must stop upon, or the Enemy must gain Possession of the greater Part of the Carnatic before our Succours can arrive Nor with any Force we can spare, be sufficient to protect the Country, should they be able to avoid an Engagement & resolve to divide their Army and content themselves with plundering and ravaging the Nabobs Possessions by Means of their numerous Cavalry —

It is therefore our Opinion founded upon the best Intelligence we can form of the Situation of your Affairs and the Designs of the Enemy, that an immediate Attack should be made on Hydrabad; and this appears to us to be your Intentions could you assemble in the Neighbourhood a sufficient Force for the Attempt We have therefore determined, the two hundred Europeans shall now be sent to Masulipatam, instead of the Presidency, as we acquainted You in our Letter the 5th Instant. The Sloops destined to transport this Detachment are in Readiness and the Troops themselves are hourly expected from Manger, nor shall a Moment be lost in the Embarkation.

Hearing of their Intention of sending the Troops directly to Masulipatam —

But altho' we concur in this Detachment united with the three Battalions under Lieutenant Colonel Wilmore

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William Smith and such Troops as you may already have in the Decan, will make a very powerful Diversion towards Hydrabad, and oblige the Soubah to separate himself from Hyder Ally; yet we shall not fail to send you Reinforcements with all the Expedition possible, as Nothing should be left to the Risks, whilst we have our Hands the Means of Security.

Your Packet to the Court of Directors was safely delivered to the Commanding Officer of the Dutch Holland: Captain Boswall acquaints the Governor that he got a Receipt from the Officer, which he shall convey in our next Address. We have the Honor to be, with the warmest Wishes for your Success

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obed.t Humble Servants

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John Carter

Rich.d Becher

Alex. Campbell

Fort Williams
13.th October 1767.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President & Governor &c. &c. Secret Department

at Fort St. George

Letter from Select Committee at Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs

From your Letter the 26.th Ult.o we learn with much Concern that Colonel Smith has found no Opportunity of forcing or inducing the Enemy into a general Engagement. To Us it must appear an extraordinary Circumstance, how Hyder Ally should devise the Means of so recovering so numerous an Army, as You describe, against any possible Attacks

giving their Sentiments on our Operations

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We are still more concerned at the Necessity which the Colonel foresees of retiring into Cantonements, Leaving in the Hands of the Enemy all the Fruits of Victory, before he can be said to have struck a Blow. This would be to expose Your Country to ravage, Your Revenue & Investments to ruin, Your Presidency to Insult, and the Reputation of the English Arms to Contempt. The Consequences of seeing so fine an Army as he commands, an Army superior to any which the Company has hitherto assembled, thus fettered & Cripled in all their Attempts, might extend beyond the present Occasion, to the entire Subversion of the Company's late prosperous Situation. Such a Measure would infallibly destroy the general Opinion entertained of our Valour, upon which we found our greatest Security. It would not only inspire with Courage the present Enemy to act with redoubled Vigour, but might probably excite so general a Confederacy of the Indian Powers as may require the utmost Exertion of our Strength to subdue.

Whatever specious Appearances the Marattas may carry towards You while the Issue of the War is in Suspence, we are persuaded their Alliance will bring You no solid Advantage, & that you will find it a more difficult Task to extricate Yourselves of such importunate and aspiring Friends, than of your present Troublesome Enemy. The Opportunity is now above all Times unfavourable for soliciting their Assistance, since it cannot be done without a plain Confession of our own Weakness. They will at least rise in their Terms in Proportion to Your Necessities, and they may possibly resolve to play a

recommend that entering into no Alliance with the Marattas

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more secure Game, by throwing themselves into the opposite Scale at a Juncture when a small Difference, they may imagine, will turn the Ballance more to their Interest.

These, Gentlemen, are our Sentiments upon the Measures you describe. In a former Letter we explained ourselves to the same Purpose, and are now more explicit only because the Occasion requires we should use less Reserve. The Orders to fight which You have repeated to the Colonel, must meet with Success if properly executed; and Something should be put to the Hazard, when unavoidable Ruin will attend Delay. - by protracting the War, you incur all the Miseries of a Defeat, without a Chance for the Advantages which would result from Victory -

May we be allowed further to urge it as our Opinion, that the Expedition to Hydrabad is now become more essentially necessary than before. To reinforce the Colonel will only serve to distress him the more, by increasing the Scarcity of Provisions that already prevails in his Camp. It is not Strength, but Opportunity and Vigour that are wanted to bring the Enemy to a decisive Action. Danger to the Presidency we cannot apprehend from flying Parties of Horse, especially as you have now ordered up the Bengal Detachment from Vizagapatam, which will be fully sufficient to secure the surrounding Country from all Alarms and restrain those Polygars in your Neighbourhood, who have thrown off their Allegiance to the Nabob, and dropped their Respect for the Company -

With a View therefore of enabling You to remove the Scene of Action from the Carnatic into the Heart of the Enemys Country, of obliging the Soubah to relin-

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relinquish his Schemes of Conquest for the Protection of his own Capital, and of forneishing You with the Chance of securing a Fund for indemnifying the heavy Charges of a ruinous War, we have determined upon sending the Europeans now embarked to Masulipatam. They exceed three hundred in Number, are ready to fall down the River, and being shipped in four small Vessells will in all Probability make an expeditious Passage, as the Northerly Winds appear to be set to be settled. This Detachment we add to such Troops as you may have at Masulipatam, whether of your own Presidency, or of the Bengal Diversion, will compose a Force equal to the Diversion proposed, if conducted by an Officer of Spirit and Enterprize; since we imagine the Soubahs main Strength must now be employed in the Carnatic, more particularly, when we consider the distressed Situation in which he himself marched from his Country —

We shall likewise exert ourselves to the utmost in transporting the Remainder of the first Brigade to the same Place; and as this Diversion will be commanded by Colonel Joseph Peach an Officer of distinguished and approved Merit, we cannot but wish you could devolve upon him the Charge of conducting an Expedition, on the Success of which so important an Object depends — We mean in Case you should be under the Necessity of postponing the Expedition until his Arrival. The Colonel has Orders to repair with all Dispatch to Calcutta with the Troops, and we are using our Endeavours to procure a sufficient Amount of Tonnage by the Time he can be ready to embark —

Promote to and the Remainder of the Brigade —

Colonel

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Colonel Richard Smith, who commands our Troops in Bengal, has requested we would make you a Tender of his Services on the Coast: And as the present happy Tranquility in these Provinces will for a Time admit of his Absence, we beg Leave to recommend to your Attention, should the Exigency require it, the public Spirited Offer of a Gentleman to whose Experience and Abilities you are no Strangers.

Colonel Richard Smith offers his Services

That no Apprehensions or mere Power may be entailing we now send for your immediate Supply, three Lacks of Rupees in Gold Mohurs, which being nearly of the Standard of your Pagodas will require the less Trouble in Coinage. A farther Supply either in Gold or Silver will be dispatched without Delay. Your advising that Gold will answer your Purposes and that Silver is cheap, is to us a very agreable and interesting Circumstance. Our large Exports of Silver to China have produced so great a Scarcity of Rupees, that unless you secure to us all the Silver you can provide, we shall find ourselves destroyed to comply with the Orders from Home for supplying the Gentlemen at Canton in the usual Manner, even for this Season.

Purposes relating to Supply of Cash

Having greatly destroyed the Pilot Service by taking up the Companys Vessells for Transports, We have requested of the Gentlemen at Masulipatam to return them to Us with the greatest Expedition, & we beg that You will enforce this Request by your positive Orders.

Pilots from the Pilot Sloop may be wanted at the Dispatch

Enclosed We send the Chief Officer of the Lord Hollands Receipt to Captain Boswell for your Packet & two Boxes to the Court of Directors.

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We remain with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Fort William
24th Oct.r 1767

H.r Verelst
John Carter
Rich.d Becher
Hect.r Campbell

Proper to answer to be returnd them

Agreed that the Receipt of the above Letters be acknowledged and that the Gentlemen of the Select Committee be made acquainted with the Reasons that induced Us to make Proposals of drawing off the Marattas from joining the Soubah & Hyder Ally, and that it be recommended to them to endeavour by Conferences with Janojee to prevail on him to keep Mahdavarow alarmed, and if possible prevent his leaving Poone; or if that cannot be done, that they encourage Ragonatrow from Allahabad to give Jealousy to Mahdavarow; or by any means they can devise to keep the Maratta Chiefs divided among themselves, & employed in their own Countries.

Considerations &c. regarding the Person to be appointed Soubah in Case Nizam Ally is removed

They are also to be advised of the Reasons We have to apprehend that We shall be under the Necessity of depriving the Soubahs of this Government, as We can have little hopes how ever to submit to make a Dependance on the Company which must be insisted upon from whoever is appointed to the Soubahship, as the only means of maintaining the Deckan as an effectual Barrier against the Marattas. The Difficulty will be in finding a Person proper for this Station on whom We may rely for the faithful Performance of any Engagements he may enter into, and who from a Connexion of our Sentiments Interest & Power to

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assist him, in maintaining his Government, will be guided by our Advice, and depend on Us as his Chief Support. None of the Sons of Nizam al Mulk, except Buzalet Jung are in being, and the whole of his Conduct in the late Operations South convinced Us that He is by no Means to be depended upon. — There is indeed a Son of Nizam Ally's, but if the Father will not submit to be guided by Us, there are little hopes of managing the Son to our Interest, nor can it be supposed, He will unite with Us, while his Father lives and continues the War. Should We therefore be under the Necessity of removing Nizam Ally, our sole View must be to have a Soubah wholly dependant on Us, and of whose Attachment We are well assured as it is possible in Cases of this Nature. — For the Grand Point We ought to aim at is to have the Carnatic, Mysore Country, & Dockan so much under our Influence that no Disputes or Jealousies may arise between the several Governing Powers, and that We may be able by this System to lay the Foundation of internal Tranquility in these Countries, by which Means alone the Marattas can be kept within Bounds. — The Gentlemen at Bengal are therefore to be desired to give us their Sentiments on this Subject, and informed that We shall probably think it necessary to have the King's Confirmation of the Soubah Ship on the Person who may be appointed —

The Gentlemen at Bengal to be desired to give us their Sentiments thereon

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Bengal be desired to return Colonel Richard Smith our Thanks for the Offer he has made Us of his Services, and as an Officer of his Experience, Abilities & Address would be of infinite Service.

Colonel Richard Smith's offers of Service accepted —

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Service not only in conducting our Operations in the Deckan but also in assisting Us to settle that Government, We could wish the Situation of their Affairs at Bengal may enable them to permit him to proceed to take the Command of the Troops to be employed in the Expedition towards Hydrabad.

The Sloops to be sent to Bengal with all Despatch

Agreed that the Chief & Council at Masulipatam be ordered to lose no time in returning the Sloops to Bengal.

Letter from the Nabob advising of the Overtures made by Raja Ram Chunder for a Cessation of Hostilities

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N°94 advising of Letters brought to him from Raja Ram Chunder by the Hands of Raja Ram Pundit to him the Nabob, Saundabba Cauvi & Nagarow, advising that in a Meeting of the Chiefs of Nizam Ally's Army, the Raja Ram Chunder had proposed a Cessation of Hostilities. That the Soubah had alledged the Reason of his engaging in the War was our having taken Possession of the Circars, but that now He consented to our keeping them, & desiring that a Person may be sent from Us to treat on the Terms of Peace, that the Soubahs Honor might be saved. From which the Nabob concludes that the above Letters are wrote with the Nizams Privity and desires the Opinion of the Board, what Answer He should return, & whether a Person should be sent to him from Us.

Desiring our Opinion of the Answer to be returned

With Respect to what is urged as the Soubahs Desire that a Person may be sent from Us to save his Honour, the Nabob is to be desired to say in Answer, that We never have or can do his the Nizams Honor, or intend to do so, but that after what is passed We cannot

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consistently with our own Honor think of sending a Person to
him; that We have no Objection to the Nabobs sending a
Person back with the Messenger, who may be instructed to
acquaint Rajah Ram Chunder, that while the Soubah
continues connected with Hyder Ally, and acting under his
Influence in open Arms against Us, We can pay no Re-
gard to any Overtures he may make; that if the Soubah
means to make Amends for his past Conduct, let him
give Us a Proof by quitting Hyder Ally, & throwing
Himself into the Hands of Colonel Smith, who Com-
mands our Army, after which We shall be disposed to
listen to any Proposals He may make - Or if this cannot
be done, let the Soubah retire to Hydrabad, where the
Commanding Officer of our Troops will be ready to receive
any Overtures he may make for the Re-establishing
Peace and Friendship - The Person should also be in-
structed to declare that whatever the Soubah resolves
on should be done soon, as our Troops are now rolled
-ing, and it's probable another Action will happen in a
short time, when it will be too late for him to expect
any good Effects from further Offers of Accommodation
That tho' We are determined to oppose the Soubah with the
utmost Vigour, while He persists in his Alliance with
Hyder Ally, yet We shall treat as Friends, either Raja
Ram Chunder, or any other of his Adherents, who sen-
sible of the bad Cause in which they are engaged, will
retire to their own Country, or join Us -

Purport of an Answer to be sent by the Nabob -

The President acquaints the Board that some
Time since being informed there was a Sowcar here
a Native of the Mysore Country of some Note, who

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Intelligence received of the Situation of affairs at Syringapatam & of the late Tippo Family —

had retired from thence to avoid the Exactions committed by Hyder Ally on the Inhabitants of Property in that Country: He judged him a proper Person to employ in procuring Intelligence of what was doing at Syringapatam; and if there were any People sufficiently attached to the late Rajahs Family and have influence enough to raise a Party there which might be of use to us, should We find it necessary to carry the War into that Country; He accordingly sent for and discoursed with him on the Subject, He answered as he had been some Months absent from Syringapatam, He was unacquainted with the Situation of Affairs there, but that He would send a Person He could confide in to make the necessary Enquiry: That He accordingly sent one of his own family who returned a few Days since with the following Account — That Nanda Rauze the Grand Father to the late Kings Children was with them and the late Kings Family kept as State Prisoners in Syringapatam, that as a Mark of Distinction & Respect Nanda Rauze was permitted to keep in his Pay 500 Horse and 2000 Sepoys, commanded by one Seniwasarow, who was called, a Nanda Rauzes Dewan and was much attached to his Interest, that these Troops were not suffered to be in Syringapatam, but that the Garrison consisted of People entirely devoted to Hyder Allys Orders — That the said Person had found Means to communicate to Nanda Rauze thro Seniwasarow the Purport of his Errand, who returned for Answer that He was so narrowly watched by Hyder Allys Emissaries, it was impossible for him to make known his Sentiments in

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Writing, for should such a Paper be intercepted it might cost him & their whole Family their Lives, He was however very desirous of entering into any Measures the English might propose to release him & the Kingdom from the Tyranny of an Usurper, and contribute all the Assistance in his Power towards it, and that He might be informed of our Intentions & communicate the Extent of his Abilities to carry into Execution, He would if We thought proper send a Person whom He could confide in to Pedda Ballaboram to meet any one We might send for that Purpose — The President thereupon asking Ranga Row if he could recommend a proper Person to be employed on that Occasion, He immediately offered to go himself, and as He seems much interested for our Success in the Extirpation of Hyder Ally and is also a Relation of Sanawasa Rows the President is of Opinion We cannot employ a more proper Emissary —

A Correspondence to be established with Nanda Raize & Sanawasa Row by means of Ranga Row —

The Board being of Opinion that the establishing a Correspondence with Nanda Raize & Sanawasa Row may be of great Advantage in the Prosecution our Designs of extirpating Hyder Ally, and that no Person is so proper to be employed on this Service as Ranga Row, the following Memorandums are ordered to be given him for his Conduct.

Memorandums for Ranga Row — going to Pedda ballaboram —

Memorandums for Rangarow —

He will find means to acquaint Nanda Raize & Shunnawasa row, that the English have long beheld with Concern the Usurpation of Hyder Nargiee over the Rights belonging to the Rajahs of Mysore, and have wished to have had an Opportunity of assisting the King's Family in recovering their Dignity & Liberty —

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The continual Encroachments of Hyder Naigue on his Neighbours, his Cruelty, and his Ambition are now no longer to be borne, the English therefore have resolved for the Benefit of Mankind to root out such an Oppressor, and to restore the ancient Government provided the King's Family will exert themselves, & contribute all their Power to shake off Hyder Naigues Yoke. For this Purpose their Army will soon enter the Mysore Country, not as Enemys to the Inhabitants or to ruin the Villages but with a View only to accomplish the Overthrow of Hyder Naigue.

You will therefore represent to Nundarauze & Shimnaw Seroe, that now is the favorable Time for all the Gentoos and Malabars to exert themselves, and recover their Liberty and Possessions If they let this Occasion slip, perhaps another may not offer. They will therefore acquaint you with their sincere Intentions, & how far they can contribute their Assistance in this Affair. They may be assured that no Peace will be made with the Naigue, nor any End put to the War till he is overthrown, & for that Purpose the English from Bombay will attack his Possessions on the Malabar Coast, & enter the Bidnamore Country. The Rajah of Mala ar or Travencore, & of Coimbattore, & the Nayers will all of them take up Arms, & by the Blessing of God the Wicked will soon be rooted out.

Reasons for assembling the Troops immediately —

The Motions of the Enemy encreasing Venkanna Boidy, & their Design of laying Siege to Amboor making it necessary that the Troops should immediately take the Field, tho' We would have wished to have delayed it till

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the Weather had been more favorable. The following Instructions are therefore now prepared for Colonel Smith, and which are to serve, till, from the Intelligence We may obtain of the Enemy's Views & Designs, We may be able to give him more ample and particular Directions for the Operations of the Army.

To Colonel Joseph Smith

Instructions to Col. Smith.

Sir

The Armies of Hyder Ally & Nizam Ally Cawn having again in Conjunction commenced Hostilities by taking Venkambaddy & by plundering and destroying all the Villages between Amboor & Vellour, we have thought it absolutely necessary to assemble the Troops cantoned in the Arcott Country at Vellour in order to put a Stop to these Devastations, & to take such Advantages of the Enemy as our Force and their Situation may admit of.

The Weather is rather unfavorable for Military Operations, but the Necessity is urgent, and we doubt not but the Troops will go thro' their Duty with Chearfulness animated & encouraged by their Officers.

Having perceived much Difficulty & Delay as well as an insupportable Expence in raising a Body of 2000 Black Horse in the Company's Service we made Application to the Nabob desiring that 2000 of his best Horse might be put under the Command of our Officers and paid regularly by our Paymaster with Money which he is to furnish. The Nabob has accordingly acquiesced in our Request & given Orders that 2000 of his Horse now at Arcott should be formed in the Manner

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Manner We judge proper. We cannot at once pretend to give very particular Directions on this Head, but according to our present Ideas We think this Body of 2000 Cavalry should be formed into Squadrons of 500 each under the Command of a Captain, 2 Subalterns, and 5 Serjeants, & these Squadrons subdivided into Companys of 100 each under a Jemidar and 2 Subaltern Black Officers, One of the five Jemidars to have the Name of Commandant of 500 - The European Officers for this Service we think should be Major Fitzgerald to have one Squadron & command the whole, Captains Matthews Cowley, & Mackay or whomsoever of those who have served as Cavalry Officers before & whom Major Fitzgerald may recommend & you judge most proper. With Respect to the Pay of the Officers both white & Black & of the Private men we will give further Directions as soon as the Nabob has furnished Us with a State of what he has hitherto paid them. We shall therefore add no more at present, than to observe that you will consider whether this Plan can immediately be carried into Executions with a Prospect of great Utility and whether it may be convenient for the Choice and the Duty of the Officers with the Regiments to appoint those for the Cavalry as soon as you arrive at Vellour & before you take the Field -

We had begun to digest our Grand Plan of Operations for the ensuing Campaign both for the Army intended & for that which is to enter the Mysore Country under your Command but the Appearance of the Enemy again near Amboor obliges Us to anticipate our Measures without

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without Scruple finally resolved what to do respecting the
Soubah of the Decane, who has made some Advances towards
an Accommodation & whose Connection with Hyder Ally is
held by a very slender Tie - Ramchunder Rajah Sandoor
Chief have sent Messengers and Letters to the Nabob Walaw
Jaw and Salabulla Cawne with certain Proposals which are
doubtless were made by the Concurrence of Nizam Ally.
We have acquainted the Nabob with our Sentiments, and
desired him to return an Answer & even to send a Man to
learn how Matters are situated, but this is not to have
any Effect on your Operations unless the Soubah actually
separates from Hyder Ally, or at once join you on Assur-
ances that he shall be received as a Friend -

We have ordered the Troops from Trichinopoly to
march with the utmost Expedition to Trincomale where
We imagine they may arrive by the 25th Instant if the
Weather is not very unfavorable; We shall by that Time
send further Orders for their Motions or you may do so
either to join You or to enter the Valley by the Pass of
Changama and get in the Enemy's Rear, according as
you shall be able to form a Judgement of the Enemys
Intentions, or Situation - Could the Enemy be amused or
kept at or near Amboor till Colonel Wood arrives at Tran-
-male We might hope for the greatest Advantage that
Fortune could give Us, for the Enemy would be effectually
shut up without Provisions & must fight, or retire with
the Loss of all their Guns and Baggage - However
this is an Oversight we can hardly suspect Hyder Ally
will be guilty of, and therefore we must leave it to you
to attack him with the Troops you have or not, as you shall

judge.

judge practicable & most advantageous —

In Case you think Captain Auchmuty's Battalion of Bengal Sepoys should be augmented so as to equal one of ours you may add to it three Companys of Captain Fraser from Arcott —

We cannot at present add more with respect to our future Operations, which must all tend to the Overthrow of Hyder Ally. We have found Means to make Proposals to his European Troops & Black Horse If any come off or you receive any Intimations you are to act as your Prudence directs. There is Plenty of Rice in the several Garrisons, but you must attend to the Provision of Carriage Bullocks to supply the Army — Weare

Sir

Your most obed.t Hble Servants
Chs.t Boucher &c Council.

Fort St. George
16th Nov.r 1767 —

Letter from Colonel Wood read as follows —

To the Honble Charles Boucher Esqr.
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Wood —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 27.th of last Month —

The 3.d Regiment was put upon the Establishment of three Companys since June last when Colonel Campbell Commanding to the Southward agreeable to your Directions —

I shall take Care that the Troops are all in Readiness to take the Field by the Time you mention having to working Every Advantage it is possible to

make Preparations for taking the Field.

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give them in that Time

Six Guns eighteen Pounders with their Stores and Ammunition are getting ready as fast as possible. But there will be much want of Gun Powder here not having more at present of all Sorts than between five or Six Hundred Barrels tho I hear there is some at Cuddalore with many other Stores that were indented for since April last which I hope will soon be up

Complaints of Capt.n Mills, & Lieut.ts Broughton, Bathurst & Wilson

The Conduct of Captain Mills I am sorry to acquaint You does by no means entitle him to the Commission he holds and there are a few more as little deserving as him; Who are Lieutenants Bathurst, Broughton & Wilson; Indeed I should have represented their Behaviour to You long since, but as Colonel Campbell took on him to do it when he had the Command to the Southward as all other Regulations of this Regiment, I thought he would do that as he told me so and he knows the Merit of those Gentlemen as well as myself

Purposes making an other Trial of them

However I shall take Captain Mills Company to the Field in the Room of Major Flint's and try if any thing can be made of them there by keeping them strictly to their Duty, and the first Crime any one may be guilty of worthy of an Example take the first Opportunity, it may have a good Effect if you approve of it

appoints Lieut.n Powel to the Sepoys

I have at Captain Cook's Request spared him Lieutenant Powell for the 8th. Battalion of Sepoys, as he is a good Officer & as Gentle a young man as in the whole Army; the Loss of such are missed in the Regiments yet should be sorry to hinder him of that little Advantages the Sepoys gives him & he so justly merits

Lieutenants

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Lieutenants Carpenter and Baggott who were on the
Ninth Battalion of Sepoys have long requested I would
take them to the Field, being desirous of seeing Service,
They being fine spirited Young Men I have, I have ap-
pointed them to the Grenadiers, as You will see by the
List of Officers their whole Distribution and which I
hope will prove agreable to You.

Lieut.s Carpenter and Bagot appointed to the Grenadier by their own Desire.

The King of Tanjour Horse at Tonicotapoly.

The Horse you mention belonging to the
King of Tanjour are now at Tonicotapoly, I shall
take Care to acquaint them ten Days before I march,
agreable to your Desire.

Enclosed are the Returns of this Garrison with
a List of the Sick in the Hospital. And I shall have
the Pleasure to transmit You the Regimental Returns as
soon as I get them of that Detachment to the Southward.

I am most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most Hble Servt.
John Wood.

Trichenopoly
7th. Novr. 1767.

Orders thereon.

We approve of Colonel Woods making another
Tryal of Captain Mills, and Messrs. Bathurst, Broughton
& Wilson, by taking them into the Field, & He is to be
directed, on the first Fault they are guilty of, to send them
to Madras; It is also ordered that the Lieutenants
Commissions which was prepared for Mr. Wilson be not
delivered to him, 'till he renders himself more worthy
of it. We approve of Lieutenant Powels being appointed
to the Sepoys, and We much commend the Sport shewn
by Lieutenants Carpenter & Bagot in desiring to be ap-
pointed to the Grenadiers.

Read

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Read the following Letter from Captain Billingham

To the Honble Chas. Bourchier Esqr.

President and Governor of Fort St. George &c. Counci

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt.n Billingham with an Account of his Disbursements in fortifying the Pettah of Vellour

I have received Your Letter of the 10th. Instant and now enclose You a particular Account of the Repairs of Fortifications of the Pettah of Vellour, but must request the Favor that before You pass it, or give any Directions about my being reimbursed, that you will be pleased to order Major Bonjour & Captain Maclean to take a Survey of what has been done, and from their Report You will be the better able to judge, whether I have had any other Point in View, besides that of the Security of the Place and Consequently the Good of the Public Service.

It never entered into my Head that the Paymaster would advance Money to defray Expence of the Works round the Pettah (as he never had done it before) otherwise I should have made Application to him. I likewise have some Doubts whether he would advance any, without an Order from You; and I must beg leave to observe to You, that the delaying such a necessary Piece of Works as has been done, Since I had the Honor of your Letter of 12th. of September Ulti. wherein the latter Part of it runs this Paragraph. "We rely on Your Prudence and Activity for providing against all Exigencies, and preserving the Important Post committed to your Charge" might have been attended with bad Consequences. I imagined that there was not a Minute to be lost in Representations to Madras or waiting for an Answer. However Gentlemen, in future I shall be careful in observing Your

Observations

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Observation which You have made in your last Letter of the 10th. Instant

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servant

John Bellingham Capt.n & Reg.t

Vellour
14th. November 1767.

Resolution in Consequence.

The Account of Disbursements made by Captain Bellingham in fortifying the Pettah of Vellour amounting to Pagodas 457. 19. 20 being laid before the Board is ordered to be paid and charged to the Commissary General, & Captain Bellingham is to be acquainted, that it is necessary that our Orders should be obtained for the Execution of any Publick Works, He ought to have advised Us of those He was carrying on, and tho' it might have been dangerous to have waited for our Directions before he set about fortifying the Pettah, Yet he should have lost no Time in advising Us thereof, when We should have given the necessary Directions.

Letter from Mr. Dawson read as follows

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

Letter from Mr. Dawson.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with Your Commands of the 10th. Instant, and in Consequence have wrote to the Gentlemen, my Assistants, at the several Garrisons to desist beating any more Paddy, untill further Orders, in the mean time to be very attentive to preserve such Store of Provisions as they have already got.

Leave off beating Paddy.

