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29 Pursuant to the resolutions of this day the
Following Letters were wrote

To Colonel Wood
Commanding the Army

Sir

Letters to Coll Wood

Yesterday We acknowledged the receit of your letter of the 23.rd and this day we have received another from you dated thence I not in the first you refer to your letter of the 22.nd (which has never reached us) in that of the 20.th you tell us that you had had two Engagements with the Enemy and had beat him and in your Letter received this day you inform us that you think the whole Army little enough to face him The reports and advices which have reached us differ so widely from the very concise Account you give us in your Letter of the 23.d of your having beaten the Enemy that we are totally at a loss what Measures to take or what directions to give Your Second Letter indeed of the 24.th Corresponds better with the tenor of the general Reports that you think the whole army accor=dingly sufficient to face the Enemy but here again We are utterly confounded when we compare this sudden Change of Opinion after having beaten the Enemy (if so it be) with the Sentiments Expressed in your Letters to us of the 10.th and 30.th August wherein you make no doubt of being able to defeat Flyders whole Force with the Detachment you had with

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with you to the Southward and now that a large Detachment has been made from Flyders Army under Meer Phazel Ulla Cawn that you have the Command of our whole Army you think it little enough to face him. We know not how just the Cause may be for your latter opinion, but this We know, that nothing can be more dangerous to an Army than the Appe=arance of despondence or perplexity in the Gene=al. You have sent us no return of the Killed and Wounded, you have said not a word of the State of the Army, nor of the loss of your Bag=gage & Stores with the two Eighteen pounders, of which if your Letter of the 22nd gave any account it was of sufficient importance, to have been sent in Duplicate. We are accountable to our Superiors and cannot Answer to them to leave the whole at risque without being able to take any Convistent Measures for want of convistent Advice & Opinions the shortest and most effectual way by which We can obtain them is by your presence here, We therefore desire that you will upon receit here of deliver over the Charge of the Army to the Officer next in Command and repair immediately to Madras so that we may be more clearly in=form'd of the late transactions, which we must confess have greatly alarmed us. You will be pleased also before you quite the Army to deliver to the Officer in whose Charge you leave it. The Instructions you received from

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Colonel Smith and the Field Deputys, as also our
Letters to you of the 21st 22nd & 25th Inst. or Copys there-
of, together with all other necessary Informati-
on. We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Hble Servts
Charles Bourchier &c Council

Fort St George
29 Novr 1768

To Lieut Colonel Laing
or in his Absence to Major Thomas Fitzgerald

Sir

The doubts We are under concerning
the late transactions and present state of the
Army for want of proper and sufficient Advice which
puts it out of our power to take consistent and
adequate Measures haveing induced Us to
devise that Col Wood will on recit of a Letter
which We write him by this Conveyance deliver
over the Charge of the Army to the next Officer
in Command and repair hither with all con-
=venient Expedition that we may obtain from
him the necessary Explanation on this Sub-
=ject Concluding therefore that the Command
will devolve on you as the next Officer in Rank
to Col Wood. We in the first place recommend
to you to take such Measures as to you
shall appear best and which We think will
be by a Spirited Conduct to restore the Army to
its wonted Alacrity & Vigour and banish the
Appearance of dejection or diffidence, which
we have too much reason to fear the late
retreat

retreat has impressed on it for our General Sen-
=timents and the Objects to the Attainment whereof
=of We desire the Operations of the Army may
be directed. We refer you to the Instructions
sent by Col Smith and the Field Deputies
to Colonel Wood and also to our Letters to
Col Wood dated the 21, 22 & 23 Instant all which
we have desired him to deliver over to you or
Copies of them In that of the 22 We directed
that a Detachment should be made of Two
Companys of Sepoys with 2 Six pounders
and 2 Howitzers to reinforce L't Col Trinchmain in
the Coimbettore Country We know not whether
to confirm or revoke that order such is the
doubt in which We are left by the want of
sufficient & authentick advice from the Army.
All therefore that We can say on this Subject
is, that Meer Khazel Ulla Cawn having forced
a passage by the Gazulhetty pass into the
Coimbettore Country will we fear over run
the Whole unless L't Col Trinchman be speedily
reinforced, which we therefore wish could be
done. If you should think you can without
hazard spare that Detachment you will the
Consider what rout will be the safest and
best for it to take, perhaps that which we
have recommended in our second Letter may
from a change in Circumstances have become
too precarious, it is hinted to us, that it might
be safer to proceed to Vencatighery & thence by
the Valley to Ahtoor and Namcal but of this

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You will be the proper judge. We leave to y
as we did to Col Smith & Col Wood to pursue
such Measures as you shall think best for
destroying the Enemy and if it should app
to you that an Advantage may more probab
be gain'd by a Select Detachment then by the
whole Army We desire you will make such a
Detachment accordingly under the Command
of Major Fitz Gerald. —

We desire you will not
fail to Correspond with Us punctually and advi
Us of all Material Occurrences for which purpo
you will appoint such person as you shall thin
proper to act as your Secretary with the usua
Allowance. —

Our Letters to you we shall Send una
a Flying Seal to Col Call so long as he shall re=
-main at Vencatigery and We desire you will
send yours to us thro the same Channel and
in the same manner

We are
Sir
Your most humble Servants
Charles Bourchier &c Counc

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29th Nov. 1760

30 Wrote the following Letter to the President and
Council at Fort William

To the Honble Harry Verelst Esqr
President & Govr &c Council at
Fort William

A Letter to Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

Being in the greatest
Want

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Want of 8ds. 6ds. 3ds or 3½ds. 2ds or 2½ds. 1d or 1½ Iron Shott for grape
We request You will send by the first Conveyance
as many of them as you can conveniently Spare.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble

Servants

Charles Bourchier &c Council

Fort St George
30th Novr 1768

Thursday
1st December

At a Consultation Present

Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor &c.

Josias Dupre
Alexr Wynch
Samel Ardley
George Dawson
Richard Brickenden

John Andrews
George Stratton
James Bourchier

Messrs Call Whitehill & Mackay absent on Service

The President Lays before the Board the follow=
=ing Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Friochman

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President and Governor of Fort St George

A Letter from Lieut
Col Friochman

Honble Sir

I make no doubt but my letter
of the 21st arrived safe with you wherein I informed
you of our Troops having been beat off at the Gaz=
=elletty Pass and Obliged to Retreat. Last night
I received a Letter from Capt Orton wherein he informs
me that he arrived at Sattiamangalum with

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Advices of Capt
Ortons Arrival at
Sattiamangalum

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the remainder of his Troops and his two Field Piece
immolated by the Enemys who by the latest accou
he had received were still at the Guzelhetty Pass
he also informs me that he had had Intelligenc
brought him that the Fort of Damian Cottah
had been Surprized by the Village People there
was one of his Serjents Commanding in the Place
All the Amuldars of every Place are run away not
a man is to be seen in any of the Villages these
from this Country are all gone to Singeroadorgum
about a 1000 Men and a few Horse with a small
Gun are one Mile & half from hence on the other
side of the Covery in order to Cover these Country
People retreat they Attempted last Night and
this Morning to Cross the River which as yet
I prevented by finding out all the Sepoys I could
Spare a happy Circumstance that last night
I received some Ammition from Tritchenopoly
this Place has been left by Col Wood without a
Single Field Piece and but four Barrells of Cart-
=ridges no Provisions what so ever in short it is
the most Shocking Garrison I ever heard of the
Amuldars and Country People all being Run
away is a very great Obstacle for me in regard
to provisions, I have sent Sepoys in all the Villa
go to bring in what ever they find. But as yet
have not two Days Provisions, besides that the
Sepoys which are of the Nabobs told me that
they had 4 or 5 Months Pay due to them and
that unless I gave them Money they would
all go away. I have no money to give them

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Troops for want of Pro-
visions and
money.

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as also to Secure that Garrison as Soon informed the Singeradergum People intend to March that way and Besige on Carore Knowing we have not another Place left to get Provisions from.

The Singeradergum people made all possible Attempts for two days to Cross the River but were prevented as they relieved last Night but I can not learn which way. — I have wrote two Days ago to Capt. Nixon and sent him the four Bullocks I had to bring with him Provisions of all Kinds. — By what I can learn it was the Nabobs Troops that were on Garrison at Dora=ian Cottah that Killed the Serjeant that Command=ed there and delivered the Fort to the Enemy Most of the Nabobs Troops in this Country were before in Hyders Service, and are all still Attached to him owing by the Nabobs Manage=gers not paying them and seeing them ploff and Forter the Inhabitants and take every thing they had from them by force. — Last Night I received a Letter from Capt. Faizan in=forming me that his Troops had Struck every Post that in Several [illegible] he had not above 12 Men able to do Duty [illegible] however in either of [illegible] and not Provisions what=ing the contrary [illegible] Garrisons not withstand=to the Almost [illegible] application he had made Country [illegible] of the Nabob is gone to Carore, and all the the Lops [illegible] how deserted [illegible] Behaviour is put [illegible] Manager [illegible] a Speedy remedy

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On account of their Pay all the Pike and match lock People have already deserted us and joind the Enemys Horse. Has Sam informed the Enemys Horse appeard before Coimbettore two Days ago their Keeping there will be the only Chance I have to get Provisions here from Carore and ye above mentioned Seceene that Place from falling in the Enemys Hands. —

I have the Honor to remain with all Respect. —

Honorable Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Dan'l Fraschman

Erod 25 Nov'r 1768

It is with much Concern We observe the distressed state of the several Garrisons under Lt Colonel Fraschman, for want of Provisions, and as we hoped that Colonel Wood, in Consequence of our Orders, had taken Care to see that they were amply supplyd; It is Agreed that he be desired to give us a particular Account of the Provisions found in that Country and how they were disposed of. — Of which Mr Raitt is also to be directed to give us all the Information in his Power

Col Wood and Mr Raitt to give an Account of the Provisions found in the Coimbettore Country & what became of them. —

Read the following Letter from Captain Faizan Commanding at Covrypoorum. —

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esq
President and Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

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A Letter from Capt Faizan acknowledging the receipt of ours.—

I have been duly favored with your letter of the 14 inst. Lt Col Friedman sometime ago informd me of his being appointed by you to the Command of this Department.— Since that time I have Correspondd with him day by day, and have acquainted him of every particulare that has happend worth his Notice, and also have sent him every Intelligence I had about the Enemy, and shall for the future acquaint you also of any Material thing agreeable to your Orders.— Mr Hamilton fell sick on his way to this Place, & went back, But sent his Writer who has payd the Sepoys for Septr & October there due to them now their pay and Batta for June, July & August.— Mr Hamilton has wrote to me that he expects a fresh Supply of money at which time he will Clear their Arrears. I will do my en=deavour to keep them in good order and to their Duty untill that time, as well as after.— Give me leave Gentlemen to Seize this Opportunity to inclose a Copy of a Letter that I had the Honour to write you this twelve Months past, as am not Cer=tain if it reached your Hands; After the Perusal of it. I beg again your kind Consid=erations to the Hardships that I have gone through this Campaign. For the first six Months of it. I have only done the Duty of a Captain, but also that of a Field Officer as I had the Honour to Command the Third

and Repeating his application Regarding his Rank.—

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Regiment and was Second in Command of that Army. Since that time as Occurrences seems required I was shift into the Sepoys, in which Corps according to Regulations I have less Pay and a great deal more hardships but nevertheless I am ready to bear over those trivials things if my Service is wanting in hope that they will be rewarded by your Justice. —

I remain with the greatest Respect

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

Abram Faizan

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PS The people grow very Sickly in my different Posts in these Pays, Serjents, mayors, Gunners and Sepoys with fevers and ague, in some Companys where is not above twelve or fifteen Men fit for Duty — . — . —

Orders thereon

Agreed that the receipt of the above Letter be acknowledged. - with regard to Capn. Faizan Application concerning his Rank also in his present Station he has acquitted himself in General to our Satisfaction, Yet as the Committee of Field Officers in Novr. 1765 judged that he ought not to rise to an higher rank; We do not see any Cause for altering the resolution then taken regarding him. — . — . —

Letter from Mr. Saadeer Read as follows

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

Letter from Mr
Sadleir.

Honble Sirs Sirs

Having some
concern at Madraſs which requires my
presence, I humbly Solicit your permiſs
-ion to proceed thither; and if your Honours
judge note improper the application,
I beg leave also, to request a ſucceſſor may
be appointed to the Office. Your Honor &c
have been Pleased to invest in me, which
will highly oblige him who has the Hono
to be, with the greatest Respect

Honble Sirs

Colar
25 Nov. 1760

Your most humble &
most Obedient Servt

Sadleir

Agreed that Mr. Sadleir be acquainted that in
Consequence of Colonel Smiths Application fo
for his Mr Sadleir accompanying him to Mad
-ras, We consented thereto & at the same time
appointed Mr. Raitt Paymaster to the Army
But as Mr. Sadleir's ill State of Health
not admit of his continuing at Arcott for the
Purpose of receiving & forwarding Supplys of
Grain. Mr Sadleir is to be directed to relieve
him in that Employ.

Mr Sadleir to
relieve Mr. Hol-
-land in the
Charge of forwarding
Grain to
Arcott.

Do by the Report of the Commitee of Stores

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Advertizements to be affixed for receiving Proposals for making Gun Carriages

Delivered in the 2nd Nov. it appears that the Number of Gun Carriages necessary to be made is very great & more than can be finished in the Company's Yard within any reasonable time. It is Resolved that Publick Advertizements be affixed for receiving sealed Proposals on or before the 15 Inst., from any Persons willing to Contract for making a certain Number within a limited time & that such Persons as may be desirous of Contracting be directed to apply to Lieut. Colonel Bittler for the particulars Dimensions & Constructions of the different Kinds of Carriages necessary to be made up; & by whom they must be approved when made. — And ordered that the Military Storekeeper do form a Calculate of the Medium Price of the Gun Carriages made within these 10 Years past, that we may be the better enabled to judge of the reasonableness of the Proposals that may be received. —

And as our demands for Stores is very great. & We have great reason to fear that we may be in want of many Articles before the Supplys arrives from Europe The Committee of Stores is directed to form an Indent of such Stores as they shall judge will be absolutely required these Appli= =cation may be made to Bengal or Bom= =bay

an Indent of Stores which wanted to be made out ready to send to Bengal & Bombay —

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Bombay for such a Supply as they may be
able to Spare. —

Chs Bourchier

Jos Du Bre

Sam Ashley

Geo Stratton

Jno Bourchier

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Recived the following Letter from Colonel Wood

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

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from
Col Wood

I wrote you the
day before Yesterday when I left Colar which
I hope have reach'd you This Day I arrived here
Hyder Alleys Army - By Intelligence was at
Seggupram 8 Miles to the N.W. But it was
not Possible for me to March a Step further
the Troops were so much Fatigued, I shall
march in the morning as far as I can after
him. but I fear he will not stay & I can only
follow him five or Six Days more for want
of Provisions. — I am obliged to draw Alexand-
ers Battalion from Bonggelure as I cannot
furnish them with Rice & should I go any Dis-
tance they must be a Sacrifice to the Enemy
not one of the Polligares would go with me
from Colar they say they have no Batta
& will go to their own Country. — Its the Cry
of all the other Troops & following on acct
of which there is great Diserter; I have
left Bucks Battalion at Colar: I am with
Respect. —

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
John Wood

Camp at
Bonggelure
2d Nov. 1768

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2d Dispatched the following Letters

To Colonel Wood

Sir

a Letter to Col Wood

We have received your Letter of the 21st Nov.r Lieut.t Colonel Frischman has represented that he found the Forts dependent on his command entirely without Provisions, which now the Enemy have penetrated into that Country must be attended with bad Consequences.

Upon referring to your Letter of the 10th Augt in Answer to ours of the 1st preceding that a Sufficient Supply should be sent into the several Forts. We observe you acquaint us, that as to Grain & other Provisions they [they] into the Garrison, you feard that could not be done; that the Nabobs People Would rather send out what was there in — & then you proceed to tell us that you have agreed with Coutts Rajah & Mr. Day at Cattiwar to send up all the could to Combittore, as a Magazine for the Army, if it have entered the Mysore Country thro the Guzelherry Pass & that you had taken in all you could get in Coimbatore & at Dannagudum, but which, you proposed to dispose of as well as you could to the Nabobs People or others. — We therefore desire you will inform Us particularly of the Quantity of Grain & other Provisions found in the several Forts taken by you, & what became of the Quantity received from Coutts Rajah & Mr. Day, & what you did with that

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Carrod & Sattiamangulum, & in what ma- manner
ner you disposed of them

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble
Servts

Charles Bourchier & Counc

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2 Decr 1760

To W. Charles Raitt
Paymaster to the Army

Sir

A Copy sent Paice

Lieutenant Colonel Fris=
=chman having represented that he found
the several Forts dependant on his Command
entirely destitute of Provisions. We desire
you will give Us the best Information in
your power with regard to the Quantitys
of Provisions found in them, & in what
Manner they were disposed of as also what
Quantitys were received from different Parts
for the Purpose of supplying the Army &
laying in the several Forts & what became
of them. — —

We are

Sir

Your affect Friends

Charles Bourchier & Council

Fort St. George
2 Decr 1760

Received the following Letter from the
Chief and Council at Sadras

To

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To the Honourable Charles Bourchier Esqr
President on behalf of the Hble English East India Company
& the Coast of Cormandel and Orissa & Governor
of Fort St. George &c. Council

A Letter from Sadr.
Patam

Honourable Sir & Sirs

This moment we
received your Honours Favor of the 28 Inst.
We have delivered to the Person that Com-
-mands Your Wrs Sepoys the twelve Prisoners
and their Arms. — They returned from Cot
alore when they found good to give them
to their Compliment, having already
-ved thither the Money entrusted with
We are obliged to your Honours &c
the Justice which you are intentioned to
give us, and do not doubt but it will be
a good Consequence for the future. —
We shall, concerning the Circum-
stances of the Tumult caused by them
our Village, for your Honours &c Depositions
before Justice, which we think will suff
for your Honours Judicature because of Y
Honours Request to send over our Inhabi
-tants for proving the Compliants, We
must give Notice to our Superiors at Cudd
patam, as the sending them over, goes
beyond our Compass. —

Deliver the twelve Prisoners to the Guard sent for them.

Promise to send the Depositions re garding their Crime. — —

Sadr. Patam
30th Nov. 1760

We have the Honor to be with per-
fect Esteem. — Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your humble & Obedient Servants
W. Blanckamer
I. D. Simons

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Morrison was this Day introduced into the Fort and Saluted with Eleven Guns. —

At a Consultation Present
Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor President

Saturday 3rd December

Josias DuPre
Alexander Wynch. —
Samuel Ardley
George Dawson
Richard Brickenden

John Andrews
George Stratton
James Bourchier

Colonel Smith being present takes his seat as third in Council. Messrs Call Whitehill & Mackay Absent on Service. —

The Board now proceed to deliberate regarding our present Situation & the Measures which appear most advisable to be taken. —

It seems to be a point determined by the concurrent Opinion of Colonel Smith and the other Principal Officers that it would not be advisable to attempt the Siege of Bangalore. whilst Hyder remains at the Head of such a Force, as he now has assembled, because our Army is not of sufficient strength to form two Divisions equal to the Purposes proposed, when the Plan of the Siege was first formed, that is to say the one to carry on the Siege, and the other to Cover it. —

Several months Experience has evinced, that it is not practicable to Bring Hyder to a decisive Action, by a direct

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direct Pursuit, with an equal or Superiour force; because his Army consisting chiefly of Horse, we can never come up with him, but when he Chuses to let us; and that he never has done, or most probably means to do, but when he sees a Manifest advantage on his side. The Opinion of such an advantage has induced him to rogue several attacks on our Detachments, which have all served to convince him and Us, That it is in his Power to prevent them from being successful against him; because We have not Horse sufficient to pursue when he finds it Convenient to retreat Engagements such as these altho the Enemy be Continually repulsed are disadvantageous to Us. - because of the Expence of Ammunition which cannot be replaced at the great Distance from hence to the seat of War. - without much time and Difficulty; & because the loss of Europeans cannot be replaced but by Recruits from Europe, nor that of Sepoys with good men without much time and Expence; and it is too evident that these Skirmishes give Confidence & Boldness to the Enemy, who by Experience know that they can retreat with safety, whenever they find they cannot conquer. - To attempt the Reduction of any of the Enemys Forts, of less Consequence than Bengalore, or the Circumjacent Country do not

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not seem advisable, because in every such attempt, altho attended with Success, We must expend Ammunition & lose men, & where we have taken the places they add but little if any thing to the Enemys present Distress. & unless such as may be used as convenient Posts to facilitate the attainment of some further Object, are of no Service to Us, but rather disadvantage because the must be Garrisoned either by the Nabobs Troops or ours/

It is thought not prudent that our Army should penetrate further into the Country to the Westward of Bengalure, because that Place left in our Rear would enable the Enemy to intercept our Convoys, which might be of very fatal Consequence, since our Army must depend principaley for its Support on the supplies to be sent from the Carnatic.

The Conclusion which naturally follows from these Premises, is that should our Army continue to act as for some Months past, in the same part of the Country; We have no reasonable Grounds to promise ourselves any other Advantage, than that of keeping the War in the Enemys Territory, & it will be well if we can do that. - But as a War on this Plan must terminate in favor of that Party, whose Resources are greatest, & whose Means for Supporting the Charges of the War endure the longest, how do We know not what the Enemys are, but we know upon that/

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a Calculation, taking in all our Expectancies on the one Side, & improbable Charges on the other, We shall be in Arrear in the Month of Feby and much sooner should any of those Expectancies fail. - It is evident that such a Plan threatens ruin to Us, & therefore that some other must be adopted. - There rest not a Doubt on the mind of any Man concerning the Advantage that would arise to our Cause, if an Attack were made on any part of Hyders Possessions on the Malabar Coast. It is from thence he draws his Principal Supplies, & there fore any Measure to disturb the Peace of those Parts, must touch him in the most sensible Point, & oblige him to devide his force, & consequently if he weakend himself in this part for the Protection of that, he would be the more vulnerable on this Side, and if he Continued to oppose us with his Main body here, he would be less able to resist an Attack on that Coast. - These Arguments are in our Judgement, so forcible and Clear that We have not ceased to urge the Gentlemen at Bombay to renew their Efforts to Cause a Diversion on that side. - They are undoubtedly the proper Judges of their own Strength and Ability, & We should not Complain, if they would candidly tell Us that they cannot make any Attempt or even Feint to assist Us. but We cannot avoid saying that to be kept in doubt, whither they will or will not attempt any thing, is Worse than knowing

Absolutely that they will not. The Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors to Us under date the 13th. May, having been opened at Bombay & forwarded to Us. The Pressing Injunctions to Us in that Letter to restore Peace have furnished the Gentlemen at Bombay with an Answer to our Request, that they would make another Effort to cause a Diversion, they tell us, that supposing We should conclude a Peace in Consequence of the Company's Recommendations, & not doubt but that Hyder would submit to our Terms, they had not made any Preparations to assist Us; but they still leave Us in Doubt, whether they would assist Us if such a Peace were not made. We have since wrote to, & urged them again to attempt something, but having as yet received no answer, We are in Suspence on that Subject Notwithstanding the doubtful Conduct of the Gentlemen of Bombay, We should not have hesitated, (strongly impressed as we are with the Ideas of the Advantage that would arise from Attacking Hyder on that Coast) to send round Force from hence in the Month of October last on the Grenville, Essex, York & Admiral Watson, had not every Intelligence from all Parts, given us the Strongest Grounds to believe that Madarasew would March this Way to assist Hyder or at least to make what Advantage he could of our Quarrell with him. We had also many reasons to doubt of the Part the