The

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Desires Orders regarding the Cattle he has collected →

The Cattle I have procured at Gingee and other Places if your Honor &c.a think proper, shall be returned to the Inhabetants. Altho' it is my humble Opinion, it will not be in the Power of the Nabob, or any Others to replace them, where the Service most requires such Supplies. As the Owners will immediately return them into the Poligars Woods when nothing but Force can restore them to Us. And the Carriage Bullocks, in particular, We shall be greatly distressed for, it being impossible to engage any at present, but by taking them into the Service, which will undoubtedly be attended, not only, with an unnecessary Expence at this Juncture but the Death of many —

I fear it will be very difficult to procure 150 Garce of Horse Grain from these Countries, And as I find it impracticable to collect any Quantity, on other Terms ready money, & by sending Bullocks for it, I have hired a few for that Purpose, which Bullocks, when they return shall be discharged, and no other Expence whatever incurred but in Case of absolute Necessity —

My chief Dependance for Gunny Bags is from the Coast, as the Number manufactured in these Parts are very trifling — I am with great Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & very Hble Servant

George Dawson —

Trinomaly
13th November 1767 —

Orders in Consequence —

As We do not imagine Mr. Dawson can by this Time have procured 200 Garce of Rice the Quantity ordered to be got ready, He is to be desired to continue beating Paddy 'till that Quantity is prepared, and to pack it in Bags as can be procured — He is also to be desired to keep all the Bullocks

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Bullocks he has collected which are fit for Draught or Carriage, and discharge all those intended for victualling the Troops except 300 And to keep all the Sheep he has procured — The Gentlemen stationed at the different Garrisons are also to be directed to procure all the Carriage Bullocks they are able & to send them to Vellour, and advance Money for their Carrying Grain with the Army —

Read the following Letter from Captain Pascal —

To the Honble Chas. Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council

Letter from Capt. Pascal & Orders Pulla Tombi Row to Madras —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have communicated your Orders to Pulla Tombe Row who went off to Cawangoly in order to assemble his People & attend Your Directions at Madras. I expect he will be here tomorrow or next Day —

Be pleased to remember my Application for Arms as I have not been able to take any Advantage of the Sepoy Detachments which have passed this Way their Arms being in as bad a Condition as those I have — The Sheep shall continue here till I receive your Orders. I am respectfully

Desires Arms for the Sepoys at Chungleput

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed. Humble Servt
Edm. Pascal —

Chungleput
12th Nov. 1767 —

Resolution in Consequence —

Agreed that Captain Pascal be ordered to send further the 50 Sepoys he has raised & to set about raising 50 more for whom Arms shall be sent

C. Bourchier
Sam. Ardley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
J. Bourchier
Geo. Macbay.

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Dispatched the following Letters -

To Colonel Wood
or the Commanding Officer
at Trichinopoly -

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 7th. Instant &
approve of your making another Tryal of Captain Mills and
Lieutenants Bathurst and Broughton, and Ensign Wilson by
taking them into the Field, and desire on the first Fault they
may be guilty of, that they be ordered that we may send
them to England -

We approve of your appointing Lieutenant Powell
to the Sepoys, as it is our Desire that steady good Officers should
always serve in that Corps -

We much commend the Spirit shewn by Lieu-
tenants Carpenter and Bagot and approve of your appoint-
ing them to the Grenadiers -

We are
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servants
Chas. Bourchier &c. Council

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To George Dawson Esqr.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 13th. Instant -
And as We do not imagine you can by this Time have got 200
Garce of Rice; The Quantity We desired might be ready You
will continue to beat Paddy 'till that Quantity is prepared;
and as it is best to be packed up as Bags can be procured -

Of the Bullocks You have collected, You will keep
all that are fit to carry Grain or for Draught, and discharge
all that have been provided for victualling the Army, except

about

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about 300. You will also keep all the Sheep you have pro-
cured —

Weare
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Chas. Bourchier &c. Council

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To Captain Pascal
Commanding at Chingleput

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 12th Novr.
and desire you will send hither the 50 Sepoys you have
raised, and set about recruiting 50 More, for whom Arms
shall be sent —

The Sheep you will keep at Chingleput to be
ready to supply the Army —

Weare
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servants
Chas Bourchier &c Council

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16th November 1767 —

17th Came in a Letter from Major Bonjour dated yesterday
advising of his having received Intelligence that the
Enemy had taken the lower Fort of Tamboor with the loss
of many Men — And that the Serjeant & Sepoys left by
Ensign Seward at Policondah had retired to Vengapooram.

Lower Fort of Tamboor taken —
The Sepoys withdrawn from Policondah —

19 Received the following Letter from Captain Pascal —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council.

Letter from Capt.n Pascal sends in the Sepoy Recruits —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Favor of the 16th the Sea-
poy Recruits must have reached Madras ere this, they
marched from hence the 16th in the Morning under Care of

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a Havaldar, and Naick –

I have given a Receipt to the Nabob's Seapoys who
come down with the Sheep there are but seven Hundred
and Six, since which, Eight of them are dead, & Numbers
Sick. Owing to the Rainy Weather –

Nella Tombi Row is just returned with Some
of his People, I have directed him to proceed forthwith
to know your Pleasure, the Rest of his People shall
follow as fast as they arrive – I am very respectfully –

Order Nella Tombi Row to Madras –

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & very Hble Servt
Edmund Pascal –

Bringleput
18th Novemr. 1767 –

Sent the following Letter to Chief & Council at Mazulipatam –

To John Lewen Smith Esq.r
Chief &c.a Council at Mazulipatam –

Letter to Mazulipatam –

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 7th Inst.t
The Renters are debited for the Stores sent out of
Garrison, and a Head of Expedetion into the Deckans
is to be erected, which is to be debited for the Expence of Trans-
porting them, as well as for all Stores actually used on any
Service out of the Circars –

The Renters are to be charged, as you propose,
with the Pay to their Quota of Troops, the Batta to such
of them as are employed in their Service, & the Expences
of the different Garrisons in the Circars vested by them –
All the Disbursments made on the Expedetion into
the Deckans, are to be charged to that Head; particularly
the Batta to such of the Troops, whose Pay is charged to the

Renters

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Renters.

We have duly considered the Proposals made by Accagee Pundat, & Venkatapatty Raure for renting the District of Chicacole, and entirely agree with You that the Method proposed of managing it by means of a Naib would be attended with so many Inconveniencies & Difficulties, as well as such an Uncertainty with Regard to the Revenues, that We much prefer their taking it as Renters; and as the Terms they have offered appear to Us as advantageous, as We could, in the present unsettled State of the Country, expect; We authorize You to accept of them, with this Alteration, that the Renters are not to be allowed to dismiss any of the Troops destined for the Service of that Part of the Circars & paid by them, without our Consent; as We might probably find it difficult, in Case of Necessity, to replace them. And they may assured that We shall, for our own Interests, take every Measure for the Security of the Country, and not burden them with the Expence of a larger Number of Troops than are absolutely necessary for that Purpose.

We approve of your compleating the four Companies of Sepoys in the Chicacole Circar to a Battalion, & of your appointing Captain Casemore to the Command of the Detachment in that Circar, in the Room of Capt. Madge, who may be employed as you shall judge most for the Good of the Service.

Nazib Cauer Cawn having by his joining the Soubah in his Operations against Us, forfeited all Pretensions to favor from the Company We think his Jaguer should be continued to him no longer. You will there-

fore

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therefore secure all the Revenues of it, which may be in your Power, and order his Deputy to remove from Condapalla.

The Gentlemen at Bengal having particularly requested that their Pilot Sloops may be returned to them as soon as possible, You will lose no time in despatching them to Bengal, as soon as the Troops are landed.

We are Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

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Chas Bourchier &c Council

20th Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble Harry Verelst Esqr.

President & Governor &c.

Gentlemen of the Select Committee at Fort William

Gentlemen

We have been favoured with your Letters of the 13th and 24th October.

The free and unreserved Manner in which you have given us your Sentiments in our Operations affords us the greatest Satisfaction, being entirely consistent with that mutual Confidence, We always wish may subsist between the Presidencys, and which cannot fail to promote our Honble Masters Welfare, Influence and Power in Indostan.

We are well convinced of the little Advantages to be expected from an Alliance with the Marattas, & how cautious We ought to be of increasing their Power. Nevertheless as We concluded they could not be idle, unless prevented by intestine Disputes among themselves, but would join one of the Parties, The Situation of our Affairs

made

made it advisable to endeavor to prevent their acting against Us: and if they were determined to take Part in the War, to draw them over to Us, rather than suffer them to side with the Enemy — We have the Pleasure to learn from Bombay that Disputes between Mahaddaverow & his Uncle Raganada Row run very high, which We have recommended to that Presidency to foment all in their Power, & if possible engage their Attention so much on that side, as to prevent their being able to interfere in the Affairs on this Coast — as it will be scarce possible for them to send any Troops to these Parts in less than two Months. We hope before that Time to have reduced both the Soubah and Hyder Ally to such a State that We shall be under no Apprehensions on Account of the Marattas — It may probably be in your Power also by Emissaries with Jarogee to induce him to keep Mahaddaverow allarmed, & prevent his leaving Pony. Or if such a Scheme is not practicable, perhaps, some good Effect may be derived by encouraging Raganah Row from Allahabad to give Jealousy to Mahaudaverow. Any Scheme you can devise to encrease the Jealousy among the Maratta Chiefs or to employ them in their own Countries cannot but be favorable to Us —

The Motions of the Enemy, who have already begun their Operations again, by taking Veniambaddy a small Fort in the Valley, & laying Siege to Amboor has obliged Us to give Orders for the Army's taking the Field sooner than on Account of the Rains, We had proposed, and our Troops are now assembling with all Expedition at Vellour

The

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The Soubah hath by means of Rajah Ramchundar Rause made some distant Overtures of an Accommodation to the Nabob; & seems desirous that a Person may be sent to him from us to settle the Terms of Friendship - A Copy of our Answer to the Nabob on the Subject comes enclosed -

Tho' We are convinced that the Soubah is sensible of his Error in having made us his Enemies, yet his Pride & Jealousy may prevent his throwing himself into our Hands and there is too much Reason to imagine that We shall be obliged to deprive him of his Government, as He will scarce submit to such a Dependance on the Company, which must be insisted on from whoever is placed in the Soubahship, as the only means of maintaining the Deckan as an effectual Barrier against the Marattas. The Difficulty will be in finding a proper Person to set up in his Room & in which We should be glad of your Sentiments as We shall probably think it necessary to have the Kings Confirmation and Phirmaund for the Soubahship - None of the Sons of Nizam ul Mulk except Bazalet Jung, are in being, and He, for many Reasons, should not be appointed. He has been the principal Instigator of the War in which We are now engaged with the Nizam, and in which He seems to have had two Objects in View, the first, to preserve the Circar of Murtazanagur, ceded to the Company, & which We did not judge it adviseable to deprive him of till our Authority in the others was better established & in Case he could cause a Rupture between Us & the Nizam He might possibly expect to be placed in the Soubahship - There is it is true a Son of Nizam Ally's, but if the Father will not submit to be guided by us; there is little hopes of

managing

managing the Son to our Interest, nor do We suppose he will unite with Us while the Father lives, and continues the War. If any Change takes place our sole View should be to have a Soubah wholly dependant on Us, & of whose Attachment we are as well assured as it is possible in such Cases to be. For the grand Point We ought to aim at is to have the Carnatick, Mysore Country & Deccan under the Influence of our Power that no Disputes or Jealousies may hereafter arise between the several governing Powers, & that We may be able by this System to lay the Foundation of internal Tranquility in these Countries, and form an effectual Barrier against the Marratta Encroachments.

We cannot sufficiently acknowledge the Sense We have of the Offer made Us by Colonel Richard Smith of his Services, and We esteem it a convincing Proof of his Disinterestedness & Zeal for the Service, and for which We request You will tender our thanks. And as our Officers of his Abilities, Experience & address would be of infinite Service not only in conducting the Operations of the Troops in the Deckans, but also in assisting Us to settle that Government, We could wish the Situation of your Affairs may enable You to permit him to proceed to take the Command of the Troops to be employed on the Expedition towards Hydrabad.

We learn from Maruleipatam of the Arrival of the Syren Schooner & Sea Horse Sloop with 134 European Rank & File at that Place the 7 Instant, and that the Gentlemen there had dispatched further the Seahorse Sloop with the two Lacks of Rupees. We purpose on her

Arrival

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Arrival to put on Board her such Stores as may be wanted for the Expedition to be landed at Maruleipatam & have sent Orders to the Chief &c.a to Loose no Time in returning all the Sloops to You — We are with the greatest Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Hble Servant
Chas Bourchier &c Council

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To Captain Bellingham —

Letter to Captain Bellingham —

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 14th. Instant and have ordered the Paymaster to reimburse You the Expence you was at in repairing the Works round the Pettah of Vellour — But as it is necessary that our Orders should be obtained for the Execution of any publick Works, You ought undoubtedly to have advised us of those you was carrying on & tho it might have been dangerous to have waited for our Directions before you set about fortifying the Pettah, yet you should have lost no Time in acquainting Us of the Necessity thereof & of your having undertaken it, when we should have sent the Necessary Directions regarding it

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant
Chas Bourchier &c Council

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Came in the following Letter from Colonel Smith —

To the Hon.ble Chas Bourchier Esq.r
President & Governor &c. & Gentlemen
of Council at Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Smith —

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to inform You

of

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arrives at Conjeveram

of my safe Arrival at this Place, last Night at seven O'Clock without any Interruption on the Road, & that I shall proceed to morrow Morning to Vellour; It's necessary for Me to remain here this Day, that I may give Directions for the March of the 1st. Regiment, which cannot move for three or four Days.

represents the Want of Conveyances for the Sick from Conjeveram

There are 76 Sick Men in this Hospital, and not a single Dooley to convey them to Vellour, those of the Regiment were sent to Trinomale and are not yet returned, I have addressed Mr. Lathom to desire he may forward them hither with all Expedition. should Capt. Cook bring them to Wandewash, however the moment Colonel Lang has provided a Sufficiency of Sheep &c. to receive for the Use of the Hospital, the Troops will march. The Amildars of this Place retired some Days since and his Deputy would have followed, had not Colonel Lang prevented him. Constant Applications have been made to this Man on the Article of Sheep, but he is quite indifferent, I will not provide one. Our Sick must not be left without a Supply, for on the Instant our Forces move, not a Soul will remain. here many of the Inhabitants, and Bazar People, are already gone, and the rest waiting an Opportunity to follow. Captain Brick's Garrison consists only of 70 Nabobs Sepoys, they murmur continually for Pay – its with some Difficulty he can keep them together, and he fears they will (on the first Allarm) desert him. As I am persuaded you Gentlemen wish to have this Place, in some Manner secured) and indeed the Europeans, whom We must of Necessity leave behind, requires some Attention) I have wrote to Captain

Fraser,

& Provisions for those that will be left here

Value the Mutinous Disposition of the Nabobs Sepoys for Want of Pay –

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Orders 2 Companies of Capt.n Frazers Battalion to Conjeveram —

Fraser to send hither immediately two of his strongest Companies to remain, until further Orders from You, and in case the Humaldar does not (without loss of time) furnish a Number of Cattle, I shall be under a Necessity of taking them wherever they are to be found —

No Tents are yet arrived. Some belonging to the Officers that were sent to Madras may do again, and hope you'll dispatch all that are fit for Service, and Bells of Arms in Particular while the Road continues free from Marauders —

Desires Tents may be sent him —

I have the Honor to inclose you a present State of my Regiment by which you'll perceive Colonel Long can't march from hence more than 350 Private — And if the Rains continue, as it threatens, the Doctor's Sick, will encrease daily. Some Doolies were directed to be got ready whilst I was at Madras, the sooner they are dispatched hither the better, as the Army will stand in need of them. I have been honored with your Commands of the 16th Instant to which I will pay all Deference & beg that You'll believe whatever depends on me for promoting the Welfare and good of the Honble Company's Service, shall by no Means be neglected — and at the same Time I make no Doubt but You Gentlemen will most chearfully contribute on your Parts to give me every Assistance in your Power —

I shall leave Captain Kennedy here to take Charge of the two Field Pieces with my Regiment. I have received Mr. Hone's Letter, and after enquiring will inform You what Carriage Cattle the Contractor's People have here as likewise whether any Supply can be had from this Country, tho' from Appearances I much doubt of Success, as most of the principal Inhabitants have

left

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left the Town —

I am with Respect & Esteem —
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t Servants
Joseph Smith —

Conjeveram
18th November 1767 —

To which the following Answer was immediately returned

To Colonel Joseph Smith.

Letter to Colonel Smith in answer

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 18th from Conjeveram, and having 50 Dooleys here shall send as many of them as possible to fetch the Sick Men from thence — We shall also send off immediately all the Stores indented for from Vellour, with a further Supply of Private Tents, Bell Tents, & four Officers Tents, the rest shall be repaired with all possible Expedition —

advised that Dooleys shall be sent from hence for the Sick

& that Tents shall be forwarded —

We have represented to the Nabob in the most pressing Manner to order his Amuldar to remain at Conjeveram, & that the Sepoys may not complain, We shall order them to be paid in future regularly from hence and compleated to 100 —

& four having Ordered the Nabobs Sepoys to be paid by our Paymaster

The Sepoys you have ordered from Arcott will escort the Stores We shall send from Conjeveram to Vellour & We shall if possible reinforce your Regiment with 50 effective Europeans from this Garrison. One thing however we must recommend to your Attention that you will immediately appoint the Company with the Officers who are to do Duty in Madras for the few Men We have here suffer much thro Want of Officers Captain Clavering, Lieutenant Edmunds of the Sepoys and Ensign Dixon appointed to the 3d Regiment are the only Officers now

desired to fix the Officers for Madras —

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now in this Garrison —

We have wrote to all the Garrisons to send whatever Carriage Bullocks they can collect to carry Rice from Vellour with the Army & you may detain the Bullocks which are now going with Stores for the same Purpose. It will be necessary we imagine to get a Number of Sheep at Arcott or Vellour for victualling the Troops, & We recommend the Provision thereof to your Attention, from the Country of Baum Rauze or Chittoor —

We fully confide in your doing every thing for the Good of the Service and you may be assured we shall exert our utmost Endeavours to supply all your Demands as far as We have or can procure the means —

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

Fort St George
20.th November 1767 —

Wm. Bourchier &c Council

21.st Delivered the following Orders to Captain Collins, appointed to march a Detachment to Conjeveram —

To Captain Collins

Sir

Orders to Captain Collins to proceed with a Detachment of Troops to Conjeveram —

You are to march with a Detachment of 50 European Infantry 20 Artillery and one Company of Sepoys under your Command to Conjeveram escorting at the same time a considerable Quantity of Stores for the Use of the Army at Vellour, and a Number of Doolies —

You will proceed this Evening to Codambaucom, tomorrow Morning to Conatoor and in the Evening if possible to Triparmadour, from whence You will be able to reach Conjeveram next Day. Upon your Arrival there you will acquaint the Surgeon that he is to convey as many sick

Sepoys

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Men as the Dooleys will carry or as he can get Bullocks for them to ride on to Madras, and the Company of Sepoys sent from hence is to return with them as an Escort.

Colonel Smith writes Me that he has ordered two Companys of Captain Fraser's Battalion from Arcot to Conjeveram, if you find them there, you are to take them under your Command and as an additional Escort to the Stores & proceed to Vellour, if they are not there, if You hear of no Party of the Enemy on your Route, you are to proceed with the Europeans only, taking Care to reach Coveripauk, Arcott, or some secure Place in Case you are informed of any Body of Horse being in the Country near You, advising Colonel Smith and me of your Situation.

When you have joined Colonel Smith you are to remain with him or return to this Place as he shall order.

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

Fort St. George
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Cha.s Boucher &c. Council

Recevied the following Letter from Bombay

To the Honble Charles Boucher Esq.r
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

The accompanying is a Duplicate of our last Address, since when it is with Concern We have to advise

advising of a Reconciliation between Mahaudaveroe and his Uncle

That a Reconciliation hath seemingly taken Place between Mahaudaveroe & his Uncle Rogobah which however from

Buzar

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Bussar Reports, and the Terms on which the latter mentions it to his Agents here, there is some Reason to believe is not a Cordial One, and our Endeavors shall not be wanting to remove their former Difference for which Purpose and to discover their Views & intended Operations the ensuing Dry Season. We propose shortly sending a Gentleman to Mahaud averow to whom We shall give such Instructions as may appear to Us best calculated for answering your Intentions in respect to the Marattas by endeavoring to form such a Plan in Conjunction with them as will not only forward your Operations against the Soubah & Hyder Ally but also draw off their Attention from the Carnatic which you represent as essentially necessary to that End.

but which is not thought a cordial one

Propose sending a Person to Mahaudaverow

With this View We have had a State of our Marine and Military Force laid before Us, since our last Address the Smallness of which We are very sorry to advise puts it utterly out of our Power to undertake any thing of Consequence upon this Coast without forming some Alliance and setting up some Person of Popularity and Substance in Opposition to Hyder Alle in the Biddanore Dominions, which We are of Opinion is the only Plan We can adopt with Security to the Company's Interest under our Management as well as most effectually to further your Designs on a permanent Basis such a Person We shall therefore use our best Endeavors to find out either in our own Neighbourhood or in the Biddanore Country & should We succeed, no Time will be lost in forming such a Connection as We may judge most likely to accomplish our Wishes, for which Purpose the Gentleman who may proceed to Mahaud averow will be instructed

Represent their Inability to afford any material Assistance

& the Necessity of setting up a Person for the Biddanore Country -

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instructed to use his Endeavors to find out whether in case of an Expedition being set on foot against Biddanore the Marattas will join Us & upon what Terms —

Your Honor &c: may rely on our embracing every favorable Opportunity which may offer for promoting the Success of your Operations and on the means Time We request to be favored with such an Account of them from time to time as you may judge necessary for our Information & Guidance in the Measures We ought to pursue —

Encloa a Letter received from Hyder Ally dated in July last.

A few Days ago a Vaquil arrived from Hyder Ally with an Intention to reside here, and enclosed for your Notice is Copy of the Letter he brought with him from his Master to the President which tho' it may possibly intended to amuse, yet otherwise, it serves to shew the Truth of your Remark of his Influence over the Soubahs Councils and will enable Your Honor &c. to make such use of it as Circumstances may point out — We are with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Thomas Hodges
P. C. Wrench
J. Gouin
D Draper
James Ryley
Richard H. Bodham
Tho.s Mostyn —

Bombay Castle
10th. Oct.r 1767 —

The Troops at Cudda pa Nattum retire to Sankgerd —

22d Received a Letter from Major Bonjour enclosing one from Ensign Austin to him, advising that he had retreated with the Guns, Ammunition & Stores from Cuddapa Nattum to Sankgerd.

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At a Consultation Present.

Monday 23.d Novem.r 1767. Charles Bourchier Esq.r Governor President
Samuel Ardley, John Call
George Stratton
James Bourchier, George Mackay

Mr. Dawson absent on Service.

Letter from Chief & Council at Mazulipatam
reads as follow.

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

Letter from Mazulipatam

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are sorry to acquaint you that We have received Advice from Captain Madge, and Jogue Pundat, of Rajaraze having made his Escape from the Echadowing of the Escape of Rajaraze to Setteramraze. pour Country, to Vezianagram, notwithstanding their utmost Vigilance and Precaution, to prevent it, which Your Honor &c.a will be more particularly informed of by the enclosed Extracts of their Letters.

Immediately on the Receipt of the above Intelligence, the Chief wrote to Setteramraze, reproaching him severely for his unbecoming Behaviour, in So: ffering the Renter in so unwarrantable a Conduct; & acquainting him, that unless he immediately delivered him up, his Fort and Zemindary would undoubtedly be made answerable for the Debt owing to the Comp:pany. We however flatter Ourselves, that Jogue Pundat in his Arrival at Vezianagrum, by representing to

Setteramraze

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Sitter amrawre the Conseguences that must sooner or later
refult from such Proceedings, may be able to bring
him to a Sense of his Duty, and to prevail on him
either to deliver up the Person of Rayaraure or oblige
him to discharge the amount of his Debt. Indeed we
cannot help observing, that We may always expect a
Repetition of the same Contempt of our Authority, un-
:til a sufficient force can be spared, to reduce the Over-
=grown Power, of the turbulent and imperious Com-
dars of that Circar; who at present seem to consider
themselves, as Subject to no Government —

Transmit Proposals of Narrain doo for the Etchapoor District —

Enclosed We have also the Honor to transmit
You Copy of a Letter from Togue Pundat, accompany-
:ing Proposals from Narrain doo for the Etchapoor
Country, for the present Year of Phasely 1177: on
which We must request that you will favour Us with
Your Orders. We can only remark, that the Sum he
proposes to give is Rupees 35000 less than that offered
by Accajee Pundat, and the general Character of
the Man, in our Opinion renders him extreamly un-
:fit to be intrusted with the Management of so consider-
:able a District —

We are with much respect —

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Ob.d.t hble Servants

J. Le Smith

Sam.l Johnson

Edw.d Raddon

2.nd Crauford

Mazulipatam
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Extract of a Letter from Captain Madge to the Chief at Mazuli-
:patam Dated 21.st Oct.r 1767 —

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Letter from Capt.n Madge to the Chief at Maculipatam, giving an Account of Rayerauze's Escape

In my last I informed you of Orders having been sent to Narrain doo to guard all the Passes leading from the Elchapour Country, into that of Chicacole, on account of Intelligence We had received that Rayerauze was there meditating his Escape from Elchapour, being determined to come to no Account with Jogue Pundat, I also at that Time remarked to you, that Narrain doo had posted a greater Number of Troops at the Pass at Tukelly, than was necessary to effect the Purpose for which We had required his Assistance; which, as it might bring on a Quarrel between him and Setteramrauze, Orders were immediately on receiving this Notice sent him to withdraw his Troops from that Place, leaving no more than an hundred Men who were only to apprehend Rayerauze, in Case he came with a small Number of Followers, and unattended with Jogue Pundat Messenger, who had been sent up to bring him to Chicacole. But those Letters not arriving in Season, Tondar Narsiah came down with his whole Force, & attacked the Party Narrain doo had stationed at the Pass, which he forced: in effecting which, about eight, or ten People were killed, or wounded on both Sides — At the time of this Skirmish Narrain doo was at Tellmore with the greatest Part of his Troops, waiting our Arrival from Chicacole, and when Intelligence of what had happened reached him, he prepared to march to the Place of Action in Person; but by the Intreaties of Jogue Pundat he was prevailed upon to remain at Tellmore till We joined him; he however sent off his Brother with all his Troops, giving him Orders to stop Tondar Narsiah at another Defile

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at Letchmiſsoram, and by no means to permit him to proceed on his March, till he received Instructions from the Company or Ragoraure paſsed through attended by Jogue Pundal Brammy —

As the Execution of these Orders would Howe inevitably brought on a general Engagement between their Rabble, I immediately sent Orders to Narrain doo by no means to appose the march of Tondar Narriah, as Jogue Pundat would rather permit Ragoraure to escape, than effect the securing his Person by a Method which would occasion a War in the Circar: and as no Time was to be lost, Jogue Pundat and I set out immediately for Jellamore. On our Arrival Narrain doo sent an Order to his Troops to keep within the Limits of his Country; and Orders were at the same time sent to those belonging to Setteramraure to pursue their March by a different Road to Calingapatam. These Orders luckily reached both Parties in Time to prevent an Engagement, & Narrain doo's Troops are now on their Return to this Place, whilst Tondar Narria, pursued his Route to Calingapatam, where he arrived Yesterday in the Morning —

After he had crossed the River he told the Man Jogue Pundat had sent up to attend Ragoraure, that he had only kept him under the Protection of his Master 'till he was secure against any Attempts that might be made to seize his Person by Narrain doo, but as he was now out of Danger, he therefore delivered him up to his Charge, and gave him to understand his Master or himself had nothing further to say to him —

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The Brammy replied that unless he allowed him sufficient Escort to secure his Person, he would not take Charge of him, as his Attendants were too numerous to imagine he would stay with him longer than he pleased, as he had no more than Sixteen Companys Sepoys, to oppose upwards of three hundred resolute Foxes, which composed Ragoraurie's Body Guard; but Tondah Narsiah would by no Means consent to allow him any Assistance from Sitteramraurie's Troops, saying, he had not received any Instructions from his Master that would warrant it, and accordingly pursued his March to the Distance of two Cos's from Chicacole where he was encamped by the last Advices.