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the Soubah would take on respect to Us, and We had just Cause to be alarmed at his sending his Duan Runeem ud Dowlah to Poonah at a time when Madavarows Intentions appeard hostile towards Us, and when Advices from Bengall intimated their apprehensions of Duplicity in the Conduct of Sujah ul Dowlah, who with professions of Friendship was making great Military Preparations without any apparent Cause. — Under such Apprehensions it would have been the height of Imprudence to divest ourselves of any part of our Force, when the whole would be very unequal to the Task of repelling the Enemies if attacked. For a further Elucidation of this Subject We refer to our Consultation of the 7th November. — Our late intelligence and advices from Poonah & Hydrabad, give Us room Hope that the Jauto & other Northern Powers will find Employments for Madhavarow that way, & if so, relieve Us for some time from that imminent Danger with which he seemd to threaten Us. — This however being yet doubtfull our Apprehensions are not so far removed, as to warrant our parting with any Force beyond our Power to recall them in time should be necessary, Nevertheless Preparatory Measures may be taken with safety. — When Colonel Wood with his Success induced the Southern Governments, the Rajo

Advice

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Advices we received from him were very concise
& very imperfect, & when in Consequence of the
Plan of Operations for reducing Benguelure, he
was recalled our Directions to him were General
(& for want of Sufficient Information could not
be particular) to leave such a Force & take
such Measures as to him should appear neces-
-ary for securing his Conquests, & with the rem-
-ains of his Detachment to rejoin the Army
under Colonel Smith, & as We had reason to
believe from the Accounts we had received from
those Countries that large Quantities of Grain
had been found in the several Places which
had submitted to him, our Directions to him
were General, to provide for the Security of the
conquer'd Country before he left it. Never the
less as the Advices from Col Wood were very
imperfect, respecting the State & Condition of
the several Forts, the Stores & Provisions left
in them, the Garrisons appointed to defend
them, & the general Disposition of the Forces he
left for the Protection of the Country, We appoint
-ted Lt Col Fraschman a prudent & Carefull
Officer to proceed thither to take upon him the
Command of the whole of the new Conquests from
Coorypooram South, to report to us the State
& Condition of the Country, the Forts, the Stores
& Troops, & to put the whole in the best con-
-dition he could. ... The Advices We have lately
received from him inform Us that the Forts
in General are in a Defenceless Condition and

without

without Provisions; the Native Troops in general mutinous for want of Pay, and of no use, for want of Ammo. — The Enemy taking advantage of these Circumstances have Forced their way by the Guzelhetty Pass, into the Coimbettore Country, repossessed themselves of several Forts, and it is probable will again over run the whole of the Southern Conquests, unless a Force be sent that way to oppose them. Altho we can=not expect to reap much advantage if any in point of revenue to be collected from the new Conquests during the War, Yet it must contribute greatly to distress the Enemy, if We deprive him of the the Supplies he might otherwise draw from thence; & upon a peace, the Value of the Countries, whether they be ceded by way of Equivalent, or whether they be retained, will be an Article of great Consideration, and therefore they must stand as an Important Object in the Plan of Operations now to be concerted. —

The Sum of the whole that has been said may be comprised under these Heads. —

That We cannot with prudence attempt the Reduction of, or even to Advance into the Country West of Bongalore & between that and Syringapatam, without out first se=-curing Bengalure. —

That the Siege of Bengalure ought not under the present Circumstances to be attempted. —

That

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That to reduce other places of less consequence on that part, would be of no use but rather the reverse. —

That there is no Probability of bringing the Enemy to a decisive Action, & that frequent Skirmishes from which the Enemy may retreat at pleasure, are disadvantages to Us. — . — . —

That money to keep the Enemy at Bay where the Scene of War now lies, cannot terminate the War to our Advantage, since the Success must in that Case depend on the longest Purse, which We fear is not Ours. — . —

That therefore some other Plan must be adopted. —

That an Effort on the Malabar Coast to cause a Division promises the most Success. —

That the Gentlemen at Bombay have been repeatedly prest on that Subject, but leave Us in Suspence. — . —

That We should have sent a second a Force in October had not great apprehensions of Hostile Intentions in the Soubah of Malwa now prevented it.

That altho our Apprehensions on that Subject are abated they are not so far removed, as to warrant our parting with a part of our Force beyond recall in time. —

That if those Apprehensions were totally removed it would be right to send a round a Force. —

That Preparatory Measures may therefore

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therefore must be taken:—

That the Southern Conquests will be an Object of great Importance upon a Treaty of Peace.

That they were left by Colonel Wood in a Defenceless Condition which has given the Enemy an Opportunity of over-running a Part, & if not Speedily prevented will reposess the Whole.—

That the repelling the Enemy in those parts, is therefore a Matter of the first Consequence.

Upon due Consideration of the whole it is therefore proposed as follows.—

1st.— That such Part of the Army as shall be judged sufficient to oppose Hyders main Body now with him be allotted for that Purpose, & to watch his Motions.—

2nd.— That such part as shall be thought necessary be appointed as Convoy to the Stores & Provisions to be sent from the Carnatic.—

3rd.— That the remainder of the Army be detached to the Southward for the following Purposes, that is to say to oppose the Detachment now acting in the Coimbetore Country under the Command of Meer Moyzella Ulla Cawn & reduce that Country again to Obedience That done, to endeavour to get Possession of Succherry durgum, which is his only place of Consequence the Enemy reposes to the Eastward of the Cavery, & whose is of great Importance to them because it may may afford a safe

retreat

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retreat to any Partico of the Enemy who may force
the Passes.—

4th.— That Troops thus acting in the Southern
Country may be recalled to the Protection of the
Carnatic, should the Morattas or the Soubah
move towards Us; but should We be confirmed,
as our late Intelligence gives Us hope, that
Madararow will be engaged in the Northern
Part of the Maratta Country, & that the Soubah
is disposed to conform to the Terms of the late Treaty,
in that case it is proposed:—

5th That as large a Body of Europeans and
Sepoys as can be spared from the necessary Pro-
=tection of the Carnatic & the Southern Conquests
do March from the Coimbettore Country to
Calicut or Tellichery, in Case the Gentlemen at
Bombay will assist our endeavours, to join such
Force as they shall have Assembled, & make
some Attempt on such of Hyders Possessions
on that Coast as shall be advised by the Presidency

6th That the Presidency of Bombay be im-
=mediatly advised of these our Intentions, &
that We hope, if no unforseen event should
cross our Designs, that our Troops may be
ready to march from the Coimbettore Country
by the Middle of January that if they Concur
in this Plan, they must be desired to prepare
the Necessary Vessels, Stores, Ammunition, &
Provision for what ever attempt they may
think proper to make, the Direction of which
We shall leave entirely to them.—

7th

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7th That as soon as we shall have obtained a Sufficient Confirmation of the Pacific Disposition of the Soubah, as great a part of the Force now in the Circars as can be spared (leaving only what may be necessary for their Protection) be withdrawn to Strengthen the Principal Army or Southern Detachment, as the Case may require. —

8th That in Case the Proposed Southern Detachment should be Successfull in driving the Enemy from those Countrys before advice from Bombay may warrant their proceeding to Tellicherry, the Troops may either be cantoned in that Country to refresh and prepare for the March, or if that should not be necessary, and it should be judged advisable, an attempt may be made to levy Contributions or lay waste the Enemys Country on the other or North-ern side of the Gujelhatty Pass These are the out Lines of the Plan, which as far as We can judge seems to promise the most Success, & by which We may soonest hope to bring the War to a Conclusion. The Consideration however of the whole is referred to Colonel Smith, who is desired to consider the same Maturely, & to give his Opinion thereon; and if he particularly requested that he would, without reserve, point out such parts as he think he may be amended, add what ever may appear to him deficient, or reject the Whole, if his Opinion be against the whole, & substitute such other

Plan

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Plan of operations &c he shall think may be attended with better Success. — —

A Letter from John Call Esq.r was read &c follows. —

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

A Letter from Mr Call

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday morning I had the Honour to receive your Letter of the 28.th accompanying one for Col Wood, which I forward =ed to him after taking a Copy to forward by an other conveyance. —

Had your Honor &c been informed fully of what had pass.d betwixt Hyder & Col Wood from the 17 to the 23.d it is probable you would not have given him the Directions contained in your Letter to him; & I suppose he will consider them only as provisional. —

As the Letter from Col Wood which I have pass.d here, do not seem to me to have given any detail of his motions & the Enemys, from his leaving Colar to his return, I shall take the liber=ty to give your Honors &c the best information I could get from Capt. Cooby who pass.d here Yesterday in his way to Vellore, because the Consequence may be of a serious nature. —

When Col Wood arrived at Banglore the 17 he was informed that Hyder had Batterys open against Oussoor, & therefore thought it a good opportunity to bring on a general Action; he

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giving an account of Col Wood's actions with the Enemy—

He accordingly marchd early on this Morning towards Outsoor, leaving the Brass 18Prs with all the Baggage, in or near Banglore Pettah, not having time I suppose to put them into the Fort.—
When Col Wood came in sight of Outsoor, Hyder drew out his Army apparently to oppose ours, & some Skirmishing ensued, but having sent off his heavy Guns towards Banglore, and being unwilling to risque an action he wheeld round, pass'd by Col Wood, & marchd directly to Banglore, & finding the Pettah & Baggage only guardd by 60 or 70 Company's of the Nabobs Sepoys under Captain Aleot a general attack was made thereon, & the Pettah soon forced on all sides; nor could it well be defended because of its size & weakness
The Brass 18 Pounders being without the Pettah Gate were taken, all the Baggage plunder-
-ed, that was not in the Fort, & a terrible massa-
-acre made of the Buzar people & followers of the Army; the Sepoys in general saved themselves in the Fort. Colonel Wood being deceived by appearance or intelligence, did not follow Hyder back to Banglore the only 9 Miles, but went to Outsoor Pettah where he remained till night. & then hearing of the disaster at Banglore mar-
ch'd back, but too late to save any thing, or hurt the Enemy who were gone off.

After remaining at Outsoor and Banglore the 19 & 20 to supply the former place with some Powder & Money, Col Wood seeing he should soon want Rice (having got great part

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(Part of his stock) thought it Necessary to March back towards Colar, leaving a Company of Sepoys in Oussoor; & Capt. Alexanders Battalion, with one other company in Bangalore. — On the 22nd he was at Arlier & thought Hyder at Serjapore 20 Miles from him; but Hyder soon appeard & a severe Cannonade passd that afternoon; Col Wood marchd in the night, the Enemy still followd him firing Cannon & Musquetry all night, and also the 23 in the Morning making great efforts with Horse and foot to cut off, or retard the march of the Army. — This continued till Col Wood arrived in sight of Colar. — & Major Fitzgeralds party from thence appeard on their March to join Col Wood; the Enemy then drew off about 2 Cos to the Southward & remaind all night. —

The expence of Cannon Ammunition was great on our side, & most of the Baggage and at Bagalure now fell into the Enemy hands, but that would have been little to be lamented, had not the Loss of Troops been also considerable. — Ensign M.Donald died the 22. Capt. Cooley was grazed by a 6 Pr. across the breast, but so not dangerously hurt. Lieutenant Richardson lost a leg & had the other shattered of which he is since Dead; Lieut. Knox lost his left arm; Ensign M.Lean & Kennedy are also badly wounded with Cannon shot, about 20 Europeans and 200 Sepoys were killd & Wounded, but as to these I cannot be certain. —

The 24th in the afternoon

Col

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Col. Wood marched again after the Enemy having got a Supply of Rice and Ammunition, & Colo. Coote, but I suppose from the Expence, that 6 & 8th shott will immediately be wanting also Muskquet Ammunition, & Bell Tents of which there is hardly one in the Army so that no time should be lost in dispatching those Articles from Madrass; and I think it my Duty equally to recommend if no 6 or 3 lbrs are come from Europe that the French field pieces at Madrass, be bored upon high as they will bear to English Calibres, or even French (as there are Shott for them) mounted on light Carriages with all expedition for our field pieces wear much & often fail light Tumbrils will also be necessary, those we have in general, are too heavy

I am with Respect

Vansittartsgh Nov 27th 1760

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and

Humble Servant

John Call

Agreed that Mr. Palmer do receive ten Shillings P Day as Secretary during the time he acts as such.

Read the following Letter from Georgen Hay Esqr

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr

President & Govr. & Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of my

leaving

A Letter from Mr. Hastings

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giving an account of the Nabobs demand for provisions as supplied the army. — . —

having for some time past, the Charge of the Publick Grain — His Excellency the Nabob has delivered me an Account of Provisions supplied by his Annuldars for the use of the Army from the 5th of Sept.r 1767 to the 12th Sept.r 1768 Amounting to Rupees 396,366..10..11 of which only Pag.s 2872..29..43. or Rupees 1052. have been paid by the Different Gentlemen who resided / for performing the Supplys to the Army / at Wandewash Trinomalee, Tiagur Arnee &c. so that the Ballance still due to the Nabob is Rupees 395,313..41..11 As will appear by the Abstracts, I now enclose Your Honour.

I beg leave to remark that the principal Articles in those accounts are in my Opinion charged at much higher price than the Army can well afford to pay; for example, Rice at, about Pag.s 60 a Maraver Gerce besides the Charge of Bullock hire. Paddy in proportion & Cattle for Slaughter, great and small at 2½ Pag.s each. — Since besides the Nabobs people have very few Vouchers to produce for the delivery of those Provisions In answer to this they say, that it was very seldom they could Obtain any receipts. —

The original Accounts, in which the quantity of Grain & Number of Cattle, sent by each Annuldar & the time are particularly Specify'd. — I will lay before your Honour &c on my Arrival at Madras. The greatest part of the Provisions, was sent from the Country

Aforesaid

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Assigned to the Nabobs Creditors. Sam with respect

Sircott
20 Novr 1768

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient and
most Humble Servant.—
Geo: Mackay.—

The

Agreed that Matter contained in the above Letter be referred to the Committee appointed to make enquiry regarding the Quantity of Grain sent to Camp, & how it has been accounted for.—

referred to the Committee for enquiry regarding the Grain sent to Camp.—

following from Major

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Govr & Council

Letter from Major Flint

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 11th Inst I have the Honor to receive the 19th following & agreeable to your Orders I shall apoint Lt. Friechman to the Utmost of my power, Two days ago I received a Letter from him, Acquainting me of the Enemys having forced the Pass of Guzelcherry with a Body of good Horse & Sent 3 ten pieces of Canon, he therefore requests I will send him all the Assistance I can Immediatly, Accordingly I sent him Yesterday; Capt. Nixon Lieut Gorham three Serjt. Majors, two 3 pdrs with its Tumbrils & Ammunition Compleat & four Artillery men, Twelve Rank & file of the 8 Regiment / being all that I had fitt for field duty / with five Compleat Companys of the 10th Battalion & the new raised One, I have sent Colonel Friechman a

sends a Detachment under Capt Nixon to join Lt Col Friechman

Copy

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Copy of the Paragraph in your Letter concerning it. — On my receiving Colonel Frisetmans Letter, I immediatly Wrote Capt. Fortune desiring him not to loose any time in marching hither, at the same time making him acquaind with what had happend & the Colonels situation I also received a letter from him this Morning dated the 20.th at Marcolum acquainting me that he intends being at Tragar the day following & that he is Obliged to make short Marches on account of the roads, & that he has only eight Dooleys & they have been full for two days before, there is many of the men so bad in the feet, it is with Difficulty the can keep up, he therefore requests I will send him some Dooleys & a Surgeons Assistant, which I have done. — I have gott two sixpounders with two Tumbrils & Ammunition ready to go with the Europeans to Col Fraschman, which he Wrote for. — The enclosed is a Copy of a list of Subedars, Jemidars &c sent me from Camp, to Recruit their Companys the others being taken from them & put into the 11.th Battalion, The Commandant of the 7 Battalion Mooden Sait, was sent in here from Cood some time ago, Wounded, his Company is also taken from him in Camp & put into an other Battalion in all Six Companys to be Compleated. — I am with the greatest respect. — Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obd.t & very Humble Sert.

Wm Flint

Prepos Capt.n Fortune to Hasten his march. —

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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Govr. & Councie

a Letter from major Flint. — —

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday I receivd a Letter from Lieut. Johnston at Daraparam dated the 23 Inst Acquainting me that the Carnatic Peons in our Service at Coimbettore had Mutinyd & put all to the Sword, which He believed must be the fate of Lieutt Hamilton & Mr Hamilton the Paymaster, This day I received fresh Intelligence confirming the above, & that the Enemy had taken Possession of the Fort with four Hundred Sepoys and two hundred Horse, which I am afraid is but too true tho by a Letter from Colonel Friedman dated 25th from Erode he does not mention any thing of this, only that of Dindigall & those at Sattemungelum intended to serve Capt. Orton the same, The particulars of which he has wrote to the Govr. He complains very much there not being any Provisions in the Different Garrisons, that the Nabobs Troops are very troublesome for want of Pay, I got the Younge Nabob here to send an Order to his people at Carroor, Yesterday, to tell Colonel Friedman I have 8 or 10,000 Rupees to pay his people for the present, & have promised to send 10,000 More by the next Detachment he has also sent another Order to the Hurrildars to lay in a good Store of Provisions of all kinds, I have wrote to the Serjt. Commanding there to use the Carnatic Peons ally

having of his having received Intelligence of the Carnatic Peons in Coimbettore having Mutinied and put the Garrison to the Sword

Prepares the Nabobs son to send Money and Provisions to Col Friedman

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Punctually Obeyd, I shall send all the Provisions I can get from hence, with, with the Europeans they are not Yet arrived, — I wrote Capt. Fortune Yesterday morning requesting him to make all the haste Possible, Acquainting him there was not any Danger on the road to this Place, which he seem'd to be very Apprehensive off, by a Letter I received from him. —

I am with the Greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & very
humble Servant —
Wm Flint

Trichinopoly
27th Novr. 1760

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from
Major Flint

Your Letter of the 23rd. Instant came to hand Yesterday, & agreeable to your directions, you may depend on my endeavours to assist Col Fraschman with every thing in my power — In my Letter of the 25th I have acquainted the Board of my having sent a Detachment (Mentioning the Particulars of the said) to Colonel Fraschman: — I have just received a Letter from the Serj.t at Tiagar, acquainting me that Capt. Fortune Marched from thence the 26th. so that I may expect them here in two Days more, I have not yet heard of the Detachment from Madurafo, or what Rout they have taken, but from the time they first Marched, I should imagine, they will be in, much about the

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the same time with the other . . . .

The Inclosed is the present State of this Garrison, Out of which will go with the next Detachment to Colonel Frischman, four of the Artillery & eleven Privats from the Infantry that have reported themselves fit for the Field the two remainig Companys of the 10th Battalion, a great many of them are recruits left behind belonging mostly to the five Companys that Marched from hence, & Old Sepoys taken in their stead to Compleat them, & the Company that is returnd on the 11th Battalion is but of very little use, the Subedar of it, is very Old & so are most of the People, they have always been kept in Garrison and Shifted from one Battalion to another, by Col. Wood's order, as for the Nabobs sepoys there are Six Companys of them, four of which the Nabobs Son here left me, have five days ago, those only that are present Them on Command I have nothing to say too, these are Companys he raised, sometime ago, to send about to the Different parts of the Country & not Disciplined, the other two Companys, One of which I sent for from Tarrioor to reinforce this Garrison, the other Company belongs to Palamcottah, much the same as the rest, Many of the Invalids are very helpless, I just able only to Mount Guard, & I have only two Officers that is able to do Garrison duty Lt Philips one Ensign

Representing the Weak State of this Garrison

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He is just able to attend the Park & that is all

Now Gentlemen you will see what state this Garrison is in, in regard to Troops a peace of near three Miles round & a Number of Magazines & Store houses &c to take care of. — The information concerning Coem-

confirmed the In-telligence regard-ing Coimbatore

=bettore, Mentiond in my letter of Yesterdays date, to the Board, is now Confirmd, by some of Mr. Hamiltons Servants & Sawcars belong-ing to the Nabob, they came in here this Evening, Who say they saw Mr. Hamilton, Ensign M'Cutchion, & another Gentleman, which must be M'Pott Surgeons Assistant, as also two Artillery Men, all Cutt down & afterwards thrown over the wall. —

I am with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & very

humble Servant

W Flint

Trichinopoly
29 Nov. 1760

We are much concernd to observe the weak state of the Garrison of Trichinopoly; all we can at present do is to recommend it to

Major Flint to take every pre-caution in his Power for the Security of Tri-chinopoly. —

, Major Flint to take every possible Precau-

=tion and above all to beware of Treachery,

from the unhappy Example of the Garri-

=on of Coimbettore

Ensign

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Ensign M.Hutchison having been Killed at Coimbettore Mr Eugene Oneal is appointed an Ensign in his room to rank from the 17th Novr last.

Mr Oneal appointed Ensign.

C.D.Boudrau
Lieut Du Bré

Sam Lindley
Geo Stratton

1865 Fort St. George 4th December 1760

Dispatched the following Letters.—

To Major Flint
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

A Letter to Major Flint

We have received your Letters of the 25th 27th & 28th Nov.

It is with Concern We observe the Weak State of your Garrison, particularly as it is a Place of such Importance.—

We can however only for the present recommend to you to be as much upon your Guard as possible, & above all things to beware of Treachery, from the Example of the Garrison of Coimbettore.—

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
Servants
Charles Bourchier & Council

Fort St George
4 Dec. 1760

To Mr. John Holland

Sir

Letter to Mr. Holland

As your ill state of health prevents your continuing at Arcotte for the Purpose for which you was sent thither.— We have appointed Mr. Saxtier to relieve you in the Charge of that Company.— You will therefore, on his Arrival deliver to him such Instructions as Mr. Mackay may have furnished you with

which

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which done, you may returne to Madras

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Charles Bourchier & Council

Fort St George
5th Decr 1760

To Mr Anthony Sadleir

Letter to Mr Sadleir

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 26 November

On Col Smiths Application for Permission for you to accompany him to Madras he was acquainted that We consented thereto. & in Consequence thereof Mr Raitt was appointed Paymaster to the Army. — But Mr Holland who was sent to Arcott for the Purpose of collecting & forwarding Supplies of Grain to the Army, is from his weak state of health unable to continue there. — We desire you will proceed thither & relieve him in Charge of that Employ. He will deliver to you such Instructions for your Conduct as Mr Mackay may have furnished him with & which you will observe. —

We are &c.

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Charles Bourchier & Council

Fort St George
4 Decr 1768

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Came in the following Letters from Col=
=onel Wood.—

To the Honble Chas Bourchier Esqr
President & Govr & Council
of Forts St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

At Sea from Col Wood with a Return of the Killd & Wounded

Inclosed I have now the Pleasure to send you a Return of the Killd Wounded & Missing in our two last Actions.—

I marchd this morning from Bou=
=ggelure with an intention to attack Hyder Alleys Camp at Seggupram but on our appear=ance he moved off towards Huscotah leaving a Camp the strongest situated that ever I saw.— We have made a march this Day of near 20 Miles without the least Prospect of Coming up with him so I am now within 7 Miles of Huscotah, shall march thither to morrow and serve the People out four days Rice as we have few Bullocks to Carry any quantity. After that Shall pursue Hyder as much as poss=ible. I am with Respect.—

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble
Servant
John Wood

Camp near Huscotah 27th Novr 1760

The following is an Abstract of the return of the Killed wounded and Missing accom=panying

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accompanying the above Letter.—

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1869 Fort St. George 3 December 1760.