Ragoraurie assured the Brammy there was no Occasion for any Escort, that he would willingly go with him to Coormum, where he would wait for the Person he had desired Jogue Pundat to send thither to bring him to Chicacole; and the more to convince him of his Sincerity took an Oath to keep his Word; however, as soon as Jogue Pundat received Advice of his having left Tondar Narsiah's Camp, and he being at Coormum justly foreboding what afterwards happened he immediately dispatched his Uncle with thirty Seapoys to that Place, as Ragoraurie desired. He went off last Night at seven o'Clock, but Ragoraurie took care not to wait for him; and this Evening we received Advice that he made his Escape from that Place at two o'Clock this Morning, and he was seen on the other Side of the Chicacole River at 4 o'Clock with two hundred Peons on his Way to Vizianagram; from whence

whence I suppose Sotteramraze will secretly transport him to some of his strong Holds on the Mountains, till he can obtain the Terms he intends to demand for him from the Company.—

The Letters from Jogue Pundat to the Chief at Mazulepatam, giving an Account of Narrain Davoo for renting the Etchapour Distrist as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 200 & 201 are also read.

Proposals of Narrain doo. for renting the Etchapour Country.—

I Stree Jagannad Narrain davoo do hereby propose to rent the Etchapour Country for the Year Sarvajetto Samvatcher (or Phasely 1177) for Rupees 16.0000 exclusive of the Sibbendy, which Sum I promise to pay in 3 Payments according to the Stile of Ajia Saul or about November.—

With Regard to the first Payment I hereby promise that as soon as the Governor accepts this Proposal and sends a Saned, I shall take the Company's Naib or Deputy with me and go to the said Country & then I shall make good the said Payment either by ready Money or by a Soucars Note & then receive the said Saned from the said Naib.—

From the Day of the Company's Naibs Arrival in Etchapour Country until I satisfy the Payment & receive the Saned, the Charges of the Company's Sibbendy that may occur within the said Space of Time, I engage myself to answer.—

† NB There is a Sign in the Original which is supposed to be in the Wodeya Language

To

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President & Gavernor &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Maru-
lipatnam

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the Honor to address You the 14.th Instant, advising You of Ragoraurze having made his Escape to Viranagarum, and enclosing You Proposals from Narraindoo for the Elchapour Country —

advising of the Arrival of the Plassey, Lyon & Sea Horse Ships here with 246 Europeans & 3 Lacks of Rupees

We have now the Pleasure to acquaint you that the Honble Company's Schooners Plassey, Sea Horse and Lyon have landed here 9 Commissioned Officers, and 246 Non Commissioned and Private Men, of the first Brigade of Bengal Infantry, under the Command of Captain John Robinson, who We shall order to proceed to Ellore to morrow or next Day.

send 2 Lacks of Rup.s by the Sea Horse, purpose sending the other Lack overland

In a Letter to the Civil Department of the 9.th Your Honor &c.a would be informed of our having dispatchd to You the Sea Horse, with two Lack of Current Rupees, which were brought from Bengal on her, and the Lyon & The Plassey having landed another Lack, agreable to what We wrote you in the abovementioned Letter. We shall forward it Overland under Escort of the Remainder of Captaine Auchmuty's Battalion of Seapoys —

On examining the Treasure which came on the Plassey. We found One Gold Mohur deficient, and another of Base Metal —

Transmit Proposals of Accajee Pundat & Jagannad Rauze for renting the Chicacole Circar

We herewith transmit to your Honor &c.a Copy of a Letter from Jogue Pundat, with Proposals from Accajee Pundat, and Jaggarnaut Rauze, for the Chicacole District, for the present Year of Phasely

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1767: by which you will observe they conclude in that District, Cossem Cotah & Pykarow Country; & leave out, Worattah, Sittaramarauze and Narrindacoo's Zemindaries

We are hopeful that We may be able to settle with Sitteramarauze for the District of Worattah & for his own Zemindary, at least on the same Terms that were agreed on last Year: but Jogue Pundat has frequently informed Us, that no Person can be found to undertake the Renting of Narrain doo's Possessions; nor do We think it for the Interest of the Company, that either of the Persons who now make Proposals for Chucole, and Ellahpour, should, for as they have no force of their own to compel him to a Performance of his Engagements, they would only involve themselves in a fruitless War with him, which would be the Occasion of immence Expence, and perhaps the Loss of the Revenue of the other Part of the Circar that may be under their Management; We would therefore take the Liberty of proposing, that Jogue Pundat be instructed to settle separately with Narraindoo for his Zemindary in the same Manner that is at present observed with Sitteramarauze and should he either postpone; or refuse Payment of his Assessment, it will serve as a sufficient Pretext for the Company to dispossess him of his Country, which in our Opinion, is what must sometime or other be attempted; or they never can hope to have that Circar subject to their Authority —

recommend the settling with Narraindaroo separately for his Zemindary —

We are

with very much Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servants
I. L. Smith
Sam.l Johnson
Edw.d Raddon
Lieut. Crawford

Mazulipatam
16th Novem.r 1767

Proposal of Jampana Jagannadrauze & Dabeer Accajee Pundit
Under their Seals directed to John Seven Smith Esq.r Chief of Maza-
lipatam &c.a Council —

Proposals of Accajee Pundit & Jagannut Rauze for the Chica-cole Circar —

We here by propose to rent Chicacole Havaly
the whole of Cossimcotah & Pyracha Rows Country for
Phasly 1177 exclusive of the Enams, Russoons, & Boreen
Adar &c.a as follows —
Havaly Chicacole including Nowpedah, with Regard to
the common Revenues to be reckoned from the Stile of
Mergaseera Saul or answering about July, but with
regard to the Salt Revenues to be reckoned from the Stile
of Asta Saul or answering about Novem.r 137500 — —
The whole of Cossimcotah to be reckoned from the Mergaseera Saul or July } 35000 —
Anacapelly &c.a belonging to Pyracherow to be reckoned from the Asta Saul or November } 67500
Rup.s 240000. As We
agreed for this Sum We engage ourselves to pay the same
to the Company by the following Payments. Viz.t
Surwajetto Samyatcher Pushea Sud Ditto a
or answering the latter End of Decem.r 1767 — 80.000 —
Survadaree Samvatcher Vysaga Sed Ditto a
or answering the latter End of April 1768 — 80.000 —
Ditto Bandrapada Sud Ditto a or answer-
:ing the latter End of August D.o ——— 80.000 —
Rupees 240.000

We also engage Ourselves to deliver a Sunnas
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Note for the first Payment on the 2.th Day of our receiving Halal or a Present upon the Occasion.

As We look upon Ourselves the Nowpedate as above excluding the Salt, a Stop should be put to the Sale of the Salt belonging to the late Chiefships are remaining, till our Salt of the present Year be sold. Ifnot, The said Salt should be delivered to our Charge according to the Market Price, in which case, We engage Ourselves to pay the Amount of what Part the said Salt may be sold at the Time of our paying 20,000 Rupees on Account of our Hist, and then whatever Salt there may remain both of the new and old shall be delivered by us to the next Renter of the Circar.

As the Poyarde Row is the Zamindar, if He agrees to the Sum & pays it thro our Means, 'tis well, but if He depends on the Strength and Shelter of the Fort, which is in the said Zamindary and prove disobedient to Us, then in such Case, You are to examine the Accounts of our Collection of the Rents and Disbursment relating thereto, and then should there appear any Ballance remain due from the said Poyarde Row. the Company should collect the same themselves.

If Poosa Pattawar (supposed to be Sittaramrauze and Narayana Dave prove obstinate on account of the War & Troubles, and disturb the Country a loss arising therefrom shall be allowed to Us.

With Regard to the Khalisa or the Country under the immediate Management of the Circar a Collection of the Revenues is to last till Meygasura

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Saul or about July & with regard to the Zemindars, a Collection of the Rents is to last 'till Asta Saul or about November —

N.B. Merga Seera Saul & Asta Saul the Northward Style herein mentioned, are not in use in this Country, to form an exact Computation of Time, however by the Information that can be gained here, The above Computation of Time was set forth. There may be some Difference on which should be exactly adjusted to the Northward —

Purport of Letter from Sujee Pundat to the Chief at Maxulipatam —

A Letter from Sujee Pundat to the Chief at Maxulipatam is also read N.203 containing his Sentiments on the above Proposals & the Reasons why they are less than those obtained last Year; advising of his having sent 10000 Rupees to Vizagapatam, which with 20000 before remitted thither makes 30.000 —

That Setteramrauze seems determined not to pay the Money owing by Rogoraurze, unless the Ballance due from Narrain doo is deducted from it

Opinion of the Board on the above Letter

With Regard to the Escape of Rogoraurze to Setteramrauze, it appears to have been a concerted Scheme between them, in order to embarrass the Company's affairs, and to prevent the Country's being let on as advantageous Terms as We obtained the last Year — We approve of the Representation made by the Chief to Setteramrauze, who is to be informed that unless he delivers up Rogoraurze or pays the Money due from him, We shall certainly take Measures to obtain Satisfaction for this Insult to our Authority: and tho' We should be very unwilling to proceed to Extremities against his Family, We shall, if he continues

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this Behaviour, be under the Necessity of doing it.

With Regard to the Proposals made by Narrain Dawoo. His troublesome Disposition, and the Difficulty We should have in obliging him to keep up to them, by Reason of the Retreat he has to the Mountains, with the large Force at his Command, and his being unable to find Sowcar Security, would induce us to decline them, supposing they were equally advantageous with those of-fered by Accajee Pundat. We therefore confirm our former Resolution of accepting Accajee Pundat's Proposals, particularly of he procures Sowcar Security. We have indeed great Reason to imagine that Narrain Dawoo, will, when he finds the Country lett to another Person, endeavour to give us all the Trouble Heeis able; The Gentlemen at Maruletpatam are however to ac-quaint him, that in Case He raises Disturbances in any Part of the Circar let out by the Company, that such Behaviour will certainly be severely resented both from thence & Bengal.

Narrain Dawoo's Proposals rejected.

We apprehend that the Terms offered by Ac-cajee Pundat & Jagonnautrauze for the Circar mutilated in the Manner they propose, may be attended with many Inconveniencies & Interruptions. We therefore think it most advisable that the whole of the Circar, except the Chekapour District and Narrain Dawoo's Zemindary, should be lett to Sellaramauze and Ragonauze Pundit which the Gentlemen at Marcelipatam are to be directed to endeavor to effect. We should prefer them as Renters to any others, particularly if they can give Sowcar Security for the whole or any Part of the

The Terms offered by Accajee Pundat for the Chicacole Sir-car not approved.

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Rents — At any Rate, We think it will be most prudent to settle with Narrain dasoo separately for his Zemindary.

To settle with Narrain doo seperately for his Zemindary —

and in Case Setteramiauze & Ragoraauze will not take what is proposed to be left to them; The Gentlemen at Maruleptaam are to be instructed to make the best Terms they can with Accaye Pundat & Jagonaut-Rauze, or any others for that Part of the Chicacole Country, & to settle separately with Setteramrauze for his Zemindary —

Read the following Letter from the Chief &c.a Council at Veraga patam —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Veraga patam —

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favors of the 13th. 19th. & 22d. Ult.o

The Troops which were landed from the Savage, as also those from the Northington & Earl of Elgin, are still here, as We have not been able to provide Coolies and Bullocks sufficient for their March to Marzulepatam, the Number they require being large, which has obliged us to apply to the Rajah for Assistance, which when procured, We shall order the Troops to proceed with all Expedition —

The Troops from thence unable to march for want of Bullocks and Coolies —

The Nine thousand Rupees, which was advanced Captain Eyres, has since been reimbursed by the Paymaster of the Bengal Troops —

The Paymaster to the Bengal Troops reimburses the 9000 Rupees advanced Capt.n Eyres

Since We last wrote your Honor &c.a the Snow Four Brothers Captain Price with 145 Sepoys from Bengal, arrived at Wattarra the 18th Ult.o but by Strefs

The Snow four Brothers with 140 Sepoys arrive from Wattarra

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Steps of Weather was drove from thence the 20th Ulto. since which We have heard nothing further of that Vessel.

The Dudley Galley arrives to the Southward of Vizagapatam but obliged to bear away after landing 30 of the Sepoys on board.

The Dudley Galley Captain Spicer arrived a few Miles to the Southward of this Place about the 22d Ulto with 162 Sepoys, of which 30 were landed and as the Weather appeared dangerous, and being apprehensive of a Storm on the Approach of the Monsoon and the Captain being Averse willing to proceed to Masulipatam, having orders from his Owners to the Contrary. We therefore Ordered the Vessel to Pondemarka, with hopes of landing the Remainder, however We were disappointed in our Design, as the Vessel was blown past the Place, in a hard Gale of Wind, & We have since heard nothing of her, so that We hope she is gone to Masulipatam.

We are with the utmost Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & Humble Serv.ts

John Smith

William Barker

Morgan Williams

Vizagapatam
7.th November 1767.

P. S. We are concerned to acquaint Your Honor &c.a that Colonel Smith is now dangerously ill and We fear past Recovery.

Opinion of the Board with regard to the Detention of the Troops at Vizagapatam.

We are much concerned to find that the Troops have been so long detained at Vizagapatam, and can scarce conceive so much Difficulty could attend the procuring Bullocks sufficient for transporting the Tents and Stores immediately necessary for their March to Masulipatam, and such Stores as were not absolutely wanted to proceed with them might have been sent thither by Boats. The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam are therefore to be acquainted how necessary it was that they should have exerted themselves to the utmost in sending away the Troops

and

and if the Inhabitants would not furnish Bullocks voluntarily. the Exigencies of the Service were such, that Sepoys should have been employed to press them, and which We should have imagined might have occurred to those Gentlemen; as they must be sensible how much the Detention of the Sepoys at Vizagapatam will retard our Operations towards Hydrabad - It is however absolutely necessary that not a Moment more should be lost, and as We imagine that the Bengal Troops already arrived at Marulipatam, reenforced with as many European and Sepoys as can be taken from the Circars will be sufficient to begin the Operations. The Chief & Council at Maruli-patam are to be directed to order Lieutenant Colonel Hart to proceed immediately with them towards Commanmet, & endeavor to take that place; By which Time We hope the Remainder of the Bengal Brigade may have arrived at Marulipatam, and that a Force may then be formed full sufficient for the Reduction of the Deckan, But should the whole of the Bengal Troops not arrive before the Reduction of Commanmet, We think the Force under Lieutenant Colonel Hart, will of itself be sufficient to take Hydrabad -

The Expedition towards Hydrabad to be immediately undertaken by the Troops from Maruliputam and the Circars

It is with much Concern We are advised by Lieutenant Brooke, who arrived here on the Snow Success, of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Smith -

As We have heard nothing from Maruliputam of the Dudley Galley, We are apprehensive that some Accident has befallen her, or that she has been blown off the Coast -

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Colonel Smith.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c.
at Fort St. George.

Letter from Colonel Smith arrives at Vellour.

Honble Sir

I have the Pleasure to inform you of my safe Arrival at this Place, and now inclose You a Return of the Troops already here. Cowleys and Cooke's Battalions I have had no Intelligence of, but hope soon to hear they are on their Way hither, from Wandawash, with the Carriage Cattle provided by Mr Lathom. I am but this Instant come in, therefore cant address you fully by to-morrow's Tappal, I may be enabled to inform you of every Circumstance relative to our taking the Field. I find small Stores are greatly wanted - such as Cartridge Boxes Frogs, Bells, Worms, Pickers &c. As there are 500. Bullocks at Madras for Stores, those Articles may be forwarded in Time to Conjeveram - and I'll take Care to remove them here. I am informed by Major Bon-jour - that no Rice is now sold in the Bazar, nor scarce any other Grain tho' the Inhabitants of this Settah, need be under no Alarms from Horse, as it is perfectly well secured both against Cavalry, and Foot.

Adverts of the Want of small Stores

& of Rice in the Bazar of Vellour

Lieutenant Meburl brought with him 6 Six Pounders, four light three Pounders & two Howitz from Wandawash. There are two Sixs here, which makes 8 in all. Wallbank intends bringing the Remainder of the Artillery & Stores, the Moment he is furnished with Oxen to convey them. I must again repeat it is necessary the

desires Bullocks may be procured.

Nabob

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Nabob should exert his Authority in the Country for Cattle, or We shall be much distressed for them, a few will not serve for the Consumption of our Army.

Major Fitz Gerald, and Captain Mackay, were left at Arcot, to make some Preparations towards establishing the Black Cavalry. Cowley is to Command one of the Corps His Battalion and Browns, both require Captains. If you have no Objection, I will put Captain Villiers Fitz-Gerald, at the Head of one; and Captain James Fitzgerald must command the other, until such time as another is thought of.

Major Fitz Gerald & Captain Mackay left at Arcot to establish the Black Cavalry

It will be necessary to appoint some more Captains & Subalterns, for the Black Horse will thin our Regiments greatly.

more Officers wanted

I should be happy of the Prize Money due to the Sepoys could be paid to them, especially at this Juncture, as it will encourage the Men. I would rather give a Sum of Money out of my own Pocket than be continually teased, and harrassed for it, as they justly imagine, I have the Power to give it whenever I please. do my good Sir. contrive some Method to stop their Mouths, & release me from this disagreable Subject.

Baillies Battalion has no Bell Tents, or any others, nor indeed have the rest of our Sepoys, they have People at Arcott, but all the Taylors being wanted for the Company's Work it is difficult to say the Time, when the rest will be supplied.

The Roads leading into the Valley are by all Accounts very bad Cannon cannot be drawn along them without vast Difficulty. much firing was heard yester-

day

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Yesterday supposed against Saint Gurr, I am pleased to find Mr Austin got off in Time, from Cuddalapatinattum Any longer Delay would have been attended with the Loss of his Party - I have the Honor to be with great Esteem

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obed^t Servants

Joseph Smith

Vellore
21st Novem^r 1767

Purport of an Answer to be wrote in Consequence -

Agreed that Colonel Smith be advised that all the Stores for the Use of the Army as well as Vellour have already been dispatched under an Escort with a considerable Sum of Money for the Payment of the Troops - That 25 Doolies have been sent to bring the Sick from Conjeveram -

We are sorry to find that Rice and other Grain is so scarce in the Pettah of Vellour, when on Account of the Scarcity of the Place they need be under no Apprehensions from the Enemy. Colonel Smith is however to be advised that a large Number of Bullocks will be sent from Wandawash, and We hope He will meet with no Difficulty in supplying the Army with Grain He should however be cautioned to expend as little Rice & other Grain as possible out of the Stock at Vellour, but endeavour to procure sufficient for daily Consumption from the Country - He is also to be desired to enquire and inform Us of the Quantity of Grain in Vellour -

With regard to the Sepoys claiming their Share of the Pondicherry Prize Money, Mr James Bourchier the Agent acquaints the Board that he has wrote to the Paymaster in Camp to discharge all just Demands

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on that Account, but as Orders have been repeatedly given out for Returns of all those who had any Claim, the Neglect of it and Delay of Payment must have been their own Fault; of which Colonel Smith is to be informed —

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Major Fitz Gerald —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.

Governor of Fort St. George —

Hble Sir

Letter from Major Fitz Gerald regarding the Establishment of the Black Cavalry —

This Morning I received all the Horse belonging to the Nabob, at this Place, and found them to be 1640 — among these, there are doubtless a Number of well mounted Men — but many of them are the contrary to a great Degree. However the Jemadars promise to supply their Places with better —

Colonel Smith left with me here Capt.s Mackay, and Mr. Hepworth. he has promised to cause the other Officers whom I have requested of them, to join as soon as possible — I have the Honor to enclose a List of them —

Guzzapher-ally Cawn informs me that it will take ten or twelve Days to settle the Arrears of his People, I shall nevertheless lose no Time in forming them, and I expect tomorrow or the Day after, to complete two Troops of five hundred each, to which the Bureys Son, and Afsom Beg are to be Head Jemidars.

I shall be much obliged by your Directions concerning Horses for the Officers & Serjeants, and Accoutrements for the latter, as well as a Statement of the Allowances to the whole, this becomes the more necessary

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necessary because the Buxey tells me, he has private horsemen who receive from 50 to 150 Rupees p.r Month. of these the Number is not very large, and I imagine they may be comprehended in the Jemidars to be allowed each Troop, the lowest and the most general Rate of Pay among them, is Thirty Rupees p.r Month. this I have from the Buxey, being quite unacquainted with it Myself.

I am with perfect Esteem and Regard
Hon.ble Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Servant
Thomas Fitzgerald

Arcott
21st Novem.r 1767

Tho' the Nabob has not returned any Answer to the Letter wrote him regarding his putting 2000 of his Cavalry under our Officers, yet as We find he has given Orders for that Purpose — The Board therefore proceed to take into Consideration the Establishment & Pay of the European Officers and Serjeants to be appointed to this Corps — and the following is now agreed on —

Establishment, Pay and Allowances for the European Officers and Serjeants to a Regiment of 500 Black Horse —

Establishment and Pay of the European Officers and Serjeants to be appointed to the Black Cavalry —

	Rup.s
1 Captain & his Pay, and to feed 5 Horses for himself and Subalterns with Accoutrements p.r Month	500
1 Lieutenant for himself — 140 Rupees —	
1 Cornet — D. — 125 D.	
5 Serjeants at 42 Rupees each p.r Month in full for Pay and Provisions besides 2 Pagodas monthly to be made for Stoppages by the Paymaster —	
5 Horses for the Serjeants to be found fed and accoutred by the Captains at 42 Rup.s p.r Month each in Field or Garrison.	

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The Captain Lieutenant, and Cornet, to receive their usual Batta in the Field, and the Captain to have 500 Pagodas p.r Year Off Reckonings —

The Horses killed or disabled on actual Service to be paid for according to Valuation — When Pagodas are paid instead of Rupees, the Exchange is to be at 350 p.r Ct.

A Marique Tent and 2 Bullocks to be allowed the Captain 2 small Tents of a particular Construction for the Subalterns, each to be carried by one Bullock and 2 small private Tents for the Serjeants in all 6 Bullocks to be allowed, with three Lascars and three Coolies to each 500 Horse, Major Fitz Gerald to have 750 Rupees p.r Month, that is 250 Rupees more than a Captain, and to provide and find Horses on the same Footing as the others of his Regiment.

A Copy of which is to be transmitted to Colonel Smith, and another to the Nabob, who is to be desired to inform Us in what Manner the Black Officers and Men have usually been paid by Him, and whether he would have them continued on the same Footing, or paid, as is customary with Us, every Man the same, who holds the same Rank, and He is also to be requested to acquaint Us, what Sum he may be able to furnish Monthly for their Subsistance.

And as the Appointment of the Officers to the Cavalry, will greatly distress our other Corps, if Colonels Smith & Campbell can recommend two or three Non Commissioned Officers of particular Merit they shall be promoted —

The President acquaints the Board that he has

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Has received a Letter from Colonel Smith enclosing two Letters from Hyder Ally's Camp, the one from Mr. Martin to Major Bonjour advising of his having received that from the Chevalier St. Lubin acquainting him with the Proposals of the Board, and the other from Mons.r Aumont a Translate of which is as follows.

Mr. Martin receives the Letter from the Chevalier St. Lubin with our Proposals.

To the Hon.ble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
Governor of Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Aumont.

Hon.ble Sir

I have had the Honor to write to You the 18.th Past. I have great Reason to believe my Letter has miscarried, as I have not received your Answer. I profited by the Return of the Officer Commanding at Vemambaddy to reiterate my Sentiments and the Desire I have to approve myself so as to merit your Esteem; the Fear I have that my first miscarried has determined me to give you a Detail of its Contents.

I had the Honor to remark to You Sir, that I was sensible how much my Flight to the Moorish Camp must have prepossessed you against me, if I had left you ignorant of the Motives which induced me to take that Step. As by my first Letter which you ought to have received (but I now reiterate to You that Affairs of Commerce have induced Me to make this Journey) which has procured Me an Advantage that I cannot pay too dear for, which is that of Offering You my Services in procuring You a Troop, with which I shall find myself in a Condition to distinguish Myself so, as to merit your Esteem & above all your Confidence, which Zeal & Fidelity only

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willcontribe Me to - Iam in this Situation I flatter Myself beforehand to have a Line from you, and had it not been for an Indispositoin I would have put my Design in Execution without waiting for it

I desire Sir you will send me as expeditiously as possible your Consent to receive Me into your Service I will go off directly with all the European Troopers - I can even promise You to join all the white Gunners to your Army, before my Departure - I will make such good Disposicions that I hope your Army will be in Possession of all the Europeans & some Portuguese whom they cannot trust - I only wait for Advice from Your Sir, to which I beg you will add the Pardon of all the Soldiers who have deserted from You even those of Your Nation - In my first Letter I had the Honor to send You some Proposals, and desired to be employed in Quality of Partizan to the Troop which I would procure, if the Soldiers which I can collect from different Parts be employed in Yours or Mahomed Ally Cawns Service, or in Case that was not agreable to You I desired the Command of a Company of Cavalry of 100 Men, a Service which I have been accustom'd to, and in which I can without risk promise to be of Service, there are likewise many other Articles. I will be obliged to you to signify your Resolution immediately, accompanying a Pardon for the Deserters, 'tis absolutely necessary for their Determination in joining You. I promise you in a few Days after the Receipt of your Letter I will either join Your Army, or go to one of your Forts - a Delay may overset every thing, for I really believe they already

proposing to come off from Hyder Ally with the European Cavalry

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already suspect me, seeing me determined to refuse every Proposal they have made me to stay - I say as a Man of Honor that I am not born to live among these People - I came here purely to serve and obey your Orders with better Effect, and which will give me Pleasure & in which there will not be great Difficulty as I have a Troop who knows me & who speak my Language, my Conduct in this Army justifies me - I have not made any Step which can draw on me the least Reproach from you - I had not the least Participation in the sending of the Horse who plundered the Environs of Madras - They were departed before my Arrival here - I acquainted You in my former Letters who was the Author thereof - the Day of the Engagement I was upon the Rocks a Witness how despicable the Multitude who surrounded Your Army were, & saw the Camp occupyed only by Europeans - I labour & hope to accomplish my Design, and rely on the Friendship which you & your Brother have always shewn me - Put me in a Condition to merit it by my Conduct in your Service, it is in your Power - I sincerely confess that I renounce the Thoughts of returning to Pondichery & which I had the Honor of declaring in my former Letter - To convence you of my Sincerity - I am disgusted at the Treatment I received after having served the French seventeen Years in a distinguished Manner - I am sensible I can clear myself when I have an Opportunity of informing you of the Sentiments with which I remain Sir

Your most Obed.t & very Hble Servant

Aumont

At the Moors Camp
4 Cos from Amboor
11th Nov.r 1767 -

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Resolution in Consequence

As it is uncertain whether Dumont may have been entrusted by Martin and Eloye with the Scheme for bringing off all the Europeans Topasses &c. from Hyder Ally's Service, It is agreed that a Letter be only wrote him in general Terms acquainting him that We shall readily receive him as well as all other Europeans who may leave Hyder Ally — That the Deserters from our Service shall be pardoned and admitted into their respective Corps — The Chevalier St. Lubin is also to be desired to write to Martin, recommending to him all possible Diligence in the Execution of the Project, and to advise him of the Letter received from Dumont & to learn whether he has been acquainted with the Correspondence carried on — And Ordered that Copies of the Letters be sent to Colonel Smith, to whom it is to be recommended to favor their Design of coming off, all in his Power, as the Lofs of the Europeans must be a severe Stroke on the Enemy —

Letter from Mr. Dawson read as follows —

To the Honble Charles Boureher Esqr.
President & Governor &c. & Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Dawson

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received the Honor of your Commands of the 16th past, whilst I was at Gongee, whom I went to survey the Provisions in Store there, and satisfy the Inhabitants of that Country concerning their Cattle which Captain Alexander had taken for the Use of our Army — In Conformity to your Honor &c.s Commands

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Commands I have kept all those Cattle that are capable of carrying Grain & Draught (which will amount to about five hundred) Also three hundred more for victualling, taking Care to have the Remainder, Vin particular all the Cows and Calves, delivered to the Inhabitants - I have likewise ordered all the Sheep with the Cattle to be brought to this Place, where they will be both safer and healthier -

Orders the Bullocks & Sheep to Chittapatt -

Enclosed you will be pleased to receive, an Account of Rice in Store at the several Garrisons, according to a Calculation I made three Days ago: whereby I am pleased to find we have collected more than the stipulated Quantity of 200 Garce -

sends an Account of Rice in the different Garrisons -

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t & very Hble Servt
George Dawson -

Chitteput
20.th Nov.r 1767 -

Account of Rice in Store at the Undermentioned Garrisons

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Acc.t of Rice in the several Garrisons -

	Garce
At Wandawash	83
Chitteput	40
Arnee	47
Tolour	13
Trinomalé	20
Gingee	39
Tyagar	16
	258 Garce

Chitteput
20th Nov.r 1767 -

George Dawson -

Orders in Consequence -

We think the Quantity of Rice collected in the different Garrisons full sufficient except at Tyagar, where should be made up to 50 Garce, of which a great

Part

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Part or a proportionable Quantity of Paddy should be kept on the Hill - Mr. Dawson should be also directed to endeavour to provide at least 100 Garce of Horse Grain at Gingee Tiagar & Trinomale, and if that Quantity is not to be collected from the Nabobs Share of that Article, He must advance Money for purchasing it at Tricaloor, Arnicalour, or wherever it is most plentiful. The Bullocks We think would be more secure at Gingee than at Chittepet; But as the keeping so large a Number will only distress the Inhabitants, Mr. Dawson is to be ordered to discharge all except such as are fit for Carriage, & for which he can get Saddles & Bags. The Sheep may be kept at Chittepet, or wherever they can be best subsisted -

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Hart enclosing the Proceedings of a General Court Martial held on Macacrin a Subadar in the 12th. Battalion of Sepoys for gaming & for which He was sentenced

and advising that he had been sent to Mazulipatam on Account of his refusing to submit to the Sentence -

We are very sorry to observe, by the Proceedings now before us, that the pernicious Practice of Gaming among the Sepoys appears to have been allowed of, or at least connived at, provided the Cotwall received a Part of the Profits, and there seems too much reason to believe that the Subadar would not have been brought to a Court Martial, had he not refused to comply with the Cotwalls Demand, & by the Cotwalls claiming a Share of the Profits to enable him to pay 300 Pagodas to the Company implies that he looks upon the licensing of Gaming to be a Part

Observations thereon

to lose one year's rank and to do Havildar's duty

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Part of his Perquisites, Whereas we can never allow of a Tax which tends to the Encouragement of so destructive a Practice — The Assertion of the Subadars, in his Defence, "That the Cutwall insisted on his playing nowhere but at the Cutwall's House, as He could not otherways make good his Contract with Lieutenant Col. Hart, to give him 300 Pagodas;" appears very extraordinary, & which Colonel Hart should for his own Justification have cleared up, as We cannot conceive on what Account such a Contract could have been entered into — Agreed therefore that the above Proceedings with our Sentiments thereon be transmitted to Mr Smith at Masulipatam; and that He be requainted, that considering the Countenance which appears to have been given to gaming among the Sepoys, the Subadar in the present Case does not appear to have been very culpable, & upon Enquiry he bears a good Character in other Respects, He is to be restored to his Rank — But He, as well as all other Sepoy Officers both White and Black, should be acquainted that it is their Duty to use their utmost Endeavours to suppress the pernicious Custom of Gaming.

Resolution in consequence —

Chr Bourchier

Sam.l Ardley

John Call

Geo. Stratton

F. Bourchier

Geo: Mackay

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Dispatched the following Letters —

To John Lewen Smith Esq.

Chief &c. Council at Mazulipatam —

Letter to Mazulipatam —

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 14th & 16th Instant — The first enclosing Extracts of Letters from Captain Madge and Jogue Pundat advising of the Escape of Ragoraauze & enclosing Proposals of Narrain Davoo for renting the Elchiapoor District —

We look upon the Escape of Ragoraauze to Sitteraamraauze to have been a concerted Scheme between them in order to embarrass the Company's Affairs and to prevent the Countries being lett out on as advantageous Terms as We got the last Year — We approve of the Representation you have made to Sitteraamraauze, and You will acquaint him that unless he delivers up Ragoraauze or pays the Money, We shall not fail to take Satisfaction of this Insult to our Authority, and tho' it would be with Reluctance that We should proceed against that Family, yet his Behaviour of late has been such as cannot pass unnoticed —

The Proposals of Narrain Davoo, not only on Account of his troublesome Disposition, but also the Difficulty We should have to make him keep up to them by reason of the Retreat he has to the Mountains with the large Force at his Command, & his being enable to find Sowcar Security, would induce Us to decline them, supposing they were equally advantageous with those offered by Accajee — We are therefore of Opinion that Accajee's Terms should be accepted, particularly

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if he produces Soucar Security — We doubt not but Narrain Doo will attempt to raise Disturbances if the Country is let out to any other Person — You will however acquaint him that if He gives any Trouble in any Part of the Chicacole Circar let out by the Company, that His Behaviour will most certainly be resented both from Fenie and Bengal —

It is with great Satisfaction We hear of the Arrival of the Playey with more Europeans from Bengal — Tho' We are apprehensive that the Dudley Galley which the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam advise was blown off the Coast with about 100 Sepoys on board has passed Maxulipatam, as You mention nothing of her Arrival there —

We approve of your having sent the Treasure which came on the Playey overland under the Escort of the Remainder of Captain Aitchinsons Battalion — And altho' the Seahorse which you dispatched hither with the two Sakes is not yet arrived, tho We imagine she came on Sight of the Port and must have been drove by, she will We hope be able to work up to Windward, and soon make her Appearance —

We apprehend that the Proposals of Meagie & Jagonautrauze for the Chicacole Circar, mutilated in the Manner they desire, may be attended with many Inconveniences, & Interruptions from Sitteramrauze & Narraine Davoo — If therefore you could settle with Sitteramrauze & Ragoraurze for the whole of the Chicacole Country except the Elchapour District & Narraine Davoo's Zemindary We should prefer them as Renters to any

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any other Person, particularly if you can get Sowar Sundy for the whole or any Part. At any Rate We agree with You that it will be most prudent that you entrust Sagara Pundat to settle with Narrain doo separately for his Zemindary; and in Case Setteramrauze & Ragonauze will not take what is above proposed to be let to them You must make the best Terms you can with Ragonauze and Sagonauhouze or any others for that Part of the Cole Country, and settle with Setteramrauze for his Zemin=dary.

It is with much Concern We learn the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Smith, and the Delay that has been occasioned in the March of the Troops from Vera gapalam. We hope however they will be arrived at Ellour by the Time you receive this, and as We hope the Rains also will be over, and the Season proper for the Troops taking the Field. We recommend that not a Mo= ment more be lost, but that the Bengal Troops, reen= forced with as many Europeans & Seapoys as are necessary from the Circars without regard for the present to the Demand of Hussain Ally who may be supplied when the rest of the Bengal Brigade arrive all under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Hart do march towards Cummum and endeavour to take that place. By which Time We hope the Remainder of the Bengal Brigade will be with You and that a sufficient Force may then be formed to undertake the Reduction of the Deckan, or in Case they should not arrive, We still hope the Force under Lieuten= ant Colonel Hart will be sufficient of itself to take Hy= drabad.

Captain

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It is with great Satisfaction We hear of the Arr-rival of the Plassey with more Europeans from Ben-gal — Tho' We are apprehensive that the Dudley Galley which the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam advise was blown off the Coast with about 100 Sepoys on board has passed Maruleipatam, as You mention nothing of her Arrival there —

We approve of your having sent the Trea-sure which came on the Plassey overland under the Escort of the Remainder of Captain Aitchinsons Bat-talion — And altho' the Sea-horse which you dispatched hither with the two Lacks is not yet arrived, tho We imagine she came on Sight of the Port and must have been drove by, she will We hope be able to work up to Windward, and soon make her Appearance —

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Captain

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Captain Little with Lieutenant Jervis of the Artillery will proceed to Mazulepatam in a Day or two, and the Guns & Tumbrils will be sent tomorrow.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
&c. Bourchier &c. Council

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To John Smith Esqr.
Chief &c. Council
at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Vizagapatam.

We have received your Letter of the 7th. Instant, and were much concerned to hear of Lieutent. Colonel Smithes Illness, and more so to learn from his Asst. du Camp who arrived here on the 19th Instant that he is since dead.

The Detention of the Sepays so long at Vizagapatam, has been a great Disappointment to our Expectations, and We fear may occasion great Delay to the intended Expedition towards Hyderabad. We can scarce conceive that so much Difficulty could attend the procuring Bullocks sufficient for transporting the Tents and Stores immediately necessary for the March of the Sepoys to Mazulipatam, such Stores as were not absolutely necessary to proceed with them might have been sent on a Boat by Sea to Mazulipatam. Military Expeditions & Marches of Troops require the utmost Attention and Dispatch, and if you could not have procured Bullocks from the Inhabitants Voluntarily, You should have employed some of the Sepoys you had with you to have pressed them from the Country. We therefore hope on any future

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future Occasions that you will always adopt such Mea-
sures which the Exigencies of the Service may require.

We hear Nothing from Maratt Pattan of the
Dudley Galley, which you mention to have had about
100 Sepoys on board; We therefore apprehend some
Accident has happened to her, or that she has been
blown off the Coast.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Chas. Bourchier &c Council

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To George Dawson Esqr.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 20th. en-
closing an Account of Rice in the different Garrisons,
which We think is full sufficient for the present, except
the Quantity at Tiagar which should be made up to
30 Garce, of which a great Part, or a proportionable
Quantity of Paddy should be kept on the Hill as a
Provision for the Garrison — The principal Article
deficient We observe is Horse Gram of which at least
100 Garce should be provided at Gingee Tingar and
Trinomale; If such a Quantity is not to be collected
from the Nabobs Share of that Article, You must ad-
vance Money for purchasing it at Trecalore, Arrecatore,
or wherever it is most plentiful and on this Service,
such Carriage Bullocks as you can procure are to be
employed —

With regard to the Bullocks you have sent
to Chittepet, We think they cannot be so well secured

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there as they would be at Gingee, and as the keeping so many will only distress the Inhabitants, We would have all discharged except such as are fit for Carriage and for which you may be able to get Saddles or Bags. The Sheep may be kept at Chillapet or wherever they best can be subsisted.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Charles Bourchier &c
Council

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24 Sent away the following Letters.

To Colonel Smith

Letter to Col. Smith

Sir

The President has communicated to Us the Contents of your Letter of the 21.st Instant. We are glad to hear You are safely arrived at Vellour: all the Stores demanded for the Use of the Army as well as Vellour, were dispatched three Days ago under an Escort of 50 European Infantry, 20 Artillery and 1 Company of Sepoys, the whole commanded by Captain Collins, who had also Charge of a considerable Sum of Money for the Payment of the Army and 25 Doolies to fetch the Sick from Conjeveram. Captain Walbanke who was to march the 22.d from Wandawash, has been acquainted with this Supply of Stores, & desired upon his Arrival at Arcott, in Case he thinks there is any Danger of the Enemys being on the Road to wait there or to march and meet Captain Collins for the farther Security of this Convoy.

The two Companies of Captain Frazers Bat-

talion

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Battalion which you ordered from Arcotte to Cuyeveram
have been directed to return again with Captain Collins
and We think had better be employed to reinforce Captain
Auchmutys Battalion —

We are sorry to find that Rice and Grain is
so scarce in the Pettah at Vellour, seeing it is a Place
quite out of Danger from any Attempts of the Enemy
and therefore Business ought to go on there as usual —
A good Number of Carriage Bullocks will march from
Wandawash, and We hope you will find no Difficulty in
procuring enough to supply the Army with Grain, the
thing We imagine will be necessary which is to expend
as little Rice and other Grain as possible out of the
Stock at Vellour, and endeavour to procure the daily
Consumption from the Country. We should also be
glad you would enquire and inform Us of the Quan-
tity of Rice and other Grain now in Vellour, that We
may be certain how far the Stock there can be de-
pended on —

We shall soon make some further Promotio-
-ons in the Army, to supply the Vacancies made by the
Cavalry Officers, but We shall be greatly distress'd for
Subalterns, If there are any non-commissioned Officers
of particular Merit whom you or Colonel Campbell
can recommend two or three of them shall be promoted.

The Agent for the Pondicherry Prize Money
has wrote to the Paymaster in Camp to discharge
all just Demands on that Account, but as Orders
have been repeatedly given out for Returns of those who
had any claim the Neglect of it and Delay of Payment

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must have been their own Fault

The President hath also just now communicated to Us your Letter of the 22d. inclosing two French Letters from Mr. Aumont and the Person you have already been treating with in Hyder Naigues Camp. We now send You answers to these Letters, of which the Copies are enclosed.

If We can draw off all the Europeans and Portuguese in Hyder Naigue's Service, it cannot but produce a good Effect and We may also be able to make some Use of them against him.

We desire Mr. Strachey who came from Onor to Hyder Naigues Camp may proceed hither with all Expedition, and as We are ignorant of the Cause of Surrender of Vencambadey, & the Conduct of the Officers who are returned on their Parole we desire you will order a Court of Enquiry into their Conduct, and give us your Sentiments how far they have executed their Duty after which you will order them to come hither.

We apprehend from what Captain Calvert wrote before the Enemy came to Vencambaddy that there is not much Provisions in Ambour, if that should be the Case it may be in some Danger of falling from that Defect tho' we apprehend nothing from the Effect of Hyder Naigues Cannon. We desire you will enquire of Captain M'Lean as to the Quantity, and if he cannot satisfy you, we hope you will be able to learn from Captain Calvert by sending a trusty Person to him, for on his Situation will greatly depend your Movements, because Ambour is a Place of too much Importance to be lost.

We

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We have endeavored to concert some Establish-
ment for the Officers and Serjeants intended to be appointed
to the 2000 Black Cavalry, and We now enclose you a
State of such Pay and Allowances as We propose to make
that you may communicate it to Major Fitz Gerald and
the other Officers and give Us your Opinion thereon. With
Respect to the Black Cavalry both of Officers and Men
we have not yet determined whether they shall be paid
according to a new Establishment on which every man
of the same Rank is to receive the same Pay, or whether
or they are to be paid as they were formerly by the Nabob
When We have consulted the Nabob on this Subject We
shall give You our Directions thereon.

We have considered the Proposal made Us by
M^r Aumont, & now enclose you an Answer, but as We
have already received and made Proposals to others to
others We cannot enter into any Particular One with
Aumont. The Governors Answer is therefore general,
and We desire you will send it by a safe & secure Method
as well as the other Letter for Martin, by different
People.

Colonel Wood is now here & sets out to mor-
row for Tiagar where he expects to meet the Troops
from Trichinopoly. We cannot now any more than
before give You any positive Directions concerning
your Motions, they will in great measure depend on
those of the Enemy, and the Condition of the Troops
with you for taking the Field. If as We observed before
no Danger is to be apprehended for Amboor and the
Enemy seems inclinable to remain in the Valley we

conceive

conceive a grand Stroke might be struck by converting your Motions with Colonel Wood and getting them between both Parties, but We must have the Determination of this Point to you as well as whether you ought to march to the Enemy as soon as you are prepared, or wait to Colonel Wood has received your Directions how to act with his Detachment—

We are
Sir

Your most Obed.t Hble Servant
Cha.s Bourchier Vc. Council

Fort St. George
24th Nov.r 1767—

To Mr. Martin

Letter from Chevalier St Lubin to Mr Martin.

It gave me great Concern my Dear Doctor, to Learn by a Deserter that on the March of your Army to Trimomale you lost your Baggage— rest clear yourself my dear Friend we are preparing every thing for you here, but you must come and fetch them at the Head of your Cavalry and Infantry, if you bring Cannon also the Success of your Undertaking will be more brilliant Raillery aside my Friend, hasten the Execution— I have seen your Letter to Mr. Bourcier who transmitted it to the Council, it is the Essence of Elocution but it does not signify your Designs all that I see is that you have received my Problem, and that you promise to solve it, probably you have delivered it to Mr. Stracey who is not yet arrived— I expect it, as also the Answer to a Letter I wrote you of 14 Pages containing many things, in Answer to this let me know, if Aumont is in the Secret and if he ought to be of the Party, I have my reasons for putting this Question, he has made Offers I owe,

remember

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similar to Yours. I imagine they are the same, and that you have agreed thereto, the only Difference is that he wants all the Honor to himself, but fear nothing you are beforehand with him being known here - he will be employed without Doubt, but he can't rob you of the Merit of the Invention - concert with one another if possible to bring your Project to a Conclusion: but if you have made no Engagements together on that Subject make haste to act for fear he should carry away the Troop - You have Friends here who take Care of your Interest, Mr Call protects you; for my Part I serve according to my Abilities - and here is the Proof The Answer to Aumont contains only general Promises, and not a Treaty such as the Council have made with You - but they will send him none 'till We have received your Letter to the Council, if it informs Us of your Connivance with Aumont, the Answer to his Letter shall be put in Cypher, and you will interpret it to him; expecting that you'll agree together, you may assure him that he'll be included in the Treaty made with you, and that he will be a Captain of Horse upon the usual Establishment: but take great Care not to communicate the Cypher to him, there is no knowing what may happen - Observe this Maxim of Machiavel: "before you trust a man think that one Day or other you may repent it" Adieu! my Friend, I expect your Letters, as well as you myself with the greatest Impatience -

P.S. The Council offer a Sack of Rupees to any one who will bring here Hyder or Nizam Ally and

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proportionable Rewards for their Chiefs of Importance such as Bazalet Jung and Ramarow Chunder. the Enterprize is hazardous; but a Sack of Rupees is a fine Morsel, and ballances the Danger. Adieu my friend. When shall I have the Pleasure of wishing You a good Morrow?

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Sam Vc

Chevalier St. Lubin.

Came in the following Letters.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St George.

Letter from Major Flint.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your Letter dated the 12th Instant, came to hand yesterday and agreable to the Directions therein have ordered every thing to be got in readiness with the utmost Expedetion, and have wrote to the King of Tanjour acquainting Him that We are preparing to take the Field by the 25th at the same Time desiring Him to send his Cavalry to this Place or Outatoor whichever most convenient, without loss of Time, letting me know the Number.

makes Preparation for the March of the Troops — advises the Time of Tanjour Horse; and desires Him to send his Cavalry.

With regard to the Sepoys Captain Cowpers Battalion has One hundred and twenty two sick, besides thirty wanting to compleat his Number which Latter he is doing as fast as possible.

The five Company's belonging to Captain Dormonds, are not yet arrived from Palamcotah, but are expected in daily, as soon as they come, shall order them to be compleated also, As for the Nabobs Sepoys

We

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We have but very few on Garrison, I have wrote to Colonel De Bert & Frischmann to assist me with all their Cabels Sepoys they can possibly spare, at the same Time sendout of them a Copy of the Paragraphs mentioned in your Letter concerning the Sepoys —

The Commanding Officer of Artillery has pitched upon two Brass 2½ Lbrs. they being the best & readiest for the Field —

The Nabob Son requests me he has received an Order from his Father to collect all the Bullocks he possibly can and send them to Madras so that he is out of my Power to get any, neither will he supply me without an Order from his father —

Two Days ago Lieutenant Carpenter with a Detachment of fifty one Europeans Rank and File, arrived here from Madura, One of which is now Invalided the others I have divided among the Companies —

I am with the greatest Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t Hble Servt

William Flint —

a Detachment of Europeans arrives from Madura —

Trichinopoly
18th Novr. 1767 —

To the Hon.ble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Hay —

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Rashana Doola the Young Nabob has been pleased to send me in a particular Account of the Stores and Provisions that he has got in this Garrison under his Charge, which Account I now have the Honor to lay before you as likewise a particular Account of the Country

sends an Account of Stores in Trichinopoly

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Country Stores lately purchased by me and therewere into the Store House all of which I flatter myself will be approved of. As to Provisions I have never had any under my Charge of any kind. I beg leave at the same time to observe to your Honor &c. That I think the Quantity of Stores which has been purchased are no more than what is absolutely necessary and ought to be in Store for such a Garrison as this, and that the Quantity of each Article should be kept up whilst there are any Appearance of Troubles in the Country, as even now most of those things cannot be got without a good Deal of Trouble & Time, but this I must leave to your Honor &c. to be the best Judges of. Therefore I shall purchase [illegible] all your Honors Orders.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t Humy Sert.
James Hay
Paymaster.

Pondicherry
17th Novr 1767

26.th The following Letter from Messrs. Martin to the Chevalier St. Lubin was this Day received.

To Chevalier St. Lubin

Letter from Mr. Martin to the Chevalier St. Lubin

Sir

We shall set off to morrow for Amboor, if an Opportunity offers we are yours. if I can be of any Service by staying please to command me & I will stay with Pleasure. Aumont takes upon him to begin, they'll follow him with Pleasure, I have despised the Minds of the Soldiers and the Commandant Aumont, which ought to produce in spite Pleasure. We shall go on a Day

of

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of March the Cavalry under Mr Guidons will follow with the rest. Every thing devised in this Manner they ought absolutely to arrive. If notwithstanding the first or second Party should miscarry, does it follow that I can do nothing? The Chiefs being gone the Soldiers won't stay. I suppose You they'll follow after a Letter. I am known among the English; I have not acted a considerable Part, I was little reputed for my Talents, tho' they are a little Consider- able you are my sole Resource. I depend myself on my Sagacity herein. The Moors have made a Secret League to Limit the Power of the Europeans & put them under Contribution. Raza Alby Cawn is gone with a Chief of the Nizam Allys on an Embassy to the Mauattas. If the first Battle the Bussy was killed, at the 2d if the English had pursued, the War might have been finished.

Mr. Aumont has wrote Mr. Bourchier but has had no Answer. He and I will adjust the Camps of all the Whites.

I am with great Respect & Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedt. & Most Servant

Morton.

12th Novr. 1767.

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Aumont

To Mr. Aumont

Sir

Letter to Mr Aumond

I have received your Letter of the 11th. Novr. but that which you mention he has wrote me the 18th. October has never yet come to hand, nor have I heard of the Person by whom you sent it. I now answer the Letter I have received and you may rely thereon. We have

resolved

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resolved to entertain all Foreigners both Horse and Foot either in the Company's or Nabob Mahomet Ally Cawn's Service, and in Case you can bring over Swads, Germans, Dutch, Portuguese or any other Nation, Horse or Foot, you and they may be assured of being entertained. The English Deserters shall be pardoned and received again into their Corps. I should be glad also that Mr Lapher who is in Barabet Jungs Service would come with his Horse & foot on the same Terms as he proposed last Year when he was at Rajahmundry.

You may acquaint some of them, if you have an Opportunity, I would not point out to Persons of your Genius & Experience, how you can best recommend yourself to me & to Service, but if you and the rest of the Officers and Europeans are resolved, and determined to act with the Resolution you might strike a Stroke worthy of Reward.

If the Regiments of Topasses & Sepoys will also come off they shall all be entertained on good Pay and kept in separate Bodies under their own Officers.

I am Sir

Your most Obedt humble Servant
Charles Bourchier

Fort St. George
26th Novr 1767

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At a Consultation Present.

Friday — 27th Novemr 1767 —

Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor President
Samuel Ardley ——— John Call —
George Stratton ——— ———
James Bourchier — George Mackay

Mr Dawson absent on Service —

Letter from John Lewen Smith Esqr read as follows

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President and Governor &c Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from J. Smith Esq.

I have had the Honor to receive your Commands of the 25th Ult: and 5th Instant. On the Receipt of the former I immediately forwarded the Letters which came enclosed, and sent an Order to Lieutenant Colonel Smith to proceed to Ellore, by the Way of Samalcotah, and Rajahmundry —

I am concerned to acquaint You, of my having yesterday received a Letter from Captain George Eyres, informing me that after a lingering Illness Lieutenant Colonel Smith died on the 10 Instant; by which, the Command of the Bengal Troops now in the Circars devolves to him. He says the Detachment has been for a considerable Time encamped at Wallier, waiting for Carts to transport the Baggage; which when supplied with he will immediately follow the Directions sent to the former Commanding Officer, by marching to Ellore —

advising of Lieutenant Colonel Smith's death — & that the Command of the Bengal Troops devolves on Captain Eyres —

At the Representation and earnest Entreaty of

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Charles Bourchier —

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26th Nov.r 1767 —

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At the Representation and earnest Entreaty of

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of Lieutenant Colonel Hart, for Captain Madge to be permitted to accompany him on the present intended Expedition, The Chief & Council being sensible of the great Service that Officer would be of, have sent Captain Casemore to relieve him; and he will be accordingly taken the Command of his Battalion at Chour, which I have ordered to be compleated by draughting four Companies from the 2d agreable to Your Honor &c Orders —

Order Captain Madge to join the Battalion Happens Captain Casemore to his Battalion in Chittoor —

Lieutenant Colonel Hart hath also represented to me, that should the Army take the Field, a Conductor of Stores, and a Surgeon, will be very much wanted, as there is no Person with them proper for the former, and Mr Bowden, who now acts in the Character of Surgeon I am sorry to say, is very irregular & Short Station as Services likely to go on —

represents the Want of a Conductor and a Surgeon —

Besides the two Subalterns which your Honor & Council advised me are coming with the 50 Recruits from Madras, there will be required, a Captain, & 2 Lieutenants to compleat the European Infantry: and should Captain Brunton be unable to return, another Captain, to command the 2d Battalion of Sepoys, I shall in the mean Time order Captain Kelly to take charge of the Company formerly commanded by Captain Casemore, and during the Expedition, or until the Arrival of a Captain for the 2d Battalion, shall appoint one Subaltern to the Command of Samalcotah: but from the present Scarcity of Officers in the Corps, Rajahmundry I am afraid, must be left under the Care of a Sergeante Major.

as also of some Artillery & Military Officers.

Send an Indent for Stores —

I herewith transmit an Indent of Stores, which I must take the Liberty to request Your Honor &c will fully comply

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comply with, as most of the Articles therein mentioned will be wanted, should the Service be executed, which you have thought proper to communicate to me. The Commanders of the Pilot Sloops inform me, the Sea Horse may with ease be returned here, by the beginning of January

Three Carriages and a Tumbril for the two 8 Inch Mortars now coming from Madras have been begun and are pretty far advanced. The two sent down by the Chatham in a few Days shall be sent to Ellaur, and I have advised Colonel Hart with the Manner they are to be disposed of -

Your Honor &c having been pleased to order that a compleat Battalion of Sepoys, and all the Europeans of the Circar Establishment be sent on the Expedition against Cummamet, after garrisoning the Forts, with any Degree of Security, there will only remain about 300 Sepoys to accompany Hussain Ally, while settling the Summa Burdee with the Zemindars. From the Number of Field Ordnance mentioned in your Letter of the 5th Your Honor &c will observe, that it will be impossible to furnish him with any Artillery Men. I therefore embraced the Opportunity of the River being full, to send up to Condapilly by Boats, for the Use of the Expedition, 2 twenty four Pounders, the two short Iron 12 Pounders with a spare Carriage, two 9 Inch with a spare Carriage, and two 8 Inch Mortars. I propose however to let Hussain Ally have a Company of Sepoys from hence, which are all that can possibly be spared from the Service of the Garrisons, Nizampatam, and the two Northern Factories. He complains very much on this Occasion, and says

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Reason why Detach'ts sent with Drawing of Guns of the Troops from the Coast

says the Number of Troops allotted here, is not even sufficient to support his Character amongst the Zemindars with any kind of Dignity, and that when the Army once marches, he shall find it exceedingly difficult, either to settle the Peishcaubundas for this Year, or recover the Ballance owing for the last. He likewise observes that it cannot be expected he should be at the Expence of paying the Europeans and Sepoys, who may be sent on any Service out of the Coast.

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. & Hble Servant

J. S. Smith

Mazulipatam
20th Novemr. 1767.

P. S. If your Honor &c. could supply Us with two more Light 3 lbrs We should then have two for each Battalion that is to take the Field & which Colonel Hart much recommends.