Received the following Letter from Lt. Colonel
De Beck.—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Letter from Lt. Col. De Beck advising of the Detachment sent by him to join Lt. Col. Smeathman

I was this morning favoured with the Honble Boards General Letter of the 23 Instt. and have agreeable to their instructions Ordered a Detachment of one Serjt. and 30 Rank and file Europeans, which will march from hence tomorrow morning under the directions of Lieut. Wilson.—

Yesterday one of my Harkaras advised me of the fall of Coimbetore by treachery, & that the Enemy had made themselves masters of one of the Papeo, with a Body of Five Thousand Horse and as many Foot. But as I have not had an exact account I cannot pretend, on so Slight an information

I have the satisfaction to inform you that this part of the Country remains at present perfectly quiet.—

I have the Honour to Remain with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

De Beck

Madura
29 Novr. 1760

At

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At a Consultation Present.

Tuesday 6 Decr. 1760

Charles Bourchier Esqr. Governor & President

Josias Dupre — John Andrews
Alexr. Wynch — George Straiton
Samll. Bradley — James Bourchier
George Dawson
Richd. Brickenden

George Mackay

Mr. Mackay being returnd takes his seat at the Board.

Messrs. Call & Whitehill absent on Service

Letter from Colonel Smith read as follows.

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

Gentlemen

A Letter from Colonel Smith on the subject of the Plan of Operations communicated to him last Consultation.

The papers with which you Honourd me on the 3rd Inst. for my perusal. I have read and examind attentively, the matter contain'd therein is perfectly agreeable to my way of thinking and is so just a statement of our present situation, that from me it requires no alteration. However Gentlemen as you have express'd a desire that my opinion should be taken. I will freely give it with such remarks as occur to me on this occasion. Which shall be submitted to your consideration.

If

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It being agreed by all, that our Army is not con-
=siderable enough to reduce Bengaluve or penetrate
far into that Country with safety. — That the
reduction of inferior Forts rather tend to divert
than forward our operations. That we find by
experience Hyder is not to be forced to an Action
but when he pleases, and on his terms, and every
one we have fought has produced nothing decis-
-ive but on the Contrary a Loss of Officers, Men,
& Ammunition without gaining a Single point.
This being the Case, I dont see that our Army
is of any other utility on the Western Side of
the Hills but to Watch Hyders motions and
prevent (if possible) his entering the Carnatic.
This method of Conduct towards him
must plainly discover our inability with
regard to pushing on our Conquests to the
West, and Hyder of Course when he finds
it so, Will endeavour to repossess the Southern
Countrys again. — by sending a Division of
his Army to Reinforce Murphaza'a Khan
& keeping a large Body with himself to hold
us in Check where we are. —
The great Quantity of Stores at
Colar must ever while the remain there prove
a clog for we cannot leave them to chance, and it
is requisite a strong Garrison should be placed
where ever they are for their security, which
deprives us of so many good Sepoys from the
field. — I am therefore of opinion Gentlemen
that as there's no seeming probability of our

Recommends the removal of the Stores from Colar as the first object

having

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Having any use for those Horses from the Army
should be employ'd in escorting of them to wher-
=ever you may think proper to order their remov-
al to — for should Hyders Cavalry be increased
with a Body of Marattoes the difficulty of moving
them will be greatly increased, and you may have
other service for your Troops — but this I submit
to your decision. —

It's very evident that while
Hyder Ally can Support so large an Army as
he now heads, our progress against him will
be very inadequate to the Expectations of our
Masters at Home, Or the immence expence
you are at in maintaining so tedious a War. —
We now are drove to a very Critical Juncture
and it is a fact Undeniable that if We cannot
carry our Operations on with Vigour against
him his force will daily increase, & grow within
to such a hight, that we may find it difficult
to Preserve the Superiority whom We have
so long held over him. — Our strength hourly
diminishes while Hyder is gaining force. —
Your Battalions have served in the Field almost
two years and during that space have never re-
Recruits in proportion to their losses — And
now, what with the different Actions, Sickness
Deaths, & Sickness you will shortly find them
reduced to Nothing, tho. we have every appear-
ance of so much use for them as when the War
first Commenced this in my Opinion is a very

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Proposes a method of Compleating the Sepoy Battalions

Material point to be Considerd, and instantly
attend'd. — I would therefore propose, as our Battal-
=ions in Camp are so Weak, that they should be
for the present compleated to Eight Companys
each, and the Officers of the two reduced Companys
with a good Serjt sent into different parts of the
Carnatic to Recruit this would intirely prevent
the practice of giveing Companys to Men for rais
=ing them. — The manner in which the Pay
for the Recruits is to be supplied you will direct
as you may judge proper. —

From Col Fraschmans account
of our Southern Conquests, the great distress
they are in for Provisions the Weak state of
the Forts, & Garrisons, the Mutinous, and rebell
=ious temper of the people in those parts, gives
great reason to suppose that what ever Navy
Hyder has employd on that service it cannot
meet with much difficulty in over Running a
Country totally unprovided, & unprepaird in every
respect to withstand an Enemys progress. — Tis
highly necessary a Body of Troops should be sent
thither if We mean to preserve them, and pre-
vent Hyders carrying off the Stores &c left there
by Colonel Wood, but when this reinforcement
shall have reachd Ahtoor or Selem. — I am
really at a loss to find out how the Officer comman
ding it will be enabled to drive the Enemy out
again when he cannot receive any Supplies of
Provision there. Colonel Fraschman declares
he could not collect more than eight days rice
in

in the Country — how then can your Army subsist
it self untill such time as Magazines are formed —
I know not what Grain is at Nellore — but sup-
=pose, both that, Salem, Darumpoury, Tingary-
=cotah ve are no better provided, and not a Bul-
=lock or Bag to carry Rice ve Its therefore absolute
=ly necessary that a great number of Bullocks
should be sent from Trichenopoly Districts/ etca
I am told there are great Plenty) to Tuxjor, and
Quantitys of Grain ve be conveyd into the South-
ern Countrys, without this is done the Troops
you may think proper to allot for that service
can be of no use, and in all probability if much
distress'd in point of Rice, it may be attended
with very bad Consequence amongst our Black
Our loss of Cattle at Bagalure will intirely
prevent any being supply'd from the Army
indeed they never had to spare, and if I
recollect right twelve or thirteen hundred Gram
Bullocks were the most ever kept on the Compy
account. — A very trifling Number for the Use
of such an Army During the time of my
being with your Troops — our difficulties in
point of Grain, & transporting of it has
been many, and to supply so large a Body
of People so far distant from our Magazines
is no easy task to undertake as the seile-
=ons may take
After what I have urged relative
to provision. I am perswaded you Gentlm
will take such Measures as may appear

Represents the Necessity of Collecting Bullocks & Grain for the use of the Detachmt to be sent to the Southward

And the Difficulty our Army has frequently sustained on that account

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to you requisite, to prevent any wants on that head, for until ample Granaries are form'd it's totally impossible to act with the least degree of certainty, especially if the Gentlemen at Bombay should once more enter the List against Hyder, & you determine to send a Body of your own men to join them. —

In short it appears so plain to me that unless an Expedition is set on foot to divert Hyders Possessions in the Biddanore Country, or that you can procure a Body of Cavalry capable of driving him out of the field we may continue the War till doomsday, and be no nearer its Conclusion; on a supposition that you employ no other force but your own on this Coast. —

If the Detachment proposed by him is to march to the South ward. —

By the last returns received from the Army it appears there were present for Duty 773 Rank & File & 4493 Sepoys since which you may deduct the 73 Europeans by Wounds & Sickness, & by what I can learn 4 or 500 Sepoys wounded, taken at Bagalore and deserted. — The Army destined to oppose Hyder should consist of at least six Battalions which should be the 1st. — 3d. — 5th. 6th. — 8th. & 16th. —, then you may have for the Southward the 11th Battalion, Bucks, Six Companys of Alexanders and as many from Calverts as can be Spared, with all the Europeans more than the number above mentiond. — The remains of Auchmuty's & Bowrans Battalions may be directed to stay near the Pass

to

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to protect Convoys & the Valley: — . —

What ever Gentlemen your determin-
-ation with regard to the Southern Country
may be. — I think a Body should be immedi-
-ately formd, & move that way by the most
Eligible route; otherwise the Enemy may get
on with their Conquests at Pleasure — 'tis un-
-natural to imagine when Hyder finds you are
drawing Troops that way for the support
of your Southern Possessions — he will also
-labs reinforce his party and by degrees the
may be transplanted South — Even then un-
-less his Fortresses, & possessions on the oth
Coast are invaded. — I have great fears
our Efforts will prove of little consequence.

Represents the necessity of its pro-
-ceeding as soon as
possible. — . —

These Gentlemen are my Sentiments
submitting them, as I ever shall do, to your
wiser considerations. —

I have the Honor to be,
Honble Sir and Sirs. —
Your most Obedient & Hum
-ble Servant
Joseph Smith

Fort St George
5 Dec. 1760

The removal of the Valuable Stores from Colaro is
certainly an Object that requires our first attention,
not only as the Loss of them would distress us exceed-
ingly, but as the Acquisition of them to the Enemy
would be a greater Advantage any other they possess

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It is therefore resolved that the Necessary measures be concerted for getting them Convey'd to Vellor without Loss of time . . .

In the proposals transmitted by Messrs Call & Mackay with their Letters of the 28 October, for the better Regulation of the Sepoy Corps; / the Consideration of which hath been deferred / it is recommended that the Sepoy Recruits do receive Pay from the time they inlist, and that Black Officers & Serjants be sent by the Capts on Recruiting Service, which agrees with what Colonel Smith has proposed . — It is therefore ordered that the same do take place, and that Directions be sent to Camp & the several Garrisons for that purpose; & that the order passed the 18th November regarding raising Sepoys Recruits be abolished . — . —

Colonel Smith in his Letter now before Us having represented that the Difficulties the Army has sustaind, in point of Grain and transporting it, have been many, he is to be desired to particularize the times when those Difficultys subsisted since he entered the Mysore Country, that Enquiry may be made whether it was practicable to supply the Army more Amply, & if so, who's fault it was, that it was not done . —

The Observation with regard to the Necessity of having ample Magazines, was an Argument urged by Colonel Smith in Objecting to the Expedition in the Northern Parts of the Mysore

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My fore country - as far as We have been able to learn, the want of Provisions hath been no real Obstacle to the Success of our Operations; & if the Troops have been supplied, it was of no Consequence, whether it was done by Magaz=ines or any other Method. —

The Detachment proposed by Col Smith for the Southern Country does not appear to Me of sufficient strength for the Service which will probably be required from them, particul=arly as the Battalions of Sepoys belonging to the Nabob proposed to be sent are veteran but indifferent, and no Provision is made of Artillery. — It is therefore agreed to consider fur=ther of this Matter; when Colonel Smith is also to be desired to be present. —

Letters from Lt Colonel Friedtman read as follows.

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

Letter from Lt Col Friedtman.

Honble Sir and Sirs /

The 27th inst Jemla to the Governor, & acquainted him that the Gov=ernor of Coimbatore had been surprized by the Match Lock people that had been kept in that Place the Commandant of these people, who was also the Killedar of the Garrison / Appointed by Col Wood in Consideration of having delivered up

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up the Garrison to him) is the Author of all the Mischief that has happen'd till now, before we were in possession of the Coimbettore Country that Man Commanded 1500 of those people the most of which are Moor men there pay was 9 pany about Pag.: 7, but he paying more attention to Colonel Wood, and not taking much Notice of the Nabobs Officers, was as soon as Col Wood had left the Country, Arrested and his People disarmed; he was Kept several Months under an Arrest & then released without ever being told the Reason of his Confinement, and never had a Cash of his Appointments paid him for being Killedare. — At my arrival at Coimbettore he made his Complaints to me, in order to Pacify him I told him to Bring me 200 of his People which I would keep at Coimbettore in ord er to take Care of the Country & in Lieu of Sepoys, which he seemingly was very Glad to do. — and brought them and I entertained them. Ally Na=ew Caun the Nabobs Mannager hearing of that told me he had 200 very Good Matchlock & Swords men in the Service if I had any Use for them, at the same time recommended that Commandant to me as being a very good man them 200 I sent to the Guzelhetty Pass, some more were entertained by the Nabobs manager and distributed by them in the different Forts and these are the only people by whose we have Suffered. — they first surprized Damancottah, then Coimbettore, & the Nabobs Sepoys abandon'd

Gangam

attributing the Loss of Coimbettore & the other Places to the Country Peons and the Killedar appointed to Coimbettore by Col Wood who has since been imprisoned by the Nabobs people. —

& was again Released without any Cause assigned for his Confinement. —

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Gangem y Angur Forts — The Comandant had all his people under Arms for the Annadar to Muster them Mr. McHutchion y Mr. Hamilton being at that time there present 3 or 4 Men Stop'd us and Cutt three two Gentlemen and the Annadar down, and then all went and fell on the Sepoys — All these people having rose up in Arms against us as soon as they heard they Enemys or Hyders Troops had got the better of us at the Pass in plain that it was a Plan long form'd before: — —

I mentioned also in my Letter that I wrote the 27th to the Governor that I had information that a Large Body of Horse & Foot was at Combettore and 1000 Horse and as many Foot had March'd against Darmaporam: That intelligence was brought to me by three different People and at different time but since by a Letter dated the 28th of S.t Johnson at Darmaporam — I find none of the Enemys are there, but he says he do's Expect them y am Harcar that came from Madura appeared me Yesterday Morning, that the Enemy were still at the Pass and had not forced the Rent, upon which I wrote to Capt. Orton instantly at his Post — I had wrote to him the Night before; that he better had abandoned it and join me with his Troops; with whom I intended to Keep the Field as in Good I had no Provision to give them, I have not heard from Capt. Orton these 5 Days neither has any of my people returned

Advices of the orders he sent to Capt. orton

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returnd that are posted on that Road for Intelli-
-gence thes several dayes so that I have reason
to think the Enemy are still at the Paps my rea-
-sons for writing Capt. Orton to retreat after the
repeated Intelligence I had received of the Ene-
-my being in large a Body at Coimbetoore and
Darmapooram, was in order to save the Coun
Country, as in All probability they would move
towards it, and by that motion also Cutt off the
Communication between Vrood & Sattiamanga-
-lum. Vrood is the Key of this Country, our hea-
-vy Artillery is there, which cannot be brought
within the Fort, and only 3 Companys of the
Nabobs Sepoys to Garrison it. One of the three
a new raised Company that I dare scarsely
trust too. So that I thought that the most
prudent step that could be taken. But as
above mentiond the Madura Horcar ajour-
-ning me that the Enemys were still at the paps
, I immediately dispatched orders to Captain
Orton to remain, as he has a large Body un-
-der his command and so near the Enemy he will
always be a Check on them. — —

As for Capt. Fazan it is not in my
power to support him now if Attack us, He is so
far out of the way. — When I arrived at Vrood
I wrote imediatly to Major Flint and desired
him to acquaint their Young Nabob that all
the Amildaars & Inhabitants had deserted the
Country all round, and to desire him to send
orders to Carour to send me Provisions without
Speed

Cannot support Capt Fazan

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Speed. I also wrote Capt.n Nixon to bring with him what ever Provision he could meet with in the Road.g at Carvor. Yesterday morning I received a Letter from the young Nabob with Letters.g orders to all the Amuldars to find me provision and money Notwithstanding I had wrote to him in my Letter to Major Flint to which this was an Answer too that the Amuldars.g Inhabitants had all deserted and were they here it would not be in their power to find any Kinds of Provisions, a few Hours after the reception of that Letter, I received one from Capt.n Nixon acquainting me of his arrival at Carvor that he had applyd for Provisions but could get none whatsoever. and that for the Want of Draught Bullocks, his being so extremly bad, He would be obliged to march without his tumbrell. and which he did he left it behind here, only Carryd a little ammunition with him on the Sepoys backs.—

On reflecting seriously on all this and Considering the small stock of Rice and Salt I have in the Garrison, and what would be required when Capt.n Nixon had joind with his Detachment it would not last ten days, moreover as the Troops must.g have for these five Days paid them found with Provision. I and the Gentlemen with me thought I had but one resource left to save this place, which was for me to sett out instantly for Carvor and see what by my Authority, I could provide of provisions

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Provisions, Particularly as by all the accounts & Intelligence I then had the Enemy were still at the Pass, and I might go & return with Safe-ty. — Thinking this the only means left, and still Considering that no Troops would or could stay if they had no provisions, & Consequently would infallibly be the Loss of the Place and all our heavy Artillery. — I resolved and sett out and accordingly did last Night on Horse back without any thing with me, and left Captain Povey in the Command of Coood. — I arrived here this Morning after having travell'd all night. And have instantly sett all the People to Work to find Provisions, and which I shall dispatch as Soon any small Quantity is got together in order that no time may be lost. — and that I may return as Soon as possible. — It is true that on Account of the bad Disposition of the Nabobs people, Troops shall suffer so much. I have almost harrassed myself to death to find out what little Provision I got; and which consists in Nothing but little Rice & Salt. — . —

Proceeds to favour to collect Provisions

I met Capt. Nixon on the Road he will reach Coood to Morrow his Sepoys Deserts very fast. — . — . —

This instant I am Honoured with your Letter of the 23rd by which I observe that my Letters must have Miscarryd. I wrote you Honble Sir & Sirs the 28 October acquainting you of my Arrival at Coimbettore and the Situation I had found the Country in

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I also wrote to the Governor the 2d. 11, 17, 21, 25 & 27th. instant informing him of every individual thing that has happend, in this Country, I hope these Letters have not all been lost, in my Letter of the 17 the Monthly returns was inclosed of all the Troops in this Country, since which time the Defeat at the Guzelchetty has happend were the 1st. Battalion how the most Effective & is now reduced to 200 men fit for duty

As the Enemy have so Considerable a Body of Horse & Foot with the many Guns they have taken at Coimbettore two of which 18 Pds, the guns at the Paso, besides as they begin with them, It will require a Strong Body to oppose them, & drive them out of the Country; the Body that entered the Paso consist of 9 or 10 Horse & Foot, the Candawar more Mahratta People are several thousands, the Polligars all round are Collecting their People to join the Enemy, and all the Country from first to last are against us owing to the Cruel treatment they received from the Nabobs people that had the Management of them. —

I shall be very Glad to see the Troops arrive in this Country & more so if they were more in Number Particularly Sepoys. as no Dependance can be put on the Nabobs. I sincerly wish Col Wood may find means to reinforce Capt. Faizan. — —

Artillery men and fieldpieces will be much Wanted, Capt. Orme has only

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3 Small field Piece & 4 or 5 Artillery men with about
40 Europeans Infantry Sick & well — at Broad
are but the two field Piece Capt. Nixon brought
with him & Artillery men & 20 European Infant-
-ry — The European from Madura I hope will
March to Trichinopoly as they cannot Pass
any where else —

I have the Honor to remain very
Respectfully Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
Dan Frischman

Carore
29. Novr 1760

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Letter from
Lt Col Frischman

I had the honor of
writing to you Yesterday & informd you as far
as had come to my Knowledge of the situation
of this Country the distress of Provisions I am in
& my reasons for coming to this Place — I am to-
-day to inform your Hon that Notwithstanding
all the trouble I have taken for these 24 hours
past — I have not been able to procure more
than 24 Bullocks Rice with a little Curry
stuff & Tobacco — which I have dispatch'd early
this Morning to Broad Carriage Bullocks are
so difficult to be had that I am afraid it will
be a great Obstacle of forwarding Provisions
so fast as I could wish for — However I shall use
all my endeavours to forward as much as I can

represents the great
Difficulty he finds
in procuring Pro-
visions

and

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and return myself to Croad as fast as possible

This Morning I received intelligence from Suckeraporam, that Lt Bryne who Command=ed that Fort y had 6 Company of the Nabobs Sepoys had immediately on hearing what had happend at Coimbettore y Daroan sattar quited his Garrison y attempted with his Gar=ison to March to Calicut. but was stopped by the Cochin Rajahs People, that Lt Bryne on finding he could not pass, had returnd again to Suckeraperam; but on his aproach found the Candeavaram, or mator Cock people were in Possession of the Fort; y fired upon him, upon which he had Marched, with his people to the Travancore Country.

Advice of the Fort of Suckeraporam being abandon'd by the Garrison who were marched to=wards the Travan=core Country. —

I am also informd that Meer Phazulla Cawn is still on the other side of the Pass y had only Detached 2000 Horse 2000 Sepoys and 6 Guns with European Artillery men on this side y that they are Now at Damian Cotah and had been joind by 4000 of the Candeavaram People the instant some of the European from Trichinopoly join me. I will march with them y Capt Nixons party to Sattamar=galum, and join Capt Orton with his Troops and then see, what Number the Enemy are. All I do wish, is that then, the Want of Provisions, may be no Obstacle. I have wrote to Day again to the Young Nabob at Trichinopoly concerning Provisions. I have the Honor to remain with all Respect

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Respect

Carore
30 Nov.r 1760

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble
Servant Dan.l Frieschman

The President also lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieut.t Col Frieschman

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President & Governor &c. &c. &c.
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir

A Letter from Lt. Col Frieschman

I had the Honor of Writing to you two Days ago since that nothing has happend but what I have mentioned in my Letters to you which goes with this Tappal. — I hope my Letters arrived safe with you, in one of them. — I took the Liberty to acquaint you that I was a good deal out of order, as also Suffered much the dis-order in my Legs. — I am Sorry but think it my duty to acquaint you, that I still continue much indisposed & am now with a Severe fever upon me, which makes me much afraid that I shall not be able to undergo the Fatigues in the Field, at present my Legs & health would certainly not permit me. — Should I not get better by the time the Troops arrive. —

representing his very bad State of health and his inability. —

to undergo the Fatigue in the Field. — . —

I should be glad to Know if I have your permission to Resign the Command to the eldest Officer; and retire to some Garrison to get my Health restored. — I am here Collecting provision and hope to be able to return to Coad

to

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tomorrow evening or next day.—

I have the Honor to remain very

Respectfully.—

Carove

29 Novr 1760

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient humble

Servant

Dan Friedman

It is with much concern We observe the progress the Enemy have made in repossessing themselves of the several places in the Coomboocone Country; I cannot but lament that greater care had not been taken in furnishing the several Forts with Provisions agreeable to our orders—

The Nabob has been made acquainted with the distressed State of the Troops, & have promised to send orders for large Supplies being sent from Trichinapoly to Carour.—

Agreed that Lieut Colonel Friedman be directed to acquaint us by whose & by whose Order the Killedare, appointed by Colonel Wood, and imprisoned by the Nabobs people, & who is represented to have been the principal cause of the Troubles in that Country, was released.— The resolution Lt Col Friedman took of proceeding to Carour for the purpose of procuring provisions was well judged and the Orders he has given Capt Orton appears very proper.—

Ord Lt Col Friedman acquainted We that he is unable to support Captain Faizan, Who We fear must be greatly destressed for

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: for Money. — It is ordered that 5000 Pagodas be sent him by Peons, by the way of Trinomali & Tiagar: & of which Capt.n Faizan is to be advised, that he may be able to keep his people together till this Supply arrives. — .

We are much concerned to observe that Lt. Colonel Fraschmand bad State of Health, renders him unable to undergo the Fatigues necessary attending his Command. — .

Agreed that Major Flint be directed to relieve him therein, & that Lt. Col Fraschman do proceed to Trichinopoly, and take the Command of that Garrison during Major Flints absence.