Agreed that Mr. Smith be acquainted with Mr. Carre a Surgeon will proceed to Mazulipatam on a Mr Carre Surgeon to proceed to Mazulipatam

two Days, on whose Arrival Mr. Bowan is to be ordered further. Captain Little is to endeavor to find out a proper Person for Conductor out of the Artillery.

A Conductor to be appointed out of the Artillery

Captain Drummond being sufficiently recovered will return to Mazulipatam, and We approve of Captain Kellys being appointed to Captain Casemore's Battalion. That We shall be unable to send the European Infantry we intended, as We have been under the necessity of ordering them to join Colonel Smith, and We imagine the Troops from Bengal with those which may be drawn from the Coast, will be sufficient for the Service they are going on. For which Reason, and as We conclude an entire Company

Reasons for not sending more European Infantry thither.

of

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of Artillery will be sent from Bengal, Mr Barwell or-
dered any Artillery to proceed with Captain Latte, in the
mean Time the Officers that are not in the Absent
Corps may do Duty with that Corps –

Ordered that Lieutenant Thelwell who belongs
to the Bengal Artillery be sent to Vizeapatam to be
employed as Occasion may require; and that Mr Monc-
Monkefor, who came out with the Rank of Sub Engineer
and Lieutenant do have a Commission given him as
Sub Engineer & Lieutenant in the Infantry, and that
He with Ensign Dunlop be also ordered to proceed thither
to act in the Field where their Services may be most required

Mr Monc-Monkefor to have a Commission as Sub Director of Engineers & Lieutenant of Infantry

Mr Monkhouse who was lately broke by the Sentence
of a Court Martial having proceeded to endeavour to re-
trieve his Character by his future Behaviour, is admitted
again a Cadet in the Artillery, and is ordered to proceed with
Captain Drummer – These are all the Officers and Cadets
we can possibly send to the Northward.

Mr Monkhouse admitted again as a Cadet

And as We are in great Want of Officers, and Colonel
Smith having particularly recommended Sergeant Bow-
land – Mr Smith is to be desired to enquire into his
Character & if he is found deserving that he be appointed
a Cadet –

Sergeant Bowland's Character to be enquired into & if worthy to be appointed a Cadet

And as We understand there are several supernumer-
ary Officers arrived with the Troops from Bengal these
may be appointed to do Duty where their Service is most
wanted – With Regard to the Commands of the several
Forts in the Circars, it must be left to Mr Smith and
Lieutenant Colonel Call to appoint whomsoever they
may think proper taking Care that the Troops in the

The Supernumerary Officers from Bengal to do Duty wherever they are wanted

Field

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Fields are as well affected as possible—

The Sea Sorpt.r Sloop to be returned with Stores—

Agreed that the Sea-borne Sloop which arrived here yesterday with the Treasure on board be laden with such Stores as We may be able to send & returned to Mazulepatam with all Expedition—

Letter from the Chief &c.d at Vizagapatam read as follows—

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

Letter from Vizagapatam

Hon.ble Sirs & Sirs

We have rec.d your favour of the 25 Ult.o and are pleased to find you approve our having landed the Troops here, and We are now to acquaint Your Hon.rs &c.a That Orders were given for their March to Mazulipatam, in Consequence of Advices from that Settlement, but the Troops have not been able to leave this Place, for the Want of Coolies & Bullocks as We advised You in our last,

during that the Bengal Troops had not been able to obtain that Place Sufficiency of Bullocks—

You will observe by our Letter of the 7.th Instant that the Troops are not in Want of Money, by having rec.d what was advanced them by Us, and Colonel Smith informed Us on his Arrival, that he had brought with him a Lack of Rupees for the Use of the Detachment—

We are concerned to acquaint Your Hon.rs &c.a of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Smith, who departed this Life Yesterday Morning, his Loss is much to be regretted as his Abilities as an Officer are to be admired—

The Troops now here are under the Command of Captain Eyres, who will conduct them to Mazulipatam—

We are with the utmost Respect

Hon.ble

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hble Servants

Vizagapatam
11th November 1767

Tolan Smith
William Barker
Morgan Williams

Opinion of the Board thereon

We are much concerned to find that the Troops have been so long detained at Vizagapatam. We hope however they are by this Time on their March towards Ellore. But as it is necessary that not a Moments more time should be lost - The Orders to Mazulepatam for the immediate March of the Troops now with Lieutenant Colonel Hart reinforced with as many as can be drawn from the Covers towards Commaveram are to be repeated. As We imagine such a Step will facilitate the Reduction of that Place, and will greatly contribute to our general Plan of Operations -

The Troops with Lieut. Col. Hart to march immediately towards Commaveram -

As it will be necessary that a Paymaster should proceed with the Troops to be drafted from the Covers as well to pay them as to defray the Charges of Bullocks &c. &c. It is agreed that Mr. Daniel be appointed for this Service & that some other Person be appointed from Mazulepatam to pay the Garrisons on the Covers during his Absence -

Mr. Daniel to proceed as Paymaster on the Expedition -

Letter from Captain George Bolton Eyres read as follows -

To the Honble Charles Boucher Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council
of Fort St George

Gentlemen

Letter from Capt. Eyres -

It is with great Concern I acquaint You

with

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Advising of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Smith by which the Command of the Troops devolves on him —

with the Death of Lieutenant Colonel William Smith who departed this Life yesterday Morning after a long severe Illness — By this Misfortune the Command of the Bengal Detachment now here has at present devolved on me; In Consequence of which I have perused the public Papers, and find among them that it is your Orders that We should proceed immediately from hence to Ellore — You may depend Gentlemen on my strictly complying with the same, as soon as the Chief of this Settlement supplies Us with a sufficient Number of Coolies; At present Thirty three only are arrived, I shall therefore renew my Application to request he will be as speedy as possible in providing them —

Lieutenant Colonel Smiths severe Disorder for the last six or seven Days prevented his doing any but the most indispensable Business which was the reason of the Monthly Return of the Detachment being delayed. This I have now the Honor to enclose you —

I am with the greatest Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servant
Geo. B. Eyres
Captain Commanding part
of the Bengal Detachment

Camp at Wattair near Vizagapatam 11th Nov. 1767 —

Endorsed —

Agreed that Captain Eyres be requested that he express the concern at the Death of Lieutenant and Col. William Smith, and desired to march with all Expedition with the Troops to Ellore where he will receive Orders from Vizagapatam for his further Proceedings —

It being necessary that a proper Distribution of the Surgeons & Surgeons Mates should be made to the

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The several Garrisons & Regiments, the following Establishment is now fixed —

The Establishment of Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants in the Honble Company's Service on the several Garrisons & for the Troops on the Coast of Choromandel Viz.t

Establishment of the Surgeons for the Regiments & Garrisons fixed —	Places & Corps to which they are appointed —	Surgeons Names	Surgeons Assistants Names —
	Fort St George —	Briggs —	Saunders
		Pasley —	Swallow —
	the 1st Regiment —	Lyons	Suffrain
			Geogahegan
	Vellour	Orton	Barry
			Ash
	the 2d Regiment —	Anderson	Fanning
			Simeon
	Trichenopoly	Hinchley	Nott
	the 3d Regiment —	Sinclair	Duffin
			Serjeiter
	The Artillery	Davis	
	Supernumerary in the Field —	Gordon	
	Cuddalore —	Buchanan	
	Chingleput —		Tanner
	Metchlapatam	Maule	
	Carnatic —	Carver	
	Vizagapatam —	Rance	
	Arcot —		Moore
	Madura —	Peters	
	Palamcotah —		White
	Ganjam —	Bowen	

And Orders are to be given for their proceeding to their respective Corps or Garrisons —

The President acquaints the Board that by one of the Padres who had been carried to Hyder Ally's Camp, and permitted to return, He had received Proposals from Roz Joseph Commandant of the Portuguese

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In Hyder Alys Service, which are read before the Board and agreed to as follows —

Proposals to be made to the Council on the Part of Eloy Joseph Commandant of the Portuguese in the Service of Hyder Ally —

Proposals of Eloy Joseph to come off with some People from Hyder Ally —

He promises to come away from the Nabob's Army with the two or three Portuguese, who are under Engagement with him and promises also to endeavour to bring off all or most part of the Portuguese in that Service

For which and his Services he desires a Post assigned by the Council on which he may be permitted, after his Arrival at Madras, to transport himself to any Part that he thinks proper to assist them in so doing And also That he may be respected & well treated in the Garrisons there which he may pass And

Lastly as he is quitting Hyder Ally will leave all the Effects he is possessed of, and as the drawing off the Europeans from there will give the reduced Horse Strong Jealousy regarding the Service of the Artillery — Therefore he hopes the Council will have some Attention or compensation for the Loss which he must absolutely suffer by taking so rash a Step —

We do hereby agree to and confirm the above Proposals and promise the faithful Performance of them —

Dated in Fort St. George this 27th November 1767

Letter from the Governor & Council of Fort St. George dated as follows —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Fort St. George recommending an Allowance to Eloy Joseph & Family —

Gentlemen

Upon the Inspection Post to us by the Paymaster General of our Cour[illegible] the Marketower Duty

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to desire you will give Us the necessary Knowledge regard-
ing the Succession of a Frenchman named Escapat de St
Martin formerly an Officer in our Battalion of Indes, who
we learn lately dead. He lived at St Thome, which is in
your Bounds. We hope Gentlemen you will facilitate
the Means of recovering his Effects if it is possible, & put it
in our Power to answer to his Heirs who may claim them.

This Officer was a Knight of the Order of St
Louis. In Case his Cross among other Effects should
have fallen into the Hands of any one under your Authority
by wch desire you will make them restore it.

We have the Honor to be with the utmost Consider-
ation

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Law

Meyrant Velaval

De la Selle

le Febure

Germany

Pondicherry
17th Nov.r 1767.

Agreed that Mr James Bourchier who was particu-
larly acquainted with the Chevalier St Martin be
desired with the Assistance of the Notary Publick to
take an Account of his Effects & that as soon as they be
known, that it be transmitted to the Governor & Council
of Pondichery, who are to be informed that any of his
Relations or Friends having a Right to them are to be
put in Possession of them, upon their taking out Letters
of Administration from the Mayors Court at this Place.

The President lays before the Board the follow-
ing Letter from Mr Law Governor of Pondicherry.

To

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To the Hon.ble Charles Bourchier Esq.r

Governor of Fort St. George

Sir

Letter from Mr. Pas

I have received the Letter you did me the Honor to write me the 13.th Instant, which appeared to me interesting enough to be communicated to the Council.

denying that the Frenchman taken up by you in the County may be sent to Pas. duty —

You may be assured that We will send the French detained Prisoners at Madras by the first Ship to Europe if you will do Us the favor to send them back as they shall be punctually served all their Departure —

I am obliged to you Sir for the News you are so good to communicate of Mr. Aumont and Lopher.

The Hardships we suffer on Account of the present Troubles make Us sincerely wish the Restablishment of Tranquility in the Carnatick & to which we are willing to contribute as much as lies in our Power — we are consequently very far from favouring in the least the Authors of these Troubles — We have and will continue to adopt any of our Nation who interfere in them —

We are not ignorant of the Severity to which the Laws of War authorize against those who act contrary to them, & who are taken in Arms I would be glad that no Frenchman was exposed to it — Induced by these Motives we have all along done our utmost to recall all the French dispersed about the Country under our Flag, and among the Rest the Sieur Lopher with his Troops, whom We have Hired to aid under an Officer in the Service upon the Coast. Christ Touching — The said Lopher for many Reasons not Seeming returned I am obliged on this Occasion to declare that We cannot look upon him as a Frenchman, and that

We

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He will have no Right to claim the Protection of your Flag if He is found in Arms against Mahomed Ally Cawn or the English — I will continue notwithstanding as far as the Circumstances will permit to employ the most effectual Means for bringing back this Troop, & which I am going to set about myself —

As to the Proposition you make of engaging Lepher and his Troop, to enter either into Mahomed Ally Cawns or Your Service, the Result thereof might be unfavorable — But tied down as I am by the most rigorous Orders from Europe not to enter into any Concerns with the Country Powers, I cannot absolutely take upon me to authorize such a Step — You are sensible Sir of the Consequences that might ensue therefrom —

I thank you Sir for your Care in sending my Letters to Europe —

I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Consideration — Sir

Your most Obedt. & Most humble Servt.

Saw.

Pondichery
17th Novr. 1767 —

Resolution in Consequence —

The President requainting the Board that three of the French Men brought hither are Deserters from Hyder Ally, and Agreed thereon — Ordered to intest in our Service — they be entertained and that the others be sent to Pondicherry, when an Escort can be spared for that Purpose —

Mr. Dawson to return to Bengal

Mr. Dawson having executed the Service on which he was employed to our Satisfaction and having stationed the several Gentlemen at the different Garrisons for carrying it on; there is no further Necessity for

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr

Governor of Fort St George

Letter from Mr Pitt

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We are not ignorant of the Severity to which the Laws of War authorize against those who act contrary to them. I who are taken in Arms I would be glad that more Humanity was exposed to it. Induced by these Motives we have all along done our utmost to recall all the French dispersed about the Country under our Flag, and among the Rest the Sieur Sepher with his Troops, whom We have offered to admit as our Officer in the Service upon the Establish Footing. The said Sepher for many Reasons not having returned I am obliged on this Occasion to declare that We cannot look upon him as a Frenchman, and that

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Your most Obedt. & Most humble Servt.

Law —

Pondichery
17th. Novr. 1767 —

Refolution in Conſequence —

The President acquaints the Board that three of the French recruits brought hither are Deserters from Hyder Ally, and Agreed thereon — Resolved to retain in our Service — they be entertained and that the others be sent to Pondicherry, when an Escort can be spared for that Purpose —

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Mr. Dawson having executed the Service on which he was employed to our Satisfaction and having stationed the several Gentlemen at the different Garrisons for carrying it on; there is no further Necessity for

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for his continuing out any longer — It is therefore agreed that he be desired to return to Madras and that he be thanked for his Services — And as it is requisite that a sufficient Quantity of Provisions should be reserved in the different Garrisons, the Gentlemen stationed in them are to be directed to consult with the Nabobs Amuldars regarding the Quantity to be laid up, and which is to be delivered into the Care of the Nabobs People — The Remainder is to be kept to be forwarded to the Army as occasion may require — They are also to send an Account of the Disbursements made by them in procuring Bullocks Grain Bags &c. and which Account is in future to be transmitted Monthly — It is also ordered that Topasses be stationed from Vellour to Arnee & Trivetore and from thence to Tagar & Tricknopoly —

Thanks for his Services

Provisions to be laid up in the different Garrisons —

Acct of Disbursements for Provisions &c. to be sent from the different Garrisons —

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Lieutenant dec Morgan —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor of Fort St George —

Honble Sir

I should the Honor yesterday, to receive a Commission which long me to rank as Captain Lieutenant in the Artillery from the 1st Instant for which I beg leave to assure you of my [grateful] Sense of the Honor done me and Hope the Continuance of due Attention to my Profession to attain your still further Notice —

Pardon Me, Sir, for my Liberty of playing before You a Circumstance which I hope has arisen only from an Accident owing to the Multiplicity of Affairs that must engage your Attention at these Times, which is, that the three

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Three Captain Lieutenants last appointed in the Infantry to have their Commissions prior to mine - with all Deference to their Merits, I hope, Sir, from my length of Service in the Army having hitherto borne a superior Commission to theirs, and the unblemished Reputation which I flatter myself I have preserved in the Army, will in some measure apologize for the Liberty I take in troubling You in laying my Case to your further Consideration & Decision & have the Honor to be -

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obed^t Hble Servant

A D. Morgan

Order to Company

We are sensible that Captain Lieut. De Morgan was made older Lieutenant than any of those appointed Captain Lieut. in the Infantry, But the Promotion in the Artillery not having been made till after they were appointed, was the Reason his Commission is of a later Date, as they must very soon be made full Captains, the young Men Rank of them now can be of very little Service - If however he is desirous of their Commissions as Captain Lieutenant shall be made out for them entitling them to rank before them -

C^d Bouchier

Sam^l Ardley

John Call

Geo. Stratton

H. Ja^s Bouchier

Geo: Mackay

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lost, and that the Force you already have will be sufficient to begin the Operations; We desire that Lieuten.t Colonel Hartmay immediately be ordered to march towards Commamut, with such of the Bengal Troops as are now with You, reinforced with as many of those from the Circars as can possibly be spared, as We imagine such a Step will tend to the speedy Reduction of that place, & will greatly contribute to our general Plan of Operations.

Tho' the Troops from Bengal have a Paymaster & Commissary to pay the Officers & Sepoys their Pay & Batta & the European Infantry & Artillery their pay, with which We are not to interfere; yet as Part of the Troops in the Circars will go on the Expedition to Hydrabad, whose Expences must be defrayed by You in the accustomary Manner, and as many other Charges & Coolies Sa/ Carr &c. will arise, You must send Mr. Daniel as Paymaster & Commissary on the Expedition, & if it be necessary appoint some other Person to pay the Circar Garrisons during his Absence.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Cha.s Bourchier &c Council

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To Captain George Bolton Eyres
Commanding the Detachment of Bengal
Troops arrived at Vizagapatam.

Sir

We have been favoured with your Letter of the 11th Instant, and it was with the greatest Concern We heard of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Smith

by

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by Lieutenant Brooke who arrived here some Days ago on the Success Schooner. The Loss of an Officer of his Knowledge & Abilities is much to be regretted, particularly at this Time when We might have expected great Benefit from his Services. We have ordered Lieutenant Brooke to proceed to Camp to do Duty with that Part of Captain Mackenzie's Battalion which arrived here some time since.

We are sorry to find You have been so long detained at Veragapatam on Account of the Want of Bullocks & Coolies to carry the Baggage; We however flatter ourselves that before You receive this, You will be far advanced on your Way to Ellour, where you will receive Orders from the Chief or the Chief & Council at Masulipatam for your further Proceedings.

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants
Cha.s Bourchier &c Council

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To George Dawson Esq.r

Sir

The Progress you have made in forwarding the Service on which you was employed, having fully answered our Expectations, and as you have stationed the Gentlemen appointed to assist You at the different Places to carry on the Business, We see no further Necessity for your being any longer absent, We therefore desire You will come hither and at the same Time return you our thanks for the Care and Diligence you have shewn on this Occasion. We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends
Cha.s Bourchier &c Council

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Received the following Letter from Major Flint.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. & Council

Letter from Major Flint

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 15th Instant came to hand yesterday, and agreable to your Orders (if Colonel Wood should not arrive here before) I shall march from hence with what Troops is fit to take the Field, the accompanying is a Returne of them. The Day after to morrow shall set about transporting the Guns and Tumbrils over the two Rivers, there being 6 Six Sor 2 two ℔ Bs. two 2 ℔rs & 12 Tumbrils, with Ammunition for those two six Pounders that We are to get at Tongar; as I have not received any particular Directions who to appoint to command this Place I have taken the Liberty of leaving Captain Farran, with two Subalterns & the few Europeans that are fit for the Field, besides the Invalids, there is also a part of the 11th Battalion and a few Sepoys belonging to the Nabob.

makes Preparations for getting the Guns & Stores over the Rivers

I have wrote to the Commanding Officer at Wornapollam, to let me know what Sepoys he can possibly spare from the Terriore Country, and to meet the Detachment at Outatoor.

The following is a Copy of Colonel De Burk's Letter, in Answer to one from me.

This Morning I received your Favour of the 17th Instant, and am extreamly sorry, I cannot send you any of the Nabobs Sepoys, as I have no more, but five Companys of them here, and I believe you will not get any from the Tennevelly Country, as I had a Letter this Morning

receives a Letter from the Nabobs Sepoys from the Madura & Tennevelly Country

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Morning from Colonel Fraser requesting me that I would not get a Cash of Money from the Polygars in that Country, and that they absolutely refuse paying any, & says it was Damory pillows Dawgs, who set them up to be against the Sircars. You may know by this, that it may be, we shall some Troubles soon on this Country.

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & very Hble Serv.t

Wm. Flint.

Trichinopoly
21.st Nov.r 1767.

28. Came in the following Letter from George Dawson Esq.r

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this Moment been honored with your Commands of the 23.d Instant, and as our present Provision of Grain is far short of the Quantity required (altho' it is coming in daily by small Quantities to Trichinopoly) I purpose immediately sending out for Tricalour in Hopes of being able to procure by some means or other, all that that Country, & those You are pleased to recommend can furnish.

I shall immediately write to Mr. Sadlier & make no Doubt of his being able to lay up Thirty Garce of Rice as your Honor &c.a have directed.

With regard to the Bullocks I have brought from Gingee, I find upon a Survey are by no means equal (in Point of Carriage Bullocks to Captain Alexander's Representation. They shall be returned to the

Inhabitants

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Inhabitants as You have directed who are sick & very solicitous for them — and for the Sheep & Goats Sc.a as wch the Villagers had never been deprived of tho' for they are falling sick daily —

I have the Pleasure to inform You that from this Place, Wandawash and Tranomale there are upwards of one thousand Bullocks which have been sent to Vellour. I have the Honor to be

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

George Dawson —

Chittapet
Novem.r 25.th 1767 —

The following Instructions were this Day prepared & forwarded to Colonel Smith —

To Colonel Smith

Instructions to Col. Smith for the Operations of the Army

Sir.

In our Instructions to you of the 16th Inst. We acquainted you that being obliged by the Operations of the Enemy to send the Troops into the Field earlier than We intended, We had not thoroughly digested our Plan of Operations, & therefore left it to you either to march and attack Hyder Ally with the Forces now with You, or to wait the Arrival of Colonel Woods Detachment — And also to consider whether it would be more eligible for the whole to act together, or for Colonel Wood to march into the Valley & endeavour to cut off the Enemy's Supplies of Provisions & shut them up between two Parties. Our Letter of the 24th gave you the same Latitude, but We have since received some Advices by which we are enabled to form a better Judgment of Hyder Ally's Views, and to determine with more precision the Plan

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on which our Operations ought to be formed —

The Letters which We have received from Mons.r Aumont & Martin, together with the Intelligence conveyed by the Padres, and what we can gather from Mr. Stracey, leave us no room to doubt but all the European Officers with Hyder Ally are much disgusted and will take the first Opportunity to leave his Army if not to turn against him in an Action. We have returned Answers to all the Proposals and are resolved to take all the Cavalry, Infantry, Topasses, Sepoys & Black Horse which will desert him into our Service and if We are well informed his Treatment of them is such that few will stay there by Choice. Could We assuredly rely on any concerted Scheme it is highly probable that the next Action might be the last Hyder Ally would command on, because it has been proposed to us that the Europeans & Topasses in his Army, should turn the Guns on him & act in our favor, but as the failure of such a Project might subject you to some inconveniency We cannot recommend the Experiment, however if you march to the Enemy and determine to bring them to an Action without depending on any such favorable Event, it is easy to conceive what an Effect it must produce should the Europeans actually execute their Proposal. We must therefore leave the manner of their coming off and acting entirely to your Direction, and you may fix your Plan with Martin by Means of the Cipher in your Possession —

According to the best Intelligence We have obtained, the Nizam & Hyder Ally have engaged to bend the

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the Possessions of the Europeans to compleat Factories on the two Coasts, & to lay them under Contribution - This at least is the general Declared Intention, but We do not find that any great Degree of Confidence subsists between them - nor do We imagine they Soubat will act very heartily in any Engagement. Hyder Ally we are assured is determined to try his fortune again on the field, and in Case he fends we declare an Action he proposes after the taking of Vellour to establish the Nizam there with his main Body, and to ravage our Black Town & the Carnatick himself at the head of a large Body of Cavalry. As to the first Part of this re-solution we could not wish him to form one more correspondent to our Views; it remains for Us to concert the Manner of drawing most advantage from it.

Our first Ideas were that Colonel Woods Party could not be employed to more advantage than by entering the Valley by the Pass of Changama, and coming in the Enemys Rear with a View to cut off their Provisions, and intercept their Retreat while you pressed them in front. This is undoubtedly a good Project and must have a decisive Effect could we be assured that Colonel Wood with his Party would run no Risque of a Defeat, or of wanting Provisions but if Hyder Ally is determined to fight and his troops will stand by him we apprehend there is some Risque of being beaten Detail by dividing our forces without a certainty that both Parties could so manage their Movements by certain Intelligence as to act against the Enemy at once. This is an Affair that requires much Management &

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is subject to many Circumstances that may disconcert your Views. We therefore conclude that we cannot attempt two Objects at once but that it must be resolved either to take Post with both Parties and cut off the Enemy's Provisions provided you can get to Amboor, and have the Advantage of that Fort near you, or that we must resolve you should wait the Junction of Colonel Wood's Party and then bring the Enemy to a general Action. You and many other Officers are well acquainted with the Nature of the Ground and the Situation of the Enemy, the Advantages therefore to be derived from either are to be foreseen and considered.

If as We are assured Hyder Ally only wishes for another Action and that he is determined his future Operations shall depend on that Issue, it would almost be useless to attempt cutting off his Provisions unless it could be done without Risque, because he would under such Circumstances have his Choice of engaging the Weaker of our Parties, and if he proved successful against one the other would fight under a great Disadvantage. On all Occasions where our Troops come to an Action with such large Bodies of Horse supported by Foot & Cannon we have infinitely more at Stake than the Enemy, because one Defeat would prove our total Ruin, whereas we may gain repeated Advantages over them, and tho they will soon appear again owing to the Facility with which Horse retire. It would therefore seem most prudent if the Fate of Amboor or the Operations of the Enemy do not oblige us to act otherwise, to wait till our whole Force is collected and till the Army is well equipped & provided in every Re

spect

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Respect them to resolve to act with Vigour, to advance to the Enemy attack them if they make a Stand and in Case of forcing them (which must certainly happen) pursue them with the utmost Diligence. We need not point out to you what Confusion takes place in a Black Army when once they give way, nor how easy it is to compleat their Overthrow by a vigorous Effort at that Juncture. A few hours fatigue in a Pursuit, even tho' the Troops may be harrassed will probably save the Trouble & Expence of a whole Years Campaign, and the Reward to the Conquerors will be glorious in proportion to the Enemys Disgrace — Another Victory gained by a general Attack, and pursued with Resolution will clear the Frontiers & leave us little to do but march into the Enemy's Country. It is on the Opening of this Campaign that the whole of our good Fortune depends, & indeed the future Reputation of our Arms throughout India. We are now on the Point of establishing an acknowledged Superiority. If we give Hyder Ally & the Nizam a general Defeat We have the greatest Reason to suppose no Power in Indostan, or even a Junction of Powers will for some Time dare to meet our Troops again in the Field —

Reflecting therefore most seriously on the Importance of the Steps we may now take we think We cannot be justified in leaving any thing to chance in the Execution of a Plan which has such solid Advantages dependant on its being happily accomplished. Our Objects in the Pursuit are of the most interesting kind to all the Presidencies, it is not a trifling Expedition or the Contest for a few Miles of Country, now to be decided,

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it is our very Existance for the present, and our future peace & Tranquility that We seek to establish, and on that Pur-
suit it behoves every one concerned to exert the utmost of
his Abilities to brave every Difficulty and to be steady in
the Execution of the Resolutions once formed without
deviating there from on any slight Occurrence —

On these Principles we would willingly frame our
Views & We hope in the Execution of them you will be able
to equip & compleat your Sepoy Battalions to their full
Complement before they take the Field & inspire them
with Confidence in their own Superiority & good Discipline
over a confused Multitude whom they ought to hold in
Contempt. The European Regiments too we flatter our-
selves will be well regulated & officered, and every man taken
into the Field that is capable of Duty — Your Artillery
will be both numerous & light for Draught, & We hope
we will have the Advantage of being well manned — you
& Carriage Bullocks you have doubtless taken the
Precaution to be plentifully supplied with before all
the Troops are collected. & as you have seen upon an
Policondah Saubgud & Amboor near any Position you
can take while the Enemy remain in the Valley, you
will have great Advantages from thence, as well as
from the Nature of the Country which confines
their Horse. We have sent all the Tents both for
the Officers, Soldiers and Stores, which we have been
able to make or repair, and we have also dispatched
four light Guns to join Colonel Woods Battalions
of Sepoys at Trinomale. If any other Articles are
wanting you must send Bullocks & an Escort for

them

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them, because We have not a Carriage Bullock or a Sepoy to spare—

We again recommend the Appointment of Officers to the Companys in this Garrison, because the Men are ruined & disciplene totally neglected without them.

We must also observe that We are very ill provided for Defence in the Black Town, all the Sepoys We have being the Company newly raised except about 150 from Allamcherry were amongst them. If therefore the Enemy make any motion with their Horse that Way we depend on your detaching with the utmost Expedition a Battalion or two of Sepoys to our Assistance—

The Preservation of the Black Town is of the utmost Importance because the plundering it would be an almost irretrievable Misfortune—

Having thus explained our Ideas very fully We beg you will give Us your Sentiments at large on all the Points we have mentioned, and also your Opinion concerning the Operations of the Army, how they may be directed with the greatest Advantage to our grand Plan of Service against Hyder Ally & the Soubah— We enclose you the Copy of a Letter Lately received from Bengal by which you will see how zealous they make our Cause their own and how far they think we ought to carry our Views—

As soon as We have your Reply We shall send our Orders to Colonel Wood at Trinomale We wish you Health & Success, and assure you of our Assistance in the power of

Sir

Your very Obed.t Servants

Chas Bourchier &c Council

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Send the following Letter to Cuddalore—

To

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To Henry Brooke Esqr
Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore

Letter to Cuddalore

Sir

Mr Sadler being stationed at Tiagar Excellent Carriage Bullocks & Provisions for the use of the Army You will be pleased to supply him with what Money he may have occasion for on this Service

Agreed to furnish Mr Sadler with Money for the Purchase of Provisions

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Cha Bourchier &c Council

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At a Consultation Present

Monday
30 Nov 1767

Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor President
Samuel Ardley
John Call
George Stratton
James Bourchier
George Mackay

Mr Dawson absent on Service

Letter from Colonel Smith read as follows

To the Honble Cha Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Colonel Smith

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honored with your Commands of the 24th Instt and have now the Pleasure to inform you that Captain Wadbank with the Remainder of our Field Artillery & 700 Bullocks Loads of Stores from Wandawash arrived at this Place yesterday. By Letters from Captain Collins I am in Expectation of seeing him & the Convoy here to Day. When the Sick are removed to Madras the Dooleys so employed may be ordered hither for both Regiments

The Artillery arrives at Villour

Artillery

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Artillery &c. there are not more than 40 & those very bad.

Captain Auchmuty could wish to keep his Battalion as it is, rather than introduce Strangers into it. Frazers Sepoys are undisciplined and many Disputes would likely happen between them, being of a different Corps & Cast — therefore (if agreable to you) I think it is better to let them remain, as they are, and We shall find Business sufficient to employ the Royal Garrison, if it was stronger. Captain Buck has again addressed me on the Subject of Money for the Nabobs Sepoys, & unless they are paid he can place no Dependance on them —

Captain Auchmuty desires his Battalion may remain as it is

I am greatly sorry, & surprized with you Gentlen. to find an Appearance of Want here, where the Inhabitants have every Advantage of Security from the Enemy — but it is no less true, than unaccountable. At the Request of the Nawaub I have furnished him with such a Number of Seapoys as he required in order to convoy Paddy &c. from the Country, & hitherto our Wants have been supplied in that manner, being cautious of breaking in upon the Store in Garrison —

I have not yet had a return of the Carriage Bullocks came in with Captain Walbank, when Captain Collins joins — the whole shall be inspected and an Account transmitted to you; The Clerk of Stores thinks he will require 500 — at least for his Ammunition &c. The 2d Regiment has not a Bullock here, for their Tents & Baggage, they must be supplied ere we can move, which will greatly diminish the Number intended to carry Provisions, I have got near 200 from Wandawash, with the Assistance of Mr. Lathom, who promises me a further Supply if

apprehends the Want of Carriage Bullocks

possible

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possible – I have been trying every method in my Power to get some here but in vain. Colonel Wood I should imagine with ease could have sent any Number from the Southward, as the Inhabitants & Country there, have not suffered any Ravages from the Enemy; this is a very serious and material Point, and you may be assured I will use my utmost Endeavors towards forwarding it all in my Power, but I must say, it is somewhat Extraordinary that this Country which in many Places is covered with Cattle, cannot supply us with a Sufficiency. I shall make no Ceremony in taking them where they are to be found, I hope your Gentlemen will not blame me for any Steps of that kind

Colonel Campbell & myself finding our Regiments so weak, both in Officers & Men are of Opinion if the Establishment was reduced to eight Companies they would be more compact, and you would not be under the Necessity of making so many more Captains. I have the honor to inclose you a List of the Officers as they stand now for your Perusal & Approbation, when it is your Pleasure that any Addition of Subalterns should be appointed – I can then remove so many Lieutenants from the Sepoys, as will serve to compleat the two Regiments. Captain Collins by this Regulation may remain at Madras so long as you chuse, or think his Presence necessary – But I must remark that what with Sickness and the public Officers, in each of our Corps – they are now at present destroyed for them Colonel Campbell recommends to your Notice for Promotion Serjeants Dunbill & M.Lean both Men of excellent Characters they have been used to the Sepoys and will make good

Officers

proposes reducing the Regiments to 8 Comps

Serjeants Dunbill & M.Lean recommended for Cadets

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Officers for that Corps — Quarter Master Seffert of my Troop is a deserving Man, & a brave Soldier, he might be useful in the Black Cavalry if you thought pr oper to give him a Cornetcy in them. You will see the Instructions Major Fitz Gerald pointed out to me and those Officers are accordingly ordered to join him — I have also to request the favour, that you will grant Rank to Ensign Donald Mc. Donald agreable to the Date of his Kings Commission while he remains on the Coast —

I have sent Orders regarding the Pondicherry Prize Money and when your Paymaster Arrives, will endeavor to settle it, in such a manner as may prove satisfactory to you — why it was not paid sooner I am altogether a stranger to — but I assure you that the Sepoys upwards of twenty times have complained to me of the Want of it —

The Letter I had the honor to receive from you under Cover for Mons.r Martin I have this Day dispatched to him, with offers of handsome Rewards to those employed on this Service — any others you may have Occasion to send — I'll take Care of & introduce them with all the Diligence possible tho' there is great Risque, from the strict Watch kept up by the Enemy to apprehend our Hircars —

Mr. Stracey I doubt not is with you ere this & has given You an Account of Affairs in the Valley — Agreable to your Orders a Court of Enquiry shall be held on the Officers from Vencambadie, respecting their Conduct, but it was impossible for them to hold the Place after the Enemy had brought their heavy Cannon against it. As Mr. Oldham now at Arcott properly

1 Quarter Master Seffert for a Cornetcy —

Ensign Donald Mc. Donald may have rank according to his Kings Commission —

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property belongs to Colonel Campbells Regiment I thought to have ordered him here and Davis to Ascot, Robinson shall proceed to Madras, tho' should he remain here he might be usefull to collect together the Stragglers of his Seapoys who are daily droping in from the Enemys Camp

I have the Honor to inclose you a Chit, which I have this Moment received from Captain Calvert, the Stile of which is so contrary to my Expectations that I own I have felt great Uneasiness since its arrival, it is true the Enemy may harrass & fatigue his People - some of them will be killed & others wounded, & a considerable Breach may be made - but for my Part I do not conceive how it can be attacked, there is no Road leads to the Top where two men can ascend a breast, and suppose they reached near the Summit - the Passage to the Fort is so difficult of Access that I (without Arms, or Opposition) found it dangerous to scramble up, Captain M.Lean is of my Opinion, but the Person on the Spot, must be the best Judge - with respect to Provisions, M.Lean says he imagines there was a Sufficiency for two Months at least - In Consequence of this Letter, we are making all possible Dispatch (as sparing to march, but both Colonel Campbell, & Major Bonjour, are of Opinion that of the Enemy moves, and not properly equiped & furnished with Provisions, that We shall be obliged to stop in the Midst of our Business, for Supplies of Grain &c Captain Collins is now marching in with his Detachment, not a moment shall be lost in forwarding every Article, to get from hence

When Major Fitzgerald arrives I shall communicate to him your Instructions, relative to the Establishment

Letters in Intelligence received from Amboor

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Establishment for Black Cavalry, and shall have the Honor to send you my Opinion thereon.

If Hyder Naigue would wait in his present Position untill Colonel Wood arrives at Trinomalé & he could enter the Pass of Singar pettah it would be a very lucky Event. But what We have seen of Hyder's Motions, we need not expect he'll ever give us such an Advantage.

If the Army was in a Condition to march I should not hesitate a moment, or wait for Colonel Wood but move directly against the Enemy. It is evident to every Officer here, that we are at present by no means in a Capacity to leave this for a longer Time than three Days - and to return much is yet wanting to compleat the Artillery That I did not expect however, we will put every hand to the Work, and get it soon dispatched.

I have the Honor to inclose you an Account of the Provisions in Store here, delivered to Me by Mr Monckhouse nothing can be got from the Amildar & I am wearied with soliciting him.

Our Draught Cattle are not better than when the Troops were ordered into Cantonments, and 200 of the best Mr Mahoney tells me he has sent to Madras - I therefore leave some of my Artillery here, for there are not near a Sufficiency to draw them, and in place of reducing our Numbers - they should be augmented - Since writing the above Mr Moncton is arrived and promises to settle every thing with regard to the Draught Bullocks & propose (if there is a Possibility) of moving tomorrow Evening, or next Morning with Part of the Army.

Complaints of the Draught Bullocks.

I am with all Respect -

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & obliged Hble Servant

Vellour
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Joseph Smith

P.S. I had just finished my Letter when the enclosed came from Captain Wahlanks, but that must not stop mine

Letter from Captain Calvert

Dear Sir

I have been cooped up on the Hill of Amboor these 9 Days, the Enemy have had 10 Batteries against me these 6 Days, every Gun of which throws the Shott into the Fort or against the Works, so that there is scarce one yard in the whole Place where Spinters of Shot Stone, & Rockets do not fall a Breache likewise has been made these 4 Days, that a Battalion of Sepoys might walk in a Breast, I do what I can to repair it every night, but you may judge what I can do with 10 Sascars and about as many Coolies, my Sepoys are sickly many wounded & the rest quite worn out with fatigue having been constantly on Duty, Day & Night these 12 Days & frequently working hard, the Enemy hath this Day summoned me to surrender, I have refused & bid them Defiance they are now preparing for a Storm, the Consequences only known to God, but this I know of they make different Attempts (as of Course they will being so numerous) I have not one fourth men enough to oppose them as I cannot muster above three hundred fit for Duty — My Ammunition & Provision grow short, & of Course if Relief does not come immediately, the Place must fall, the Loss of which the Company will feel perhaps more than they at present think of, the Hill that commands this on which they have two Batteries of two Guns each, the Shott from which they plump into all Parts of the Fort Day & Night

represents the bad State of the Fort

the Want of Provision & Ammunition & the Impossibility of holding out much longer —

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Night, I know if a small Body was to march against them they would raise the Siege, they made an Attempt to come up the Hill & pl anted Colours pretty high up, I made a Sally and drove them down, but next Day they brought a twenty four Pounder to bear on the Gate Way and broke it so that I was obliged to wall it up, this Day their Army made a move the Nowam lay in the Valley leading to Saatgur and Hyder Naigue on the Plain of Amboor near where our Redoubt was, that Place I had great Dependance on, but it was given up without firing a shott – I had likewise posted a strong Party on the Hill which commands this with Ammunition & Provision Plenty to have served them 10 Days, but that likewise was abandoned without firing a Shott, I think there was Treachery carried on, as there was against this place also – I am obliged to keep the Killedar & about 20 of his Men Prisoners, as he carried on a Correspondence with the Enemy, so altogether you may judge what a comfortable Situation I am in – they have dashoys the Redoubt so it cannot hurt us –

Yours sincerely
Mathew Calvert

23d November 1767 –

The President Lays before the Board the following Letter from Colonel Smith –

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c
of Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Smith –

Dear Sir

I have been honored with your favors of the 26th We are so busy preparing to move that I hope you will excuse my not answering them fully – be assured Sir no

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no Opportunity, or time shall be lost, in carrying into Execution the Plan you have concerted with Mons. Martin the Moment I receive any Accounts from Suja, they shall be forwarded to you -

I had never understood the Deficiency in the Number of Draught Bullocks had been fully reported and from Manoury's report to the Contrary, I sent down to the Board there not being enough - but from Captain Wallbanks Letter to me after mine to the Board was sent away he says the Number of Draught Bullocks is compleat. I had them mustered to day, & tho many that were sent out, & unfit for Service was deserted I find there remains a sufficiency to take the Field - At present it is impossible for Me to ascertain the Number of Carriage Bullocks -

Advice of there being a sufficient Number of Draught Bullocks

No Intelligence from Arnboor to Day, but I hope in three Days, to be near enough to procure it my-self except my Wishes for your Health & believe that I am with all Respect & Esteem -

Hon^ble Sir

Your dev^d & Obed^t Servant

Joseph Smith

Vellour
28th Novem^r 1767 -

Orders in Consequence

We are glad to find that the Deficiency Colonel Smith apprehended in the Draught Bullocks is provided for, and We hope he has lost no Time in making a Motion either with the whole or Part of the Army to Vering apooram or even as far as Palicondah, as We imagine the Appearance of our Troops will oblige the Enemy to raise the Siege of Arnboor, the Preservation of which Place Worrgard of the utmost Importance, not only on Account of the Service it will be of to our Troops -

Necessity of obliging the Enemy to raise from Arnboor -

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Troops when they move up the Valley, but for the Advantage the Enemy would have from such a Post, by being able to enter the Carnatic at Pleasure, & the Reputation the Conquest thereof would give to Hyder Ally's Arms.

We acquiesce with Captain Aitchinsons Battalion remaining as it is and Colonel Smith may employ Capt.r Fraser as He may think proper.

The Reduction of the Regiments & the distribution of the officers approved.

We approve of the Reduction of the Regiments as proposed by Colonels Smith & Campbell for the present & of the Distribution they have made of the Officers to the several Corps. And upon their Recommendation We consent to Serjeants Dunthill & Mc Lean being appointed Cadets, and they may be immediately ordered to act as Officers, of their Duty as required. With regard to Ensign Mc Donald. We cannot admit him on this Establishment on any other footing than that directed by the Court to rank after the Cadets appointed by them. That he may not however be prejudiced in his Rank should he remove to Bombay, He may for the present have a Brevet to rank agreable to his Kings Commission.

Serjt Dunthill & Mac Lean appointed Cadets.

Ensign Mc Donald to have a Brevet with his Rank in case he leaves the Coast.

The President lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter from John Lewen Smith Esq.r to the President dated 23.d Nov.r 1767.

Hussain Ally has communicated to me a Circumstance which if it can be brought to bear may put Us in Possession of Commaumet even before the whole Body moves; it is this, Jaffier Beg Cawn the Phousdar of Commaumet, it seems was formerly on the Service of Hussain Ally & pretends at least to some Attachment

Extract of a Letter from J. L. Smith Esq.r advising of some Proposals having been made by Jaffier Beg Cawn the Killedar of Commaumet for delivering up the Fort.

for

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for him, who in Consequence of some Advances made to him by Hussain Ally at my Request, has made him that of the Company will promise not to call on him for the Arrears of the Rents of that Country owed by him to the Soubah, and he (Hussain) will also forgive what he is indebted to him, & get him continued in the Management of the Country, or at least some Jaguier out of it settled on him that he will deliver up the Fort of Commamet & the others depending thereon to our Troops. Hussain on his Part has readily consented to give up his Demands. and I have also ventured to promise that the Company shall not call upon him for the old Arrears and would likewise endeavor to obtain him some Establishment as a Reward in Case he performed what he promises which I hope you will approve of and confirm for I really think the possession of those Forts and Countries would be cheaply gained on such Terms which in fact would not be any thing out of the Companies Pocket as whatever reward you might consent to give him should be drawn from the Revenues of the Country he puts you in possession of. I need not point out to you, Sir, the Advantages that will arise by the Accomplishment of this Affair, I shall only say, that in such Case our Troops, might immediately put in Execution the Designs you might have in View against Hydrabad, which alone would be attended with many good Consequences, however should be glad of your Answer soon as soon as possible, in the mean Time Hussain Ally will take all Measures for hastening the Execution of it

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Resolution in Consequence—

As We regard the Prosecution of Conveyance as a direct Opening towards Hydrabad, and a Path which will greatly facilitate our Operations in the Deckans We cannot hesitate a Moment in consenting to promise not to remit any Demands on the Killedar for the Arrears of Rent due to the Soubah for that Country, and are well pleased to find Meer Jaffeir Ally has so readily agreed to relinquish his Demands on Sirsee — As to consenting Him again in that Circar, We can place little Confidence in a Man, who is just going to give Us such a Proof of his Breach of Trust, nor would we willingly promise him any Jagueer in that Country — The Nature however of the Recompence to be made Him must be determined by the Strength & Importance of the Place And that Mr. Smith may be the more particularly informed thereof, We hope he will if it is not already done Order Lieutenant Colonel Hart with the Bengal Europeans, and as many others as can be spared from the Service of the Circars, and at least one Battalion of Sepoys, with the heavy Guns from Condapilla to proceed directly thither — If on his Arrival there it appears capable of making any considerable Defence, or any other Inconveniences or Difficulties may arise by the Time taken up in attacking it — The Killedar may be promised a Jagueer to the Amount of 20000 Rupees p.r Annum out of the Revenues of that Country, and that he shall remain under our Protection — In the mean time he may be acquainted that a suitable Provision shall be made for him — But should it appear to Lieutenant Colonel Hart

that

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That Command & its Dependances may be easily reduced
the Recompence for the Surrender of it should be lowered
in Proportion —

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Frenchman read as
follows viz.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. & Council
at Fort St. George

Letter from Lieut Col.
Frenchman —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 10th Instant I had the
Honor to receive last Night & have forwarded this
Morning the enclosed Letter to the Chief & Factors at
Anjengo. Should these Seapoys arrive wholly in
this Garrison, they shall agreable to your Orders be
furnished with whatever will be necessary, and without
loss of time proceed to Trichenopoly, and in case I should
be gone before their Arrival, shall leave your Orders
concerning them with the Officer that succeeds me —

Permit me Honble Sir & Sirs, to return
you my sincerest thanks for the Honor done me in ap-
pointing me a Lieutenant Colonel to the First Regiment
with any Rank in the Honble Company's Service —
As soon as the Officer which is to succeed me arrives
here, I shall deliver up to him the Charge of this Gar-
rison, and agreable to your Orders set out and join the
first Regiment —

Notwithstanding the Agreements lately
made by Royah Hookoomatraw with all the Pollygars
in this Country except Coimby Naigue they seem to
pay very little Attention to their Promises —

Rajah

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Rajah Hookomattroo informed me yesterday that he could not get the Money from the Polygars which they had agreed to pay - and that all even to the smallest Polygar except the Pooyalore cutchy nim refused to pay what they had promised - that to the Contrary one and all made fresh Demands of Villages of which they say in former Times they had the Cowley Vcharge of -

The Shivagurry man who now is dead began by seizing on three Villages in the Shevelapatore Country and prevented the Paddy being cut, he pretended that he had them 10 Years ago, and insisted on having them again, his Successors who are Head Chiefs persist in the same Demand & have now some of the People in those Places -

Comby Nayue would come to no Agreement unless he had the Cowley of Attrapelum which is a very rich Paddy Country given him - this Rajah Hookomattroo did not think prudent to consent to as it was well known that at that Time this Nayue with some of his People had joined Mauphus Cawn -

Such like Demands every One of the Pollygars makes now - which if granted would put the best Part of this Country into their Hands

I am positively informed that the Marravas Dannoy pillah is encouraging the Polygars as much as he can to fall out with the Circar - The Perjatiun Curtchy Vakeel declared that Dannoy Pillah did all he could to prevent his Master from agreeing with the Circar, and that now as he could not prevail on him he had

advising of the Troubles raised in the Tinnevelly Country by Dannoy pillah the great Marravar Farkun -

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had declared he would assist the Children of the Head Pangalow cut off by Mano who is a Prisoner in this Gar-rison and take that Country from him he also propos'd to the Chupour and Nuglapeer Men whose Countries border on the Marrawas to build in Conjunction a Fort in the Centre of the three Countries and at the Boun-dary of each, both the Polygars at first refused this Pro-posal, but now I am told for certain that the Nuglapeer Polygar had consented and that they both had sent their People to mark out the Ground, & that they had already drove the Pins for a large Fort to be built.

Some Days ago Outtum Ally a Polygar who had hitherto been a Friend to the Circar, sent me by his Vaquil a Letter to peruse which he had received from a Head Braminy that had run away some Years ago from this Country, and who is now with Hyder Ally, in this Letter the Braminy mentions, that the Nabob Hyder Ally had been very sorry to know that Maphus Cawn had been taken Prisoner and had ordered him to acquaint all the Polygars in the Madura & Tinnevelly Countrys that he had Commanders enough left, to send in Maphus Cawns room, and that Hyder Ally had already ordered the Sahib Zadda (his Son) to march to Dindigul, that at that Place he would be furnish'd with the necessary Money to pay the Troops & hoped that as soon as they received his Orders from Dindigul all the Polygars would join him, in order to enter the Madura & Tinnevelly Country and drive the English & Mahomed Ally's Troops out of it, he also mentions that the Nabob Hyder Ally died assuring them, that he

he will give them whatever Country they should like, if they faithfully assisted the Said Sudzy. & that moreover they would have very little Trouble to conquer this Country as the Nizam & Hyder Ally were determined to march with a very numerous Army to Madura, which would prevent any Troops being sent to assist those in the Tonnaveltey Country.

Such a Letter the Vackeel assures me every one of the Polygars had received. About a Month before Mapuhus Cawn was taken, three Letters of every near the same Tenor came to every Polygar, one from Shah Braman, one from Hyder Ally himself, & one from Mapuhus Cawn.

The Behaviour of late of all the Polygars have very little Trouble but that this Letter together with Dumdy Pulla have made some Impression on them, and that they all are inclined to break out afresh. I have the Honor to remain with profound Respect

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t & Hble Servant

Daniel Frischmann

Palamcotah
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Order thereon.

We had little Expectation that the Polygars in the Madura & Tonnaveltey Countries would long remain quiet after our Troops were withdrawn. We must however, till our Affairs will admit of our sending a Force to keep them in Subjection, rely on Colonel Fraschmann's taking the most prudent Measures for the Preservation of the Peace of the Country, and it must be recommended to him to prevent the Building the Fort intended by Dumdera Pulla, & for which Purpose, He with all the Force if necessary, apply to Lieutenant Col. De Beche to assist him.

&c

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Purport of a Letter to be wrote to Damarey Pellard

Hee is also to be desired to write to Damaderey Pellarey ex-
sing Our Disapprobation of his Conduct & assuring him that
We shall certainly take the first Opportunity of making
him repent of his stirring up the Polygars to rebell
against the Nabob's Government. To which Purport also
the President is desired to write to him.

There being two Pondecherry Boats now here,

It is agreed that 14 Chests of Arms be sent by them to
Cuddalore to be forwarded from thence to Trugar for the
Use of the 16th Battalion of Sepoys. And as the De-
tachment with Colonel Wood will be in Want of Money
Ordered that 32000 Rupees be sent by the same Con-
veyance and which the Gentlemen at Cuddalore are
to be directed to forward under an Escort to Trugar.

14 Chests of Arms for the 16th Battalion of Sepoys And 32000 Rupees for Colonel Woods Detachment to be sent by Boats to Cuddalore

P. Bouchier
Sam.l Ardley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
P. Bouchier
Geo: Mackay

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30 Dispatched the following Letter—

To Colonel Joseph Smith

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 27th & the President immediately wrote you a short Answer: He has since communicated to Us your Letter of the 28th by which We are glad to find that the Deficiency you apprehended in the Number of Draught Bullocks is provided for, and We flatter ourselves you immediately made a Motion with the whole, or part of the Army to Vengapooram and even to Policondah, if possible for we imagine the bare Appearance of our Troops in the Field will induce Hyder Ally to raise the Siege of Amboor which We hope is not yet taken as there is no news of such an Event. Indeed We regard the Preservation of that Place as a Point of the utmost Importance not only for the Service it must be of to you, in Case you march up the Valley, but particularly for the Advantage the Enemy will have in such a Post of entering the Carnatick and the Reputation the Conquest of it will give to Hyder Ally's Arms—

We acquiesce with Captain Reichenauty's declining to augment his Battalion from Captain Fraser's & you may employ the latter as you think proper. The Nabob assures us he has sent Money to pay the Sepoys at Conjeveram, & made them up 100 Men—

We are informed by the Nabob that there is a large Quantity of Rice at Arnaap Tiruteri between Arcott & Wandawash, & also at Timery as these Places are not far from Vellour. We hope you will be able to get

constant

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constant Supplies from thence. Arcott or Ony —

We approve of the Reduction of the Regiments to 8 Companys for the present while our Officers are not sufficient for more & also of the Distribution you have made of the Officers to the Regiments. the Cavalry, and to the Sepoys. Upon your Recommendation of Seyants Dumbill & Maclean we admit of their being appointed Cadets & you may order them to do Officers Duty on any directly if Officers are wanted. Their Commissions shall be made out in their Turns. Ensign Donald McDonald shall have a Brevet Rank according to his Kings Commission while he remains on this Coast, but we cannot admit him on this Establishment on any other Situation than what the Company Direct.

We hope that you have not delayed your March out of Vellour thro any Deficiency in the Artillery. If you can only take 10 Pieces besides those for the Sepoys we imagine that Number will be sufficient. We wait with the utmost Expectation to hear of your being at Vermgaporam, to which Place or even to Policond the Sepoys may each carry a Weeks Provision of Rice, and all the Camels Elephants, Hackeryes & Bullocks of every Kind should be loaded with more. We have wrote to Mr. Stonhouse to employ all the People he can collect to beat Paddy & supply you with Rice —

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

Chas. Boucher &c Council

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To John Lewen Smith Esq.r
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

The President has communicated to

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to Us the Purport of your Letter of the 23d. Instant re-
lating to the Proposals made by Jaffeir Beg Cawn for
putting Us in Possession of Commaumet on the Terms
you have therein recited. As We regard the Possession
of Commaumet as a Great Opening towards Hydrabad
& a Post which will greatly facilitate our intended Expedition
into the Deckan, We cannot hesitate a Moment in consent-
ing to promise not to make any Demands on him for the
Arrears of Rent due to the Soubah for that Country &
are well pleased that Hussain Ally has so readily agreed
also to relinquish his Demands on him - As to employ-
ing him any more in that Concern, We can repose little Confide-
nce from a Man who is just going to give Us so great a
Proof of his breach of Trust, nor would We willingly
promise him any Ingress in that Country - The only
Point which can determine the Nature of the Recompence
must be the Strength & Consequence of the Place, and that
You may be more particularly informed thereof, We
hope you will, if you have not done it already, order Lieut.
Colonel Hart with the Bengal Europeans, Worth as many
other as can be spared from the Service of the Circars and
at least one Battalion of Sepoys to proceed directly thither.
If it appears the Place may make any considerable Oppo-
sition or any other Inconveniences or Difficultys may
arise by the Time taken up in attacking it, the Killedar
may be promised a Ingress to the Amount of 20,000
Rupees p.r Annum out of the Revenues of that Country
And that He shall remain under our Protection; In
the mean Time he may in general Terms be acquainted

That

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that a suitable Provision shall be made for him. But should it appear to Colonel Hart that Command & its Dependancies may be easily reduced, the Recompence for the Surrender of it, should be lowered in Proportion.