As a paymaster will be wanted in the Southern Countries in the room of Mr. Hamilton deceased, Mr. Scott is appointed to that Employ. to whom the Necessary Instructions are to be sent. —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Peach

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr
President & Governor of Fort S.t George &c
and to the Rest of the Gentlemen in Council. —

Gentlemen

Letter from Col Peach requesting leave to return to Bengall on account of his ill State of Health

From the extreme bad state of health, I have been in for some time past, and the Necessity of my affairs requiring my Personal attendance at the Presidency of Fort William, obliges me to take the earliest Opportunity of requesting the favour of your Permission to return thither, Whenever I may obtain leave of the Governor and Council of Fort William for

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for that Purpose .—

I am

with the greatest Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Humble

Servant

To Peach .—

Camp near
Tekaly
18 Nov. 1760

We are sorry that Colonel Peachs Ill state of health should oblige him to ask Permission to return to Bengall, particularly at this Juncture, when We are in such an uncertainty with regard to the designs of the Soubah; which makes it necessary that an Officer of Abilities & Experience should be at Hand to Command the Troops to oppose him, Should his Intentions be to invade the Companys Possessions .—

We therefore hope Colonel Peach will be able to Continue in the Command until the Service will admit of his returning to Bengall .—

The President lays before the Board the following Letters from Captain Fletcher Commanding at Ongole

Letter from Capt Fletcher advising of Intelligence that the late Rajahs Brother is preparing to raise Disturbances in those parts .—

Honble Sir /

The inclosed Letter is from Mutrum Cawn the Nabobs Renter for this Place, containing intelligence of the Rajahs intentions to return to Ongole .— tho' from all I can learn, there is but little Credit to be

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: be paid to such a report. Yet if their is any truth in it, his intentions - I should think cannot be to plunder at this time - as he might by deferring it till the Grain is reap'd, be flatter'd With hopes of greater advantages. - I hope, in a few days to be able to inform you particularly with regard to those Matters as I dispatch'd people to the different Quarters mention'd in Mutrum Cauns letter immediately on ricpt of it. —

In my Letter to the Board of the 11th inst. I represented the Necessity of repairing this Fort & now beg leave to assure You, that, at present it is in a very defenceless state, & can only be reasonable, in the Country from the Number of Troops employ'd in it. - If a Serjeant, or twoty Corporal of artillery, with a few men could be spared, they would be very necessary, as there are only 6 Invalids, & some of the Nabobs Topasses employ'd with the Guns, & in my opinion not to be depended on. - I intend instructing Sepoys in that Duty, in preference to Topasses, & hope you will approve of it. -

I am with very Great respect. —

Hon'ble Sir

Your Most Obedient & most Hble Servant

Thos Fletcher

Pongole
19 Nov. 1760

Hon'ble Sir

Since I wrote you last I receiv-

+ Letter from Capt Fletcher advising that the Rajah of Arcot. —

ved the following Intelligence confirmed by Six or Seven different people Viz that the Rajah

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for that purpose in which he's encouraged by Hyder

Rajah is at present at a Place call'd Calawhapand about fifteen Cose from hence, He has got Seven hundred people & is raising more as fast as he can, & furnished with Money & provisions by the Polygare of that place. — He has had large promises from Hyder ally & gives it out that he is to join him soon, but those about him say He intends coming this way. One of his Vakeels returnd from Hyder when the people who brought this intelligence were there. — Two of the Sircars say that Nizam has order'd the Cuddepanam to render the Rajah every service in his power & in Consequence of this that he has promised him ten Hundred horse when call'd for. — I have now people at Cuddepanam to know what truth there is in this report. I with the Rajah to inform me from time to time of his Motions. — Enough Envy at Carrampady has been extremely ill for some time past, & last Night I received a Letter from him requesting that I would procure Your permission for his going to Muselipatam on account of his Health. — If he continues in danger, as he says he is at present I have gave Orders to leave to proceed. appointing a Carefull Serjeant to his Command, & I hope you will have no objection. — I remain with the Greatest respect

Ongole
7th Decr 1760

Honble Sir

Your most Obdt & Hble Servant

Thos Hatcher

&c.

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It is not to be doubted but that Hyder will endeavour to stir up every person, whom he may think capable of Committing disturbances in the Nabobs Country; and its very probable that the late Rajahs Brother of Ongole encouraged by promises from Hyder may be induced to attempt something in those parts. —

It is therefore agreed that Mr. Smith at Mouliprattam, / with whom Capt. Fletcher is to be ordered to correspond & to advise of all occurrences / be directed, in Case he receives a Confirmation of the above Intelligence, to send Lieut. Colonel Fod with such a Force as may be sufficient to Quell any Disturbances. — . —

And as the Stationing the Troops at Rondapilleu would We think have a good Effect in deterring the Rajah from Committing any Hostilities, & would also have an appearance of our being in readiness to oppose any attempt from the Decan; Mr. Smith is to have Directions to order them thither; unless he sees any Inconveniencies likely to arise therefrom; in which case he is to defer moving them, & to give us his Sentiments fully on that Subject. — . —

Ja. Bouchier

P. Z. Bouchier

Jos. Du Pré

Geo: Mackay

Sam. Ibbetson

Geo. Stratton

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Came in the following Letters from Major Flint to the Governor

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr

Honble Sir

A Letter from Major Flint advising of Capt. Fortune's arrival at Trichinopoly

Yesterday arrived here Capt. Fortune with his detachment, out of which there is twenty three Sick. — Colonel Fraschman writes so pressingly for Reinforcements, that I shall be obliged to send thro' the Madura Detachment to gether & not wait for that from Madras. — Lieut Wilson with his Detachment from Madura I expect here tomorrow as they set off from thence the 30th Ult. I shall send one Serjeant & fifteen private belonging to this Garrison, I am mostly in want of Artillery men, having only four to go with the two 6 Pdrs. Lieut Phillips informs me there is Seven acoming from Madras with Lt. Speed, I have not had any Accounts were he is, there will go with the Detachment to Colonel Fraschman four Hundred Bullock load of Provisions, & more shall be sent after, as soon as Bullocks can be had, which we find a very great Difficulty in getting. — Yesterday evening the Nabobs son sent from hence to Col Fraschman Twenty Thousand Rupees to pay his Troops, I have promised me to Supply the Colonel with every thing he may want for the future himself and not trust to his Havildars any more, as they have deceived him very often, for which he is resolved to Punish them severly. The following is the Copy of a Letter received Yesterday from

and of the Detachment sent by him to Colonel Fraschman

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from Darapairam.—

Sir/

As I have but few Troops for such a Gar=
=rison, & them daily decreasing, I have reason
to think the Consequence will be bad, when the
Enemy approaches this way, which I may soon
expect, this affair of Coimbettore, & the News of
so many Horse & Sepoys coming into the Country
has struck such Terror amongst them, that they
seem to be cast down, when I found they began
to desert, when they had Port liberty, I ordered the
Gates to be kept Lock'd, but all to no purpose, for
they now Desert off there posts & goes over the
Walls by Ropes, so that I leave you to judge
my situation, where my Life & Honor is at stake,
with such as I have got to depend on, & without
a Speedy reinforcement I can plainly read it in
their Faces what is their intentions, even them
that my whole dependance is in, I am no way
in want of Provision, ammunition or Water &
the Fort is Capable of making a good defence,
if the Troops within was Stanch & True. The
Pettah & all about here are quite abandond. I
have an account of Mr. Brymes being obliged to
Leave Palcard, as his Troops were not willing to
stay, but what road he has taken God knows
of this I have not Certain intelligence. The chief=
=est party of those Sepoys that desert are the
new ones. I am Sir

Your most Obedient humble Sert.

Andrew Johnston.

P.S

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P.S The Sepoys here are so dishearted that they make going away 7 or 8 of a night y if they continue but a few nights so, What can I do, I must leave the Place, If I have not Force sent me.—

A. F.—

A Copy of the above letter I sent to Colonel Fraschman for fear the one that Mr. Johnston wrote him should miscarry, I also took the liberty of advising him to send some body and find out where Lt. Bryne is, and order him to Darrapuram to Reinforce that Garrison, with with two or three of his Companys the most, and to Carroor, to Garrison that Place, he has applyd to me for some for that purpose, but I realy Cannot spare any.—

While writing the above I received a Letter from Mr. Stone dated the 28th Ulto with an other enclosed for Colonel Fraschman, requesting me to forward it on with all expedition accordingly I sent it off immediately to Carroor where the Colonel now is, Cautioning the Sepoyman, in case of meeting with any Enemy, to conceal it in such a manner as to prevent its falling into their hands, there is not the least danger of that at present, as they have not Ventured as yet to come that length, by a Letter from the Colonel Yesterday, His Troops are still at the Pass.— I am with the Greatest respect,— Honble Sir

Your most Obt. & very humble Servt

Wm Flint

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Dispatched the following Letters. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Friochman

Commanding in the Coimbettore Country &c

A Letter to Lieut. Col Friochman —

Sir

We have received your Letters of 29 & 30 Novr. — The progress the Enemy's Troops, under Meer Phazel Ulla Cawn, have made in repossessing the several Places in the Coimbettore Country, & the Unhappy Fate, of the several Garrisons give Us much concern, and We cannot but lament that greater Care, had not been taken agreeable to our Orders to furnish the several Forts with Provisions, for which you are now so distressed. — The Nabob has promised, to order immediate, y large supplys to be forwarded from Trichinopoly to Caroor, from whence they may be convey'd to Erode. — A Letter just now received from Major Flint at Trichinopoly dated the 2nd inst. advising that 400 Bullock loads of Rice would proceed with the Detachment from thence, & that the Nabob's Son had sent you the Evening before 20,000 Rupees & had promised to send whatever Supplies you might want. — And Colonel Wood advises that he should in Consequence of our Directions, order the 11 Batt.n of Sepoys to March & join you, & a further reinforcement will be detached from the Army. —

You acquaint Us that the Commandant or Killedar, whom Colonel Wood had appointed was arrested & made Prisoner by the Nabobs people on Col Woods leaving that Country, that he had been released & was the principle Cause

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of the Troubles raised there; We should be glad to be informed by whom he was released & by whose Order, as the Nabobs acquaints Us, he had given Directions for his being Confind. — . —

The resolution you took of proceed=ing to Tanjore, was well judged; and the Orders you have given to Capt. Orton appear very proper

As you acquaint Us, that you are Unable to Support Capt. Fraizer on account of the Distance, he is from you, & as We apprehen[d] the Troops he has will be greatly distressed for Money. We have orderd 6000 Pagodas to be sent him with Expedition & of which We now write him, that he may be able to keep his people together till this Supply arrives. — . —

As a paymaster will be wanted to the Troops under your Command in the room of Mr. Hamilton. — We have appointed Mr Test who is now at Trichinopoly to that Employ; & is directed to take the first opportunity of joining you. —

It is with Concern We observe by your Letters to the President, that you are in so bad a State of Health, as to be unable to un=dergo the Fatigues necessarily attending your Command, and have therefore Ordered Major Flint, if his Health will admit of it, to proceed & relieve you in the Command; and you will on his arrival with you, Repair to Trichinopoly & take upon you the Command of that Garri=son till his return, or our further Orders. — Your

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You will deliver to him such instruc-
-tions as you may have received from Us, and
give him every Information in your Power relative
to your Command.—

We are
Sir
Your most humble Servants
Charles Bourchier & Council

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To Major Flint
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir/

Letter to Major Flint.—

Lieut. Colonel Friochman having represented that his ill State of health renders him unable to bear the Fatigues necessarily attending his present Command.— We have appointed you to proceed & relieve him therein, if your Health will admit of it; in which case, We desire you will leave the Charge of the Garrison of Trichinopoly to the next Officer— & join Lt. Col Friochman with all Convenient Expedition, who on your arrival is Directed to Deliver to you the Instructions he has received from Us, & to repair to Trichinopoly, where he is to Command, till you return.—

It will be necessary you should take Care, that the Nabobs son_ sends as large Supplies of Provisions, as possible to Caroor, from whence they may be Convey'd to Coud.—

We have appointed Mr. Scott to Proceed as paymaster to the Troops in the room

of

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of Mr. Hamilton. — A Considerable detachment will soon be order'd from the Army to the South ward, as well to oppose Meer Phuzel Ulla Cawn recover the Places he has taken, as to secure the Tranquility of those Countries. — and Colonel Wood acquaints Us in a Letter dated the 1st. inst. that he should immediately order the 11th. Battalion of Sepoys with two Howitzers to reinforce Lieut. Colonel Frischman. —

We are
Sir

Your most Obed. Servants
Charles Bourchier & Council

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To Mr. George Scott

Sir)

A Paymaster being wanted to the Troops under the Command of Lt. Col Frischman in the Room of Mr. Hamilton. — We have appointed You to that Employ & for your Guidance You have herewith a Book of Military Regulations the Orders and Rules contain'd in which you are carefully to observe. —

The Troops, in Consideration of the Country being unsettled, & of their being liable to be constantly moved from place to place, are for the present allowed full Batta.