We have received Proposals for entertaining Foreigners in Hyder Ally's Service & forming a Body of them in the Company's, and We are inclined to employ those not only to prevent their making that Opposition which they often do, or are the Cause of doing from the Country Powers. You will therefore encourage any you may hear of in the Circars or elsewhere to enter into the Company's Service & send them hither to receive the Bounty. Weare

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends
Chas Bourchier & Council

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To Henry Brooke Esqr.
Chief &c. Council at Cuddalore

Gentlemen

We have engaged two Pondicherry Boats to carry the Chests of Arms for the Use of Captain Wood's Battalion of Sepoys, for which you will therefore immediately provide Carts, Bullocks or other Conveyances that no time may be lost in sending them to Tirgar as soon as they arrive with you. We shall also send by the same Boats thirty two thousand Rupees for the Payment of Colonel Wood's Detachment, & which you will also send an Escort to Tirgar to be delivered to Mr. Rait the Paymaster of that Detachment.

As soon as the Boats arrive with you, the Sepoys which are sent in them are to return hither Over

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overland with all Expedition.

Sir

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Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends
Charles Bourchier & Council

Came in this Evening a Letter from Major Flint at Trichinopoly to the Secretary dated 25th Instant, advising that he purposed marching the next Morning with the 3 Regt to the Encampment at Monsoor Petah, having got all the Guns, Stores and Ammunition over the Rivers, that the 7th part of the 10th Battalions of Sepoys were already there and that he expected the other 5 Companies of the 10th Battalion the next Morning from Palamcotah. In Consequence of which the following Letter was immediately wrote by the President to Colonel Wood.

Advice of the Guns &c from Trichinopoly having got over the Rivers, & of the Troops being expected to assemble at Monsoor Petah.

To Colonel Wood

Sir

Letter to Col. Wood advising him thereof & recommending his proceeding to Trinomalé with all Expedition.

By a Letter from Major Flint to the Secretary I learn that he marches to Monsoor Petah the 26th in the Morning & consequently I hope he will be at Tongar by this Time, where you will probably meet him. I do not imagine you have any thing compleat, or that all the Troops may have joined you, and therefore a few Days Stay at Tongar would be useful, but if you can do it without any evident Inconvenience I should be glad you would march on to Trinomalé and there wait till you have further Orders from the Board or Colonel Smith.

About 3 Days ago 4 light Guns & two Tumbrils with an Officer 20 Artillery & 50 Sepoys set out from hence to join you at Trinomalé & this Day 32.000 Rupees have been dispatched to Cuddalore to be sent Mr. Rous as well as

Advice of the Guns &c with the 1/6 Battalion of Sepoys ordered to join at Trinomalé

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a 350 New Arms for Captain Mathews Battalion. If these Things should not arrive at Tiagar while you are there you may leave some Sepoys to escort them to Trinomalé and send Horses to meet them on the Road.

There are eight Companys of Captain Mathews Battalion at Tiagar & Trinomalé and I have ordered Lieutenant Huske with the other two Companys to join you taking with him two small Guns. If the two Companys of the Nabobs intended for Wooriapolliam are not gone thither I desire you will order them from Pulicat or wherever they are.

The Enemy have been battering Amboor with near 20 Guns these many Days, and by a Letter from Captain Calvert of the 23d it appears that he had many men killed & wounded, that he had not above 300 Sepoys left, & that there was a very large Breach made in the Wall, which he expected they would assault next Day. We have heard nothing since, but it is reported Hyder Ally has withdrawn his Guns. Colonel Smith marched part of the Army towards Polliconda yesterday & he hoped to move with the rest to Day. This Motion will doubtless induce the Enemy to collect their forces, abandon the Siege of Amboor & take post or chuse their Ground to fight on; for We are well informed Hyder Ally is determined to stand another Battle. If that appears to be the Case Colonel Smith agreable to the Intentions of the Board will doubtless order you to join him, & endeavor by one decisive Blow to end the War. If on the other Hand Hyder Ally retires towards Vellour body you may probably be ordered

to

& of the Situation of the Enemy

& of Colo. Smith

to get on his Rear, but on this Subject you will have Advice by the Time your Party reaches Trinomale, of which as well as other Occurrences you are constantly to advise Colonel Smith after passing your Post to thereto you will send the inclosed Letter to the Royak of Cumbellore, by a good Hircar, & you may take a Copy of it in order to send a Duplicate, and write again a few Days after.

caution with regard to the Europeans expected to come off from Hyder Ally's Service —

The European Officers in Hyder Ally's Service are in Correspondence with Us, & have all engaged to come off with their Troops, or to turn against him in an Action. Should any come to you, let them be received & well treated, but you must be careful not to mention this Circumstance to any Person —

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Charles Bourchier

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Captain Alexander being prevented by Sickness to proceed immediately to Warriarpollam, Orders were sent to Mr. Brooke at Cuddalore to send Lieutenant Corbet to relieve Lieutenant Hooke in the Command of that Place —

Lieutenant Corbet ordered to relieve Lieutenant Hooke at Warriarpollam —

Decem.r 1.st Received that Day the following Letters from Captain Calvert addressed to Major Bourchier & Colonel Smith —

Dear Sir

Letter from Captain Calvert advising of this Proceedings

In mine of the 23.d Instant, I acquainted you of the Progress the Enemy had made towards taking this Place, but as I am not certain that you got it, I now acquaint you again, that on the 15.th the Enemy

obliged

obliged me to take to the Hill, and from that Time to the
23d they kept a continual Cannonade from 11 different
Batteries some of their Shott were directed against the Works
and some to rake different Parts of the Hill, particularly
two Batteries they had of two Guns each on the Hills
which commands this, so that there was scarce a yard in
the whole Place that Splinters of Stone or Shott did not
fall, several Breaches were made, but one that a Battal-
lion of Sepoys might march in a Breast, on the 23 they
sommoned me to surrender which I refused, and on 24th
in the forenoon I thought they would have set the Rock
on Fire, they powered in their Shot from all Sides with
such Fury. the Europeans I have with me came in a
Body & beged I would give up the Fort, I obliged them to
return to their Posts, but it was with much grumbling
about three in the Afternoon the Enemy sent a Flag
of Truce, and with it a Letter. Copy of which you will
see on the other Side with my Answer, on this Flag of
Truce the Europeans came again to desire I would come
to an Agreement, I offered every man that was afraid to
venture his Life with me in Defence of the Fort, my
Permission to go away, & that I would get them a Pass-
=port from Hyder Ally, to go thro his Camp, they were
ashamed of themselves & returned to their Posts. saying
they had but one Life to lose, and they would risk it
with me, this Night the Enemy began to make Entrench-
ments to run zig zag up the Hill to the Breach, scaling
Ladders were put up in our Sight opposite other Places
next Morning they cannonaded as furiously as before &
their whole Army was on the move, as if they had designed

Horse

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Horse and Foot to march on to the Hill, however I got a Gun or two to bear upon them which killed a good Many & made the rest move to a great Distance, this Night the 25th they withdrew their Guns from all their Batteries. I thought they had been going off and consluded you were on the March so I sent two men from the Hill who are just returned from their Camp, who tell me they have sent all their heavy Baggage to Trichinopoor, and are preparing to march against you, and say they will beat you, after which they will return and take Arnboor, Bazalet Jung, & Runnum Cad Dowlah who were encamped in the Valley leading to Sautghur, have this Day moved and now lie in the Vellour Road between Hyder Naigue & you, but within 2 Miles of him by my Information be true you are some where about Bruna geporam, and another Party of our Troops about Sautgur, you might easily march here, as there is now nothing in their Way, and if you were to march at the same time you might crush them, they are a Sett of vile Poltroons. By your very Name frightens them, tho' they pretend to meet you, they keep Troops in the Pettah, but they are not many, a Company of Sepoys would clear them—

The following is Hyder Naigue's Letter to Captain Calvert—

To

You have fought a long time, without force, you cannot fight your Fort, except Force, you may fight 20 Days or the like, I think you are now absent Soldier, & have fought a long time, we have broke down your Walls, & I think it better for you to come to an Agreement, Whatever

Your

St of the Enemy have removed their Guns from Arnboor.

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You have to say, send by the same Serjeant as before, and if you have any thing particular send by the same Serjeant, and I shall send my answer by him back

Tatty Hyther.

24th Novr. 1767.

This Letter is wrote in English, so there is no Mistake in the Interpretation. (My Answer)

Sir

I have received your Nonsense, in answer to which if you please to come up the Hill and try to get in at the Walls you have broken down, you shall find Forces sufficient to kill 5 or 6 Thousand of your People & make ten times as many run away, you are pleased to praise me as a good Soldier, but you have not yet bid me, when you do, I design to make your Words good & till then I desire you will trouble me no more with Messages or Letters.

M. Calvert

I shall shortly be in want of every thing, if these Rascals are not removed, I believe they cannot have much ammunition for it is my Opinion they have fired at this Hill near 50 Thousand Shott. Remain D. Major &c.

Yours sincerely

M Calvert

27th Novr. 1767.

P.S. If Colonel Smith be with you, beg you will give him this, as it is designed for the Commanding Officer.

Dear Colonel

I have this moment received Yours, & am glad to hear of your speedy Intention to march this Way, you will see by a Letter I wrote yesterday how much I was determined on holding out the Place against all

all Attempts, my Sepoys have behaved like Princes and you may be sure I have not been slacke in promising them Rewards, Hyder Ally this Day wrote me a Letter, wherein he tells me if I will give up the fort, he will give me 15 thousand Rupees, one thousand a month & make me Commandant of a great Part of his Troops - I have wrote him such a Letter on the Subject that will make him bite his own Flesh; in which I acquainted him if he sent me any more Letters or Messages I would hang the Person who brought them - You little know the Situation I have been in, time, at present will not allow me to tell you, so shall defer it till I have the pleasure of seeing You, I had some News from their Camp this Day, which is about 6000 of their Horse, a few Sepoys & 6 Guns were sent two Days ago towards Vellour about Polecondah, in which place they have made a Redoubt, and with this Force they design to stop you till they take Amboor, but if you can come round this Redoubt, storm it & they will run away if I had but three hundred men more I could have spiked their Guns in their grand Battery - The Situation of their Camp is as I have laid it down in the little Sketch I here with send you, the Nizam is at Vemambaddy, but Bazalet Jung and Rucum ud Dowla are here Holdyou in my last but one the Nizams Camp lay in the Valley which leads from Amboor to Sant Gur, but yesterday they moved into the Valley that leads to Polecondah to keep them in Play till you got to Sant Gur and then for you both to march at the same time, & contrive it so that you could fall upon them about Day break, those who marched from Polecondah would fall upon the rear of Bazalet Jungs Camp,

and

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and those from Saubgur on the Right Flank of Hyder Naigue, However you are the best Judge. Ther was only a Scheme of Jemme, but the Troops you have with you may not be sufficient to be divided —

I am

Dear Sir with the greatest Truth

Yours &c.

M Calvert

Amboor 28 Nov.r 1767

12 o Clock at Night

2.d The following Letter from Mr. Martin to the Chevalier St. Lubin which was forwarded by Colonel Smith came in this Day —

Letter from Mr. Martin to Chevalier De St. Lubin

Sir

If I had had an Opportunity sooner than that of Lieutenant Robinson you would not have had Cause to accuse me of Neglect.

I wish I was already arrived, altho' I come only upon your word, which I think sacred, particularly towards me; because you know that I am a plain Man without any Cunning. Besides, you are too honest yourself to take away my certain livelyhood without procuring me some other. Then without Ceremony, I may eat it peaceably, for altho' I have given no hoin to that great Machine, and every thing is ready, and Mons.r Dumont, Eloy & Maistre will be with you as soon as this Letter, also Mons.r Chevalier, who has now two Hundred Rupees a Month & Mons.r Dumard with their Troops will not stay long, Mons.r Vaine, Bienvenue, la Montagne ought to bring some Topasses, & all the Chiefs being once arrived, they will easily be able to draw their Soldiers after them; nevertheless I cannot answer for any thing in so delicate an Affair. Men are so inconsist-

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adoring of Eloy, Maistre and Dumont having come & that others were ready to follow —

inconsistent that they are not to be depended on. Sophia
is still in the Decans — Mr. Aumont is sick, have strong
refused Service on very advantageous Conditions. Guidow
has been killed at Amboor, as well as Saint Servant, &
my Friend Colyssack the Head Tagur — The Sugerinnes
and our Armies trimble. I have given Orders to all
those I thought capable to use them, prepare themselves
& I'll be with you in a short time and with Respect and
Esteem — I am

Sir

Camps at Amboor
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Your most humble & obed. Serv.t
Martin —

P S Yes! Sir Mons.r Aumont is in the Secret, and I am not
so delicate as to take any Umbrage at him. When a good
thing is to be done, nothing stops me: Truth is always
triumphant, & I push the Thing at a great Rate. Eloy
sets out to Day & Ivory soon after. But you'll see me
naked as Virtue tho always well cloathed with the
Esteem of such a Man as you. I should have set out
with Eloy, but I must give every Body notice —

and also of Hyders Intention to make an Attempt on the Black Town —

Be on your Guard, it is intended to burn the
Black Town very soon. I have advised the Commandant at Amboor that there is a Man in the Fort who
endeavours to betray him. I am with Respect

Your most humble & most Obed.t Serv.t
Martin —

The following Letters were thereupon immediately wrote
by the President & sent away —

To Colonel Joseph Smith

Letter to Colonel Smith —

My Dear Colonel —

The Letter you favour'd me with for Mons.r

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adviring him of the above

St. Lubin is just come to hand, and I now enclose you a Translate thereof, by which you will observe the Situation our Project is in for drawing off these People, and you will also take Notice of the Intelligence respecting their intentions of destroying the Black Town. I need not tell you how great our Distress would be even if such were attempted at this time, when we are so ill prepared to make an Opposition. I have wrote to Captain Frazer to send two of his best Companys of his Battalion hither, and should you have reason to think this Intelligence can be depended on, or should you receive any other confirming the same Design, I rely on you to make such a Detachment as your Situation will admit of for the Importance of this Service requires.

Recommending to him to apprehend Should any of the Parties of the Enemy come this Way.

Should any of the Officers with any of the Troops come off you will employ them with the Army or order them where you think proper so that we may be certain that they can do us no harm, should their Intentions be what they do not profess.

I am with great Truth & Esteem

Dear Sir

Your affectionate Humble Servant

Charles Boucher

Fort St. George

2d December 1767.

To Colonel John Wood

Sir

Letter to Col. Wood.

Having received Intelligence that the Enemy have a Design to make a Push to endeavor to burn and plunder the Black Town, as the Forces we have here are very unequal to the Defence of so large an Extent and

Should

should they succeed, We must be reduced to the greatest Distress on every Account. You will please on Receipt hereof to send hither the whole 16th Battalion of Sepoys giving them Orders to march here with the utmost Expedition. I have sent Orders to Ensign Dorrington to send here the three Companies of that Battalion at Trinomale without Loss of time. Ensign Dorrington may remain at Trinomale or be otherwise disposed of as you think proper.

Orders to send the 16th or the 6 Battalion of Sepoys

Colonel Smithes on his March from Vellour towards the Enemy who have not been able to take Amboor altho' they battered it for several Days. The Enemy are encamped near Amboor & seem to be determined to receive Colonel Smith.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Chas Bourchier

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3d Received the following Letters

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

Letter from Mr Dawson

Hble Sir & Sirs

purposes setting off for Madras

I have received the Honor of your Letter of the 27th Ultimo, permitting me to return to Madras

The gracious manner in which Your Honor &c.a are pleased to express your Approbation of my Services on the late Occasion, I place the highest Value on & hope to merit such upon every future transaction wherein I may have the Honor to be employed.

To do Justice to the Gentlemen who were appointed

to

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to assist me, You will permit me to observe, that the Spirit & Emulation they have exerted for this Service merit the highest Commendations —

I intend leaving this Place tomorrow Evening, and have the Honor to be very respectfully —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & very Hble Servt

Geo: Dawson —

Anne
1.st Decr 1767 —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George —

Letter from Captain Dawson —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter to me of the 14.th November 1765 from the Nature of its Contents might well have exempted me from taking the Field, and being therefore subject to the disagreable Necessity of serving under Officers that I have commanded for Number of years; But notwithstanding these Hardships or the Necessity of the Times seemed to require, I have with pleasure past over it, & served in the late Campaign & Actions with Zeal & to the Satisfaction of my Superior Officers. In the above mentioned Letter You have been pleased to inform me that my Want of health was the only reason you had for superseding me. It is well known to the several Officers under whom I have had Sickness never prevented me from performing the Duty I was ordered on as far as my Abilities would allow — I have reason to think that I am unknown to many of You Gentlemen, which makes me take the Liberty to beg that you will consider my constant Behaviour since

I

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I have had the Honor to be in the Service, and you will find that I never have done a thing that could deserve a harsh Word from any of my Superiors, and that I have been constantly in the Field in all Actions of any Note that We have had upon the Coast, and yet sorry I am to remind you that I never have yet received the least Advantage, nor have I ever been put in a Way of having a single Fanam besides my Pay, but rather the Contrary, in the beginning of the Year 1762, when the Army was to the Northward it being my turn to command the Sepoys (in Succession to Captain Blair) I applied for it to Majr Bourchiers & General Caillaud, they both answered me that I was more requisite in Commanding one of the Foreigners Companies talking their Language & knowing their Ways, but that I should not suffer for it, & that I should certainly have some thing or other to make up for that Loss, but as yet that Promise is unperformed —

All the Officers in the Service are convinced that my Health is good, & that I am able to undergo all the Fatigues that a Military Life may require in any Station whatever, for a Proof of which I beg Gentlemen that you will be kind enough to call upon any of my Superiors Officers for my Behaviour & Conduct since I entered the Service, I flatter myself I have attained Experience by being an Officer for two & twenty Years past, & this Experience has been seconded by a Knowledge of my Duty in Theory which I attained many Years ago by a regular Course of Study —

I humbly beg therefore your Honors &c. Will

and

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and serious Consideration of these Particulars I confide
in your Justice for obtaining what my Services & Be-
haviour may seem to deserve, and as I have sincerely
the Good of the Service at Heart, I hope your Honor &c
will bestow on me such Rank as may encourage me to
do my Duty with Chearfulness —

leaving to be entered to his Rank —

I remain with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most Hble Servt
Adv. Fauvan —

Trichenopoly
18th. Novr. 1767 —

4th Sent the following Letter to Lieut. Col. Frischman

To Lieutenant Colonel Frischmann
Commanding at Talamcotah —

Sir

Letter to Lieut. Colonel Frischman —

We have received your Letter of the 20th Nov.
and are concerned to find that the Polygars should
shew such a Readiness to raise Disturbances, tho' We had
indeed little Expectation they would remain Quiet, after
our Troops were withdrawn — We must, till our Affairs
will admit of sending a sufficient Force to keep them
in Subjection, rely on your taking the most prudent
Measures for the Preservation of the Peace of the Coun-
try and We desire you will be particularly attentive that
the Scheme projected by Damory Pillah of building a
Fort be prevented, & for which Purpose you will if you
find it necessary apply to Lieutenant Colonel De Beak
to assist You —

You will write to Damory Pillah acquainting
him how dissatisfied We are with his Conduct, and that
He may rest assured, that We shall certainly take an
Opportunity of making him repent of his Proceedings, if

he

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he continues to stir up the Polygars to rebel against the Nabobs Government - And you will at the same time forward to him, The accompanying Letter from the President.

We are

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servants
Cha Bourchier &c. Council

Came in the following Letter from Colonel Smith -

To the Honble Cha Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Colonel Smith -

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have now before me your Commands of the 28th of Novemr The last Address I had the Honor to transmit to You Gentlemen, would inform you of the Cause of our Detention here - I have now the Satisfaction to tell you the Artillery is almost completed, and the whole Army will be in readiness to move the 3d Instant We are not loosing time at present for many Parts of the Road are so extremely bad, that it will require some time to repair, and make them practicable for our Cannon Hyder Naigue keeps yet a large Body of Troops at Poly=
condah, with four Pieces of Cannon, the rest of the Army are encamped on the Roads leading to Vellaver, & Sautgur with about 600 Sepoys & Topasses in the Pallah of Amboor.

Desiring of the Situation of the Enemy

With respect to Colonel Wood's Detachment it would be very improper for him to enter the Valley without a large Supply of Provisions, and on a Supposition that Hyder Naigue continued his present Position, even in that Case my Correspondence with the Colonel would be very precarious, as the whole Vale must inevitably be covered with

Signifying his Sentiments with regard to Colonel Woods Detachment

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their Cavalry, and We might be obliged to engage, the Enemy
ere he could gain a Knowledge of it, or time to give him
Assistance, or they by forced Marches could come up with
him — without being able to yield the least Succour, as the
Enemy can march thirty Miles a Day with great Ease and
if your Troops went fifteen it would be esteemed a good
Days march —

If Hyder is determined to expose his Army, and
to give Us all the Trouble he can, there could not be a more
favorable Spot for his Purpose than the Ground he is now
and for many miles South West of Amboor — Sam of this
Opinion whenever he is certain that Colonel Woods De-
tachment is arrived at, or near Trinomalé he will fall
back towards Hosbuaghery and Coverpatnam, keeping the
Passes to his own Country in his Rear, where he may take
such Posts as may cost Us much trouble & many Lives to
force, should he be able to persuade his Troops to defend
them. Two Roads are open to him, either to oppose Us
in a general Action, or Post himself which he may
easily do to advantage, and oblige me at all Events to
attack him — He must keep near the Reserves leading
to the Mysore Country for the Sake of Convoys, nor
can he enter the Carnatic except with Horse by the
Route of Changama while our Army is in his rear —
it would be giving Us the same Opportunity he took
when we passed that Defile, and the Southern Detach-
ment approaching those Parts will most assuredly prevent
his Moving by that Way —

From Amboor to Tripatoor, the Country affords
various Ports, that may be occupyed by the Enemy and

give

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guesses much trouble to drive them from. This should be Hyders Plan if he means to throw those Obstacles in our Way which an active Enemy would do - but by the Preparations he has already made, it would appear he has no great Dependance on his People, and his Scheme will be to fortify himself near the Passes and there wait his Morgood Fortune -

Senior Eloy who commanded a Body of Hyder Naigue's Foot came in here yesterday, with a Man whom I had sent to Madras - He is now on the Road to Madras and will give you full Information relative to Hyders Army - He assures me every Encouragement would be glad to leave him, and that they intend to do so the first Opportunity, some have families whom they will send to Places of Safety & then follow. It appeared to me his leaving their Camp, or any of the Soldiery had made their Escape was rather an imprudent Step - As Hyder when he finds his European Officers walking off, will soon be void of Conception how as not to find out the Scheme and compose the rest, or place such Guards to watch their Motions, that it will be impossible for them to get away. I mentioned this Circumstance to Mr Eloy - but he assured me there was no Danger, it does not appear to me in the same Light I must confess -

absence of Mr Eloy's being come off but without any of his People -

If the Enemy were resolved to stay where they are we might find a means to stop their Provisions, not without risking Colonel Woods Detachment by his entering the Pass of Singarpettah - and taking Post at Tripattoor, this would inevitably bring on that Side - and our Army near Amboor must effectually shut up his Communications there

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there, but we may rest satisfied that Hyder Ally will never expose himself to such an Event, by giving Us an Opportunity to deprive him of any Supplies, or suffering Us to get in the Rear of his Army, because the Consequences are very well known to a Man of his Penetration, however, a very little time must shew his Intentions and I shall not lose a Moment to bring our Troops to push this very expensive War — One Advantage We shall have by the Enemy's continuing in the Valley, their Horse cannot act with the same Ease they could in an Open Country, and our Baggage will not be liable to the Danger from them —

Hyder Ally may be so hardy enough to hazard another Battle, The Odds are vastly against Troops who have twice been defeated, & with the Blessing of God I make no Doubt (meet with We may) Success will attend your Arms —

I have already acquainted the Honble Resident of the Enemy's sending their heavy Cannon & Baggage from Amboor to Coverpatnam, and that they had ceased battering the Place two Letters from Captain Calvert were forwarded to him at the same time, and Lieutenant Col. Lang with a large Detachment had been advanced towards Verungaporam from the time of the first Notice I received of Calverts Distress since these Advices none have been received, but what my Horse can bring, and they cannot be very much depended on. The whole Army will be To-morrow between Verungaporam & Tolicondah, the next Day I hope to get near enough to discover what the Enemy's real

Intentions

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Intentions are, The Nizam Jan[illegible] informed is ordered to
Cavery patnam, with all the Troops Cavalry &c and set
off three Days ago to Vaniambaddy. Hyder Ally has picked
from the united Armies 20,000 choice Horse, these with
his own Seapoys, 10 Pieces of Cannon, & a Number of
Match-lock Fellows compose the Army before Amboor
with which he intends to oppose Us.

No Doubt the Objects you have in View are of the
most serious & most interesting Nature to the Company
perhaps that ever occurred in India, it therefore highly
behoves those concerned in the Execution of them to
exert themselves with Vigour, and Resolution in order to
bring to a final Issue as very expensive War as the
Company & Burdens they are scarcely able to sustain —
what depends on me to accomplish this happy End shall
not be wanting, and that as soon as the Nature of the
Service I am going on will allow of —

With regard to the Sepoy Battalions, so short
a time were they in their Cantonments, to be recruited or
disciplined, that I cannot be of a similar opinion, much
Advantage in either: this I am sure of, those who remain
have formed proper Notions of the Enemy I am leading
against & will do their Duty with Chearfulness.
We cannot make Augmentations here now, for the Men may
by raised would be useless, & many of those already enlisted
desert. The European Regiments labour under just the
same disagreable Circumstances, however they are as
well regulated & officered, as the Times can admit of, more
remain in Garrison but Invalids & Sick —

I have taken all the Pains in my Power to get Car-

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Carriage Bullocks, but with the Advantage of those sent by Mr. Dawson and my own We cannot muster a greater Number than 860 probably more may be procured on a Cattle Tour but this Army as it is now circumstanced should never be without 3000 Head, one half to bring Grain and the other to move with the Troops otherwise we must, when ever they arrive distribute it to the Men - make them carry it - and return the Bullocks for a fresh Supply - This would prove a tedious, dangerous & disagreeable Business, especially if the Army should be at any Distance from its Magazines -

On Intelligence that a Number of Carriage Bullocks were drove 15 Miles from hence, I dispatched a Battalion of Sepoys to bring them in, but none were to be found - they returned with a few Sheep and Cows for the Army - this was a great Disappointment to me. I have damned the Aumildar to Death on the Subject of Cattle but he is deaf to my Solicitations and all I can get from him is, that more can be procured here for Love or money. Complaints of the Want of Carriage Bullocks

Therefore from the Southward we must expect to be furnished I know not what Price will be fixed on the Nabobs Rice - The Bullocks here at Mr. Lathom's are agreed for three will not be less than 5 Rupees p.r Month - They cannot carry more than 100 Seer, some Less - And if they do not make two or three Trips a Month - Those who employ the Cattle must suffer - however as I seek no Profit from them, I must depend on you Gentlemen to secure me against any Losses -

Some Tents have been received for the Officers & Soldiers more are wanted for both - the Dews at this Season p. Tents

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Season so tall very Snowy, & the Bengal Detachment are totally unprovided with any Cover for Men or Arms. I am therefore in hopes Mr. Stratton will speedily send me Supplies of Bells of Arms. As the Tenor of Captain Collins's Orders express that Colonel Smith might keep him with the Army or not, I determined him as the Corps of Black Cavalry had drawn both Regiments & Seapoys. On the 1st Notice of his your Inclination he should return I will desire him to subscribe for Maidens. Inmagine Lieutenant Edmonds had five Companies of Dawes's Battalion, exclusive of the Manilla and Mr. Kains at Fort St. George. I would recommend keeping the 2d Sepoys together they may then be of Use - and when mixed of more

should any large Body of Cavalry move that way I'll dispatch ours with some Seapoys after them -

1800 of the Nabobs Horse under Major Fitzgerald

Major Fitzgerald has at last got together about 1800 of the Nabobs Horse, and with his Officers is now reducing them to some form. The Plan you have laid down for their Pay is in my Opinion a good one, and I believe the Gentlemen appointed to that Corp are satisfied with it. I propose taking with me 600 of the best Horse & leaving the rest here under the Care of Mathews and Cowley, to discipline them, and at the same time they may be useful to cover this Part of the Country. Escort Provisions &c. to the Army. The two Serjeants Dunbell & Mc Lean shall be appointed to the Seapoys as you have ordered -

I think Colonel Woods Detachment should not be ordered from Tirnamalé until we see what Steps Hyder will take, on the Contrary, the Colonel should move

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move on the Road leading to Changama. I shall with determine Hyder at once, either to fight him or retire & secure the Avenues leading to his own Country.

The Bengal Gentlemen exert themselves with great Zeal and Spirit in the Cause. I hope the End will fully answer their Expectations and your Wishes.

Your Favor of the 30th is come safe to hand, which I shall shortly have the Honor to reply to.

Captain James Fitz Gerald will be left in the Command of this Garrison - and Captain Bellingham takes the Field with the 2d Regiment, I shall leave him Instructions to advise you constantly of every thing that occurs here.

Mr. Monckton has settled the Draught Bullocks & there are no Complaints on that Head. It was determined the Doolies should be under the Surgeons of the Regiments - They are undoubtedly the properest People to take Care of them - but your Paymaster Ifaney does not chuse to deliver the Charge over until he has your Sanction for it. I have the Honor to be with all Respect.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed't & most Hble Serv't

Joseph Smith

Vellour
2d Decem'r 1767.

P.S. I have the Honor to inclose You a Return of my Regiment & the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry respecting the Conduct of the Officers taken in Londicumbady now on Parole.

To which the following Answer was immediately wrote.

To Colonel Joseph Smith

Sir

Letter to him on answer

We have received your Letter of the 2d Inst.

We

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We are of Opinion that Colonel Woods Detachment
moving towards Changama might have a good Effect
notonly in deterring the Enemy from making an Attempt
to enter the Carnatick by that Passage when they find
themselves confined by your Army near Amboor, but
should a favorable Occasion offer may proceed onwards
take Advantage of it. Hes Operations that way must how-
ever depend entirely on yours. We must therefore leave
it to you to send him such Directions as you judge may
be most conducive to distress the Enemy, and as We have
ordered Tapalls to be stationed on the Road to Trivanate
from Vellour you may by that means have a constant
Intercourse of Letters with him & We doubt not you will
write to him daily & give him such Orders as you find
necessary. He has been directed by Us to remain at Trino-
male or not to go farther than Changama till he re-
ceives your Orders, We imagine he may be at or near
that place by this time.

We have never contradicted the Orders We gave
for the Doolys being under the Care of the Surgeons, &
you will please to acquaint the Paymaster, that it is
still our Intention they should remain on their Charge
agreable to our former Instructions.

Tents & Bells of Arms as fast as they could
be made have been sent, and we shall not fail to sup-
ply You not only with these, but every other necessary
Article for field Service, that you may require, as fast
as they can be completed. We are

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Sir
Your most Obed.t Hble Serv.t
Charles Bourchier & Council

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The following Letter was at the same time dispatched to Colonel Wood —

To Colonel Wood

Sir

Letter to Colonel Wood — advising of the Situation of the Enemy and of Col. Smith

By a Letter from Colonel Smith of the 2d. Instant we are informed that he expected to be near the Enemy's Camp this Day; Our best Intelligence advises us that the Enemy have sent off their heavy Guns & Baggage to Carrapatam & do not intend to accept our Army on the Field. It is therefore probable that if your Ally will fall back to them as Colonel Smith advances, and if the Enemy hear of your being in a Situation to cut off their Retreat it will doubtless strike them with Apprehensions. Your Motions however must depend on the Orders you receive from Col Smith & we have left it to him to send such as his Situation & the Enemys, shall point out to be most for the Good of the Service. We imagine this will find you at or near Trinomali & if not we desire you will make all possible haste hither, and unless Colonel Smith should have sent other Directions you may move as far as Changama and there await his further Orders — We have only to recommend that you collect and carry with you as many carriage Bullocks & as much Provisions as possibly you can, that you may be able to make a march of at least 20 Days without Danger of being distressed on that Account.

whose Orders there is to follow — Ordered to collect & carry with him all the Carriage Bullocks & Provisions Hereable —

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

Charles Bourchier &c Counc.l

Fort St George

4th. December 1767 —

Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel De Beck —

To

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council

Letter from Lieutenant Col. De Becke.

Hble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to acquaint the Honble Board.

advising that the Rajah of Dindigul having plundered some Villages in the Sholaverum Country.

that Ramaw Nayq the Renter of Dindigul has assembled some Troops, consisting of about 200 Horses, 300 Sepoys & 2000 Polygars, and has marched into Amaw Nayq's Pollams from whence he came yesterday and plundered three Villages belonging to the Sholaverum Country. I have sent a careful Serjeant Major with one Company of Sepoys of the 9th Battalion to Sholaverum Fort at which place there are also four Company's of the Nabob's Sepoys with about 200 Horses, and have given him orders to protect our Country from further Insults.

The Marawas have offered me some Troops in Case we want any Assistance, but I do not intend demanding any of them, till I have an Order from the Honble Board for so doing.

If any thing further happens I shall have the Honor of acquainting you thereof immediately.

I remain with the greatest Respect

Hble Sir & Sirs

Madura
28th Novr 1767.

Your most Obed. & most Hble Servt
De Becke.

Guns &c from Cuddalore arrive at Tegar. The Arms & Treasure arrive at Cuddalore.

5th Came in a Letter from Mr Brooke at Cuddalore advising that the Guns &c. sent from there was arrived at Tegar and that the Boats with the Arms and Treasure were arrived at Cuddalore & that they would be immediately forwarded to Tegar.

5 The Stores &c. for Mazulipatam having embarked

on

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on the Sea-horse Sloop Orders to the Captains Vc Sent to Masulipatam were wrote as follows

To Captain Charles Lewis
Commander of the Sea-horse Sloop

Sir

Letter to Captain Lewis of the Sea-horse Sloop ordering him to proceed to Masulipatam

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Vessel, and make the best of your Way to Masulipatam, and after landing the Stores &c. consigned to that Place, you will follow the Orders of the Chief and Council there

Dated in Fort St. George this 5th December 1767

To John Lewen Smith Esqr
Chief Vc. Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Council Masulipatam

Advice of the sailing of the Sea-horse Sloop

We now return to You the Sea-horse Sloop, with sundry Stores as per Invoice & Bills of Lading enclosed

You will as soon as the Stores are landed give the Captain Orders to proceed to Calcutta without loss of time

a Copy of the Captains sailing Orders comes herewith

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Chas. Bouchier Vc Council

Fort St. George
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The Army on their March to Palicondah

Came in a Letter from Colonel Smith to the President dated 4th Instant advising that the Army was on their March to Palicondah to dislodge a considerable Body of the Enemy that had taken Post there

The following Letter was received this Evening from Colonel Wood

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Letter from Colonel Wood.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Pleasure to acquaint your Honr.
Arrival here yesterday —

The Army is encamped over the River at
Mansurpetta, but far from being completed for march-
ing, many thing being deficient. Yet however I shall
march to morrow as far as Outatoor & there halt two or
three Days at it will draw out the followers of the Army —

The Nabobs Seapoys have not joined Us as
yet from the Out Posts, but hope they will by the time
I reach Tingar as I have given Directions for their
following me there as fast as possible —

I have not heard a Word yet from the King
of Tanjour concerning the Body of Horse he is to send
I have desired her Vakeel to acquaint him of our marching
from hence —

As our Detachment will not be completed with
Manor Stores &c. 'till We get the Length of Tingar,
I shall defer sending You a Return of it & the Stores till
there. I am most Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Hble Servant
John Wood —

Trichenopoly
1st December 1767 —

Detaining of this Detachment being occasioned at present unable to march for Want of sundry Articles —

& that some of the Nabobs Seapoys or Tanjour Horse had joined him.

Saw back the following Answer was immediately wrote him —

To Colonel Wood

Sir

Letter to Colonel Wood in Answer —

We have received your Letter of the 1st Inst. from
Trichenopoly —

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Inchanopoly and are much concerned to learn that the
Troops were then at Mansoor-pettah, especially as Major
Flint wrote us the 28th that he was preparing to get the
Guns & Stores over the River; & in another Letter of the 29
to our Secretary he says he was to march the next day
to Munsoor-pettah. & expected the whole of the Com-
pany's Sepoys to join him there. He mentions nothing
of Deficiencies and therefore We are at a Loss to guess
what detained him five Days longer at the same place.

You will see by the Letter We wrote you yesterday
& our former Advices the Situation of the Enemy
and the Hopes we entertained that you would ere this have
been at Trinomale, where your Arrival with the Party
under your Command could not but produce a good Effect.
Colonel Smith in a Letter of the 4th to the President just
now received acquaints him that he is marching to destroy
a considerable Body of the Enemy who have taken Post at
Policondah, and will then proceed to Amboor. If any thing
happens with the main Body of the Enemy & they are de-
feated, or they retreat towards Vellumbaddy, the Advantages
of your being at Changama ready to intercept them is to
evident to need pointing out, we must therefore repeat our
Expectations that you march to Amboor with the utmost Ex-
pedition unless you should receive other Directions from
Colonel Smith.

representing to him the Necessity of his marching with all Expedition & advising him of the Situation of Colonel Smith

The dilatory Proceeding of the King of
Tanjour in furnishing the Body of Troops we applied
for & he promised, gives Us too much Cause to complain
of his Conduct, and we shall not fail to express our dis-
satisfaction thereat.

We

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We are

Sir

Fort St George
7th Decemr 1767

Your most Obedt Servants
Charles Bourchier & Council

Came in a Letter from Lt Colonel De Beck to the Pre-
sident Dated 30th November advising of the Death of
Damory Pilla the Head Morattar, who, it is supposed
was killed by some of his own People

At a Consultation Present

Monday
7th Decemr

Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor President
Samuel Ardley — John Call
George Stratton — George Dawsone
James Bourchier — George Mackay

Read the following Letter from Mr. John Storey

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St George

Letter from Mr
Storey giving an
account of the motives
of the Gentlemen at
Bombay in sending
him to Hyder Ally

Honble Sir & Sirs

As You are desirous of knowing, what were
the Reasons for my being ordered by my Superiors at
Bombay, to visit Hyder Ally Cawne at this Time, this
Address is intended to acquaint you with them and with
them and with the Instructions I received from that Pre-
sidency, relative to the Business I was sent upon —

Ever since the Months, which I apprehend to
have been about the Time that Hyder Ally concluded his
Treaty with the Soubah, the former wrote to the Presidency
of Bombay, desiring I might be sent to meet him at his
Army, & he wrote me very frequent & forcible Letters, his

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Reason for desiring this so earnestly, I can only suppose to have been, that as he had long a personal Argument with me, he would rather have chosen to have conveyed his Sentiments, relative to the Disputes subsisting between the Nabob of Arcott & him, thro me, than any other Person. It is necessary that I should observe to you that, after the Action he had with those Army at Trinomalee (of which indeed I was unacquainted when I set out) I never received any Letter from him to hasten my Journey, altho he had frequently me to that Purpose before.

The Gentlemen at Bombay, having Care of their Investments at Tellicherry & Calicut, had been very successfully carrying on, ever since Hyder Ally conquered that Part of the Malabar Coast, thought this a good Opportunity to send me to Him, to get their Affairs at these Places settled on a more favorable Manner, and to solicit his Confirmation of a Treaty, which they had before proposed to him, and which would be attended with many Advantages to the Company's commercial Interests, on that Side of India. They thought too at the same Time, that if your Honour &c: should judge it proper to continue any Negotiations with Hyder, that I might possibly be of some Service in communicating your Sentiments to him, & therefore they directed me to acquaint You, Gentlemen, with my Journey, which I did, in an Address, I had the Honor to transmit You, very soon after my leaving Onore.

In account of his Proceedings.

Upon my meeting with Hyder Ally however, I did not find him inclinable to open himself to me, as

to

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to any Terms of Accommodation, otherwise than by say-
ing, that if the Soubahs Demands were satisfied, a
Peace might easily be effected, for that he had nothing
to propose relative to himself, tho' he thought himself
amused in leaving Us Forts in the Valley attacked by His
without, as he said, any real Provocation on Our Side —

Soon afterwards I received your Summons to
repair with all Expedition to Madras Yes I did not find
that any Treaty on our Part, entered at that Time to be
intended, I waved the Discussion of those Points, which were
recommended to me by the Presidency of Bombay, judging
that that the Company's Interests on the Malabar Coast
must be dependent on & subordinate to, their
Affairs on this Side —

Such Intelligence & Information as I could
give relative to Hyder Ally, I laid before you, when I
had the Honor to be called before your Board, and as
my personal Safety seems to have been one principal
Motive with You for calling me hither, for which I
must beg leave to make you my Acknowledgements, I
have only to request your Honor & Council to permit me to
be — Whilst I am here, You will always find me most
ready to execute any Commands you may lay on me being
with the greatest Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t & Hble Servant

John Stracey

Fort St. George
29.th November 1767 —

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

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George

Letter from Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We did ourselves the Pleasure to address you the 10th. Instant, a Duplicate of which is enclosed, & have not since been favord with any Letters from you, nor has any Thing particular occurrd, except that we have still great Reason to believe there is no Cordiality between Moodajeerow & Ragoba, who still continue at Nassick Two Persons sent each to each other sent to gain Intelligence having lately returned, who report that tho' they had actually met and a Reconciliation seemingly taken place between them, yet that Ragoba was far from being satisfied, and would it was imagined stir up fresh Troubles, as soon as he & his Nephew separated — The latter it is said having an Intention to return to Poona a few Days after the Divalley, & thence march into the Carnatic, but as that was only hearsay, we hope the above Circumstance, which We have other Reasons to think a fact will divert him from it. The Gentlemen We propose sending to him is not set out, not being as yet furnished with the proper Passports —

advising of a Reconciliation having taken place between Moodajeerow & his Uncle Ragoba which does not appear to be a real one

advising of their Intention of sending a Person to Poona &c

We are with Esteem —
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t Hble Servants

Bombay Castle
22 Oct.r 1767 —

R.d H. Boddam
B. Torin
J. Mostyn —

Tho.s Hodges
P. E. Wrench
John Gouin
Dras. Draper
Tho.s Ryley

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Purport of our Answer to be returned hereto —

Agreed that the Receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged & that the Gentlemen at Bombay be advised of Mr. Strange's Arrival here and of the Informations we have received from him, as also of the Operations of our Army, and the Situation of the Enemy — We are pleased to find that the Reconciliation which has taken Place between Mahadaveroe and his Uncle appears so badly founded, and We flatter ourselves the Presidency of Bombay may be able to foment their Jealousies to such a Degree as to prevent their giving any Interruption to our Operations on this Side, without being obliged to enter into any Treaty with them, which We would studiously avoid, provided they can be kept by any other Means from joining the Enemy.

The ill Consequences to be apprehended from increasing the Power & Influence of the Marattas by any Accession to their territorial Possessions are such, that nothing but the most pressing Necessity could induce Us to agree thereto; and We hope the Gentlemen at Bombay may be able, either by increasing their Animosities or assisting them with Negotiations to prevent their sending any material Assistance to Hyder Ally, till such Time as He may be reduced to such a State as may deter them from joining him.

Report of Eloy Josepho regarding Hyder Ally's Intentions of plundering the County & the Black Town —

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Eloy Josepho was arrived here from Hyder Allys Camp, who acquaints him that He is fully of Opinion Hyder Ally will decline coming to a General Action, & that He intends dividing his Troops with a view of ravaging the Country, & that Hyder Ally himself with a Select Body would make an Attempt on the Black Town, which agrees with

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with the Intelligence communicated by Mr Martin. It

Order in Consequence — therefore necessary to take every Precaution in our Power

for the Security of the Black Towns and the adjacent

Country against any such attempts, and to quiet the Minds

of the Inhabitants, who are in continual Alarms from

the Apprehension of the Enemy's Horse — our whole

Force at present consists of the Six Companies of Sepoys

prepared for the Service of the Black Towns, & which

are chiefly composed of new Recruits. 5 Companies of

the 15th Battalion, some of which are out as Escorts, &

93 European Military fit for Duty; and as the whole

of this Force is barely sufficient for the different Guards

in Case of the Irruption of any of the Enemy's Horse,

We should be in the same Dilemma We before expre-

-ssed, by being unable to detach any Troops to oppose them

It is therefore ordered that the 6 Companies intended

to be kept for the Defence of the Black Town be imm-

-mediately completed to a Battalion, which with the 16

Battalion (on the Advice received from Mr Martin was

ordered to repair thither) will, We imagine be sufficient

to protect the Black Towns and the Adjacent Country

And as it is necessary that our Posts should be estab-

-lished to deter any of the Horse entering the Bounds

It is ordered that a Gun be mounted upon Upperys

Church & that 50 Sepoys be stationed there, and that

50 more be placed at Egmore, & that Provisions for

20 Days be laid up in each of those Places — It is also

ordered that a Palisade be continued from the Place

where the Works to the Black Town end, by the River

Side to Hog Hill & from thence to the Pettah Bridge —

The Sepoys for the Black Town to be compleated to a Battalion —

a Palisade to be made from the Place where the Works to the Black Town End to the Pettah Bridge —

And

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And it being requisite that We should have the most early Intelligence of any Parties of the Enemy's Horse moving this Way - It was agreed that Mr. Bourdo do proceed to Trepassoor & establish Signals to be made from that Place to Poondamallee, & from thence to the great Mount - Which done He is to send out People & fix Signals to be made from Conepaulee and Bonnerauzee's Country, or at least from Conjeveram to Trepassoor, which Signals are to be repeated from each Place on the Approach of any of the Enemy's Horse -

Signals to be established from Trepassoor to the great Mount & from Conjeveram to Trepassoor -

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob the other Evening had brought to him one Murcopher Cawne, who had been sent by Rajah Ram Chunder, Buccaun'ed Doubache, Mootaddy & other Chiefs in the Soubahs Army, by whom he had been directed to represent that they had been very ill used by Hyder Ally, and Rajah Ram Chunder was determined to leave him either with or without the Soubah, & desired to know whether He might be received by Us or the Nabob, & whether we were willing to make a Peace with Him - To which He the President had returned an Answer agreable to what We had before desired the Nabob to declare; that as We were not the Aggressors, We expected, before We received any Proposals for accommodation with the Soubah, that He should as a Proof of his Sincerity, separate himself with his Troops from Hyder Ally - till when, We could not hearken to any Overtures that might be made to Us -

Some Overtures made by Rajah Ram Chunder - Vizt

Answer returned to them -

Read the following Letter from Mr. Montgomery

To

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

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr Mount gomery complaining of being confined & desiring to be released.

It is with extreme Reluctance, I find my-
-self forced to lay before this Honble Board, a Matter
-rial which I am certain must interfere with the more
-weighty Business of your Council, and were it not, that
I am truly sensible of the just & noble Sentiments which
fill the Breasts of every Man lifted up to your Dignity
I should not endeavor to expatiate on Affairs of the Nature
mine consist of — I need not lay before You the Situation
I at present find myself in, nor is it in the Power of any
Man to paint the Horrors of it. Confined in a Prison with
the Gleanings of the Settlement, for a Crime which at
the first Examination will appear to every candid Judge
to be ill grounded & my innocence of it appear from the
Deposition of the very Persons on whose Complaint I was
taken up. Will You but give Yourselves Gentlemen a
Moment to consider and I am certain every Member of
your Assembly will be convinced how dear a thing Liberty
is to a Subject of that happy Kingdom England, 'tis a
Blessing which Heaven out of her extraordinary Bounty
seems to have poured down on the Dominions she
wanted to favour; Nor would I here you with a tedious Ex=
-planation, did I not think myself entitled by Birth to a
Share of what every Subject born in those happy Islands
has a right to claim & holds so dear. O Liberty! how
art thou to be esteemed, how precious a Jewel art thou,
Forgive Gentlemen the extravagance of my Style and
let my present Situation be a Plea for my intruding on

your

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your Name which is so precious —

Give me leave Gentlemen to observe to you that I don't boast of being faultless, let the best among Us poor Mortals make a just Scrutiny and I am verily out in Doubt He will find more or less to reproach himself with; more are innumerable I dont conceal them, for want of Blood & Inexperience have been the Source of them — all & repined Judgment would in a little Time have got the better of many of them —

But to return to my Point, I must beg leave to lay before this Honble Board a Circumstance which is most of all aggravating, I mean the leaving the Bread which (after almost two whole Years Penury) I had worked myself into, snatch'd from me just at the time when it was beginning to enable me to live & to pay a just Regard to all my Engagements, and to live a little happy. I must observe to you, that tho' I was not immediately serving the Honble Company, yet in serving the Nabob their Ally I was still fighting in their Cause & I believe tho' only an Individual I have shewn my self as willing as any & for the small Experience I have had as capable as most, nor can any accuse me of the least Neglect of my Duty, the Execution of which I always took pride in & studied, I were I so happy to find an Opportunity would again endeavour to distinguish myself by my Assiduity and Care —

Do not Gentlemen let me lie in neglected Oblivion; consider that I am a Person whom tho' I have been full of the folly & extravagance of Youth, have ever in the Sight of my Superiors after vain Pleasures always

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always govern'an Eye towards improving those Talents
Nature blessed me with, and now when just expiring into
the Years when Experience begins to produce Solidity, shall
the Golden Opportunity be snatched from Me like the
Hopes of Salvation from the dying Wretch our Characters in
Despair.

But I don't believe that Gentlemen endowed
with that Judgment which Your Honble Board and
every Member of it has a right to boast can be despised
of Levity or Good Nature, if I thought so I should des-
pair of any Success from this my poor Scrole, which
begins to be too tedious. Therefore Gentlemen all I
shall add is to entreat you will consider my Behaviour
& prove me, & then I shall be blessed with an Opportune-
ity of convincing this Honble Board with how much
Truth & Esteem I have the Honour to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithful Obed. Hble Servt.

Robert Montgomery

Main Guard
7th Decr. 1767

The President acquaints the Board that he had ordered
the Prisoners Papers for confining him

Mr Montgomery to be confined on a Suspicion of his having been concerned in a late Riot in the Black Towne, & tho' there does not appear any positive Evidence against him, yet has He was dismissed the Service for embezzling the Pay of the Company to which he belonged, and his Behaviour since has been such as to render him unworthy to be permitted to remain in the Country, and the Company having in the 42d Paragraphs of their separate General Letter of 4 March 1767 expressed their Displeasure at his being suffered to continue in India, He

thereupon

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The President had thought it necessary to keep him confined till an Opportunity offered of sending him to England—As it appears to him very improper that Persons of so infamous a Character should be suffered to run about the Country, and He knows of no other Means to prevent it, or to oblige him to be in readiness to embark on the first Ship— The Board being convinced of the Justness of the Presidents Representation regarding Mr. Montgomery; It is ordered that he be kept secured till an Opportunity offers of sending him to England, and that in the mean time he be allowed Europes Pay for his Subsistance—

Approved

Ibrahim Beg applies for payment for Horses killed on Service—

Read a Letter from Ibrahim Beg as entered on Country Correspondance N° 209 desiring to be paid for the Horses he has had killed on Service—

Orders thereon

Ordered that he do deliver in a List of Horses killed in the Service with the Prices of them—

E Wheatley
Sam Ardley
John Call
Geo. Stratton
Geo Dawson
J Bouchier
Geo: Mackay.

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Comm. the following Letters

To

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St George

Letter from Wm Boileau

Honble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your Commands of 30th

November communicated to me by the Secretary

Stone, I have consulted with the Killedar what Quan-

tity of Rice is necessary to be reserved for the Support

of the Garreson for six Months. With four hundred

Seapoys regularly accoutred, and Ammunition for the

Guns mounted here. He engages to defend the Fort, as

long as his Provisions will last. and allowing for him-

self. The Amildar. Men to be trained to manage the

Guns. Domesticks and others, one hundred. in all, four

hundred Persons computed at one Seer of Rice p.r diem

will amount to for 6 Months 1875 Collam. or 16 Gara.

33 Collam. which shall be delivered over to him, and

the rest remain under my Management, for the Use of

the Army, as your Honor &c.a shall direct.

deliver Provisions for the use of the Garrison to the Nabobs Amildar.

The Killedar has now in Pay. Match Lock

Men, Seapoys, Peons &c.a the whole included, three

hundred men. There are among these, one hundred

Firelocks belonging to the Nabob (there being none

of the Company's here, nor any Ammunition) and

He has got in Store, Ammunition, agreable to a Trans-

-late of his own Report, now inclosed.

Should your Honor &c.a think proper to com-

ply with the accompanying Indent (which I have com-

piled on Consultation with an Artillery Man, sent to

the purpose

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superintendant over the Stores here by Captain Wedderburn. The Stores in Garrison here, The Number of Sepoys consolidated to four hundred, & these Armed, there need not then any Danger apprehended & I shall endeavour to send Bullocks to Madras for conveying it hither: if you are pleased to decede in the Affirmative, at present it is out of my Power, as I have not any remaining tho' a Prospect of Contracting for one hundred more —

I have this Morning despatched Two hundred Carriage Bullocks laden with Rice to Arnee, to become ducted to the Army by a Detachment sent thither by the Commander in Chief, for that purpose and I have accquainted Colonel Smith accordingly.

Enclosed You will please receive agreable to Your Honor &c[a] durections an Account of the Disbursements I have made on the purchasing of Gunnys, Provisions, and contracting for Bullocks for the Use of the Army which I have kept under the Forme of an Account Current with Mr Duncans, & which I hope will meet with your Approbation, having the Honor to be with much Respect

Sends an Account of Disbursements made by him —

Hon[ble] Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed[t] & very Hble Servt
John Peter Boileau

Chittapaut
4th Decem[r] 1767 —

To the Hon[ble] Charles Bourchier Esq[r]
President & Governor &c[a] Council
of Fort St George

Hon[ble] Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Cosso major at Arnee —

In Consequence of a Letter received from Mr Secretary Stone, I now have the Honor to transmit

Your

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with an Account of Disbursements made by them

You an Account of all the Disbursements made since my Arrival here. I also now take the Liberty to enclose an Exact Return of all the Grain remaining under my Charge, after having delivered the Killedar sufficient for to last the Garrison Six Months, and despatched eight hundred and fifty five Colleroons of Rice to Vellour to be forwarded to the Army.

& of the Grain remaining in Store

I must beg leave to observe that all the Body here is extremely old, being laid up some Years before the Capture of the Place, which has occasioned a very great Loss in beating it into Rice.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt & most Hble Servt
Jas Hen. Casamayor

Arnee
December 5th 1767.
To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letters from Arnee in Answer to the several Letters from hence

We have received your Honor &c. several Letters two of the same Date the 18th & 21st July 5th September & Duplicate Ditto and having duly forwarded up the Coast your several Letters accompanying and now enclose a Packet to your Address from the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry.

We have made Request to the King of Tanjore for a Grant of the Privileges for the Benefit of this Settlement, which he persists in refusing us without Restoration of the Calicut Districts.

Our Honble Masters Ships the Earl of Chatham

imported

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imparted here the 8th Instant & visited the 13th up the Coast
we acquainted the Commander that We knew of no Hostilities
commenced up the Coast and therefore could only recommend
to him to be on his Guard, & refer him to Tellicherry for
further Advices, the Lord Mansfield we expect Hourly
from Columbo We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt & Hble Servants

Tho: Whitehill

Arthur King

Wm Taylor

I. A. Glasse

Anjengo
21st Novr 1767.

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 2d Instant We received your Favor of the
5th Ult: & in reply thereto, are to acquaint your Honor &c.
that the Situation of our Honble Masters Affairs, there
requires us to wait for further Orders from the Presidency,
before any effectual Measures could be taken, or the
necessary Assistance afforded the Malabars, for attaining
the end proposed, so that We have only to add, that our En-
deavors shall not be wanting on the Occasion, when
may be invested with Directions to declare against Hyder Ally
and attack his Possessions in these Parts, tho' We shall supply
the Navy with such Warlike Stores, as may come conveni
agreable to a Latitude already given us for that Purpose.

We are with Respect

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