The Honble the Court of Directors having been pleased to order that an Allowance shall be made the Captns Lieutenants Ensigns & Lieutenant Fire Workers on this Coast in addition

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In Addition to their Pay according to the Following Rates Viz

To a Captain . — . — 3 Shillings p. Day
To a Lieutenant . — . 2 D°. — . —
To an Ensign & Lt. fireworker 1 D°. — . —

The said additional allowances are to commence from the 5th of September last; But it is not to be drawn for at the Beginning of a Month with their Pay, but is to be paid at the end of every month & entered in your Accounts under a Seperate head.

On account of the many places you will have to Visit monthly, Your Allowances are to be 10/ p. Day as Pay, & Pags. 1. 25. 16 p. Day as Batta. —

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Charles Bourchier & Council

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To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam
Gentlen

As the payment of one Lack of Rupees to the Soubah agreeable to the Terms of the Treaty concluded here was to be made the 31st October. — The President wrote to Mr. Lewin Smith the 22nd of that month acquainting him it was our desire to have the same punctually Discharged, at the Stipulated period, to Sollabs Doucar who Succeeded Doulah had appointed to receive it. — —

We

Lieut. to my Subordinates. —

Directing the payment of one Lack of Rupees to Sollabs Dofs due to the Soubah 31 Octr.

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We hope it has accordingly been discharg that the Soubah may have had no room to complain of our want of punctuality.. & You will acquaint Us if it has been so.— If it has been delay'd you must lose no time in paying it.— .— We are

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To the Honble Jno. Hodges Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay

Our Letters of the 15 Oct. & 2d Nov. contained a Circumstantial account of our Situation to that time — The Argument we have proposed your Honour &c to adopt some Measures for diverting the Enemy's attention, with we hope have induced you to exert every Means in your power for Cooperating with Us.— Till such time however as You advise Us of your having Undertaken something for that end, or acquaint us of your utter inability to do so — We cannot cease representing to you how much our Success depends on your causing a Division on your side — .—

Hyder having been able to collect his whole Force to oppose Us in these Parts puts it entirely out of our Power to attempt the Reduction of Bengalure, since after forming a Sufficient Body for that purpose the Garrison

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Remainder of our Troops would be unable to prevent his detaching Bodies of Horse to plunder & lay Waste the Carnatic. The Army We have in the Field is superior to him were it possible to bring him to engage on any other, than his own Terms. But as his Force consists chiefly of Horse he can with ease avoid an Engagement, & when he suffers Us to come up with him, he can upon the Appearance of any Disadvantage draw off at Pleasure, by which means he has it in his Power to harrass & distress our Troops to the greatest Degree. This We have found to be the Case ever since our Army has attempted to follow, & bring him to an Action; & We are thoroughly convinced that unless some other Measures are adopted, the War will be dragged on without a prospect of Success, & We shall at last be obliged for want of Resources to make Peace on Terms very disadvantageous to our Honble Masters. —

Thus circumstanced, the only alternative, We have by which We may hope to put an end to this very distructive & expensive War is to, detach a Considerable Force to the Southward as well to recover Coimbatore & such of the Places in that Country which Hyder has found means to reposess himself of, as to secure it from his future attempts, and in Case Your Honor & Board in Consequence of our repeated Solicitations, have determined to make another Effort on his Possessions on

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on your Side, We will on the first Notice thereof, order a Detachment to march from Coimbatore to Calicut, or such other place as may be most convenient, from whence they may proceed & join the Troops you may be able to employ on this Service. —

For this purpose it will necessary that Vessels should be in readiness to transport them to the Places judged most Convenient for forming the Junction, & that a Sufficient Quantity of Artillery Stores, & Ammunition should be prepared for the Expedition, as well as large Supplies of Grain & Provisions, collected & lodged at such places, from whence they may with most ease be drawn for the Use of the Army. —

These matters must depend on your Honor &c, as it will not be possible for the Detachment from hence to carry with them any considerable Supplies. —

An Expedition of this kind appears to Us by far the most likely to destroy Hyder & compell him to accede to the Terms of Peace We have proposed; since he must either suffer his Possessions on the Malabar Coast to fall into our hands, which would affect him in the tenderest Part, as he must be oblig'd to detach so considerable a Force that way for their Support, as must greatly favor our Operations against him on this side. — Nothing but the depriving him of his Resources for carrying on the War, can We are convinced bring him to

Terms

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Terms, y the only means of doing that is by attacking the Countrys from whence he draws those Resources. We must therefore in the most earnest Manner recommend it to your Honor &c to exert every means in your Power for cooperating with Us, and We hope y intreat, that you will lose no time in taking the necessary Measures as We much fear that by the end of February We shall be distressed for Money, for carrying on the War. - The repeated Intelligence we have received give Us room to Hope that Madaraxus will be unable to take part with Hyder, as it is currently reported that he will be obliged to oppose the Juits y Rohillas, who have threatend an attack on his Northern Possessions. - If this be true, it is a further motive to endue Us to avail ourselves of so favourable an Opportunity of prosecuting the War. - We have heard nothing from Mr Brown since his Letter of 9th October. -

We mentioned to you in a former Letter the advantages which we judged might accrue could the Codsch Rajah be brought to engage with us in an Attack against Hyder y we doubt not but your Honor &c will exert your Influence with him for that purpose. If he can be brought to join us, it would greatly forward our Operations, by rendering the Access to the Bidd more Country more easy, y he would be able to assist Us greatly in the Article of Provisions. - - - -

Your Honors are undoubtedly the

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the proper Judges of your own Force, & can best determine what your means will enable you to undertake; But We cannot avoid saying, that whilst We are held in suspence, We suffer a much greater prejudice, than if We were certain you would not attempt any thing. —

We therefore request the favor you will communicate us fully on this Point, before it is too late for Us to make any Terms. — It may seem strange to You as perhaps it may to all the World, that when the Company's Troops on this Coast and in Bengal have beaten Armies of an Hundred Thousand, We should meet with Difficulties in a War against twenty Thousand; But it is accounted for clearly by the different Circumstances of the War. — It is not the Number that alarms Us it is because We cannot come at our Enemy, at least so our Officers tell Us, his Force (as We have before observed) consisting chiefly of Horse & ours of foot. — We can never attack him but when he pleases, & he can retreat at Pleasure; & if We were to attack his Capital, nothing can prevent him from ravaging the Carnatic, which being our only Resource for money, must not be exposed. — It is therefore evident that unless a Diversion of his Forces be cause, this War must be determined, not by the Troops in the Field on either side, but by the resource for paying those Troops, & ours are very near exhausted. — . — We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

your

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Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Charles Bourchier & Council

Received the following Letters. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have now the pleasure
Letter from Colonel Wood

to acknowledge the Receipt of your Several favors
this Day, as bearing date the 21st. Nov.r with a
Duplicate. & also your Letters of the 22nd & 23rd ditto
for which I am extremely Obliged to you. and in
regard of my leaving the Army, at this present
Juncture. — I shall do my utmost Endeavours
to keep the Field till Colonel Smith returns:
If my health will possibly admit of it. — Though
my Determinations in that Point, as well as
my Opinion respecting the Operations of the
Campaign in General have in seasonable time
been fully transmitted to you before. — It always
has been my Opinion that equipping & sending
a Strong Detachment to act on the Coast of
Malabar must certainly be a means of mak-
-ing Hyder ally divide his Force; by drawing
his attentions that way, consequently render
Objects in this parts the more easy and prac-
-ticable. — I have devised & followed every method
in order to bring him to a Decisive Battle: But
he has equally avoided being brought to any action,
Without an apparant degree of disadvantage on

our

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our side. — He certainly lost a great many in the two last Engagements. — I shall march towards Colare, where I intend staying a few Days to recruit the army; which by incessant fatigues & Inclemency of the Weather, is impairing & diminishing every Day. — You may be assured, I shall do my best endeavours for the Good of the Service. — But without a large supply of Money Nothing in short can be further expected. — It is through want of this Necessary implement that most of my Schemes have been rendered abortive. — I could have purchased a Sufficient stock of Grain here for the Subsistance of the Army & the followers also might have supplied themselves; But have not where withall to purchase the least article. — This occasions the Loss of great Number by desertion. — I shall follow your directions in regard of Sending the 11th. Battalion of Sepoys as a Reinforcement to Lt. Col Fraschman with the two Howitzers, as I left two Companies at Coimbettore and agreeable to the earliest intelligence shall Guard against any attempts of the Enemy, they can make towards the Pagoda. — Colare is a place that has engaged my utmost attention There is force Sufficient in it. — To withstand any hostile attempts against it & you may be assured of its security. — I shall take every opportunity of giving you the earliest intelligence of all occurrences that happen. — . —

Promises to send the 11 Battalion of Sepoys as a Reinforcement to Lt. Colonel Fraschman. —

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant
John Wood

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President, Governor & Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Col
Wood. —

I am this day favoured
with yours of the 20th Ult.o & am much obliged to
you. — am sorry you have not received mine of the
22.nd relative to my Engagement with Hyder Ally
But hope the returns of the Killed, wounded &c
of that & the following day are come safe to hand
least they should not; I hereby inclose another
to for the particulars of the action, It is un-
=necessary to mention more; Than that He
began the Attack upon our March, & contin-
=ued cannonading Us for some hours; which
we returnd with equal Vigor. — our disposition
& Ground however prevented him from advancing
though he had large and different Bodies of
Horse dispersed, so as to surround Us almost
on every side, and it would have been highly
Imprudent for me to attempt advancing
towards him as the Consequence attending
a movement, would have given him a
Superiour advantage. —

I shall take every opportun
=ity of informing you of all particulars occur-
=ence

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occurrences, y shall agreeable to your directions
in future, always send Duplicates. —
Lieut. Richardson, who was Wounded in
the first Action, died the 24th ult.

I am

Camp near
Colar. —
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Hon^ble Sir y Sirs
Your most Obed^t y most humble
Servant
John Wood

8th Dispatched the following Letters. —

To Captain Abraham Faizan
Commanding at the Pass
of Coorypoorum. —

Sir)

Letter to Capt^n Faizan

We have received your Letter of
the 21st November. —

We much approve of the orders
which Lieu^t Colonel Smeathman acquaints
Us he sent you, to recall the Troops stati-
oned at any of the Posts dependent on your
Command on the approach of any Body of the
Enemy which they might be unable to
withstand; y with your whole force collected
to endeavour to oppose the Enemy in such
a Situation as you might judge most con-
venient. and from the Accounts you give
Us of the several Posts they are so far asunder
that We imagine they cannot come to pro-
tect each other; We should therefore think
that those of least importance should at all

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Events be abandoned, & the Troops employd in securing those most essential for the protection of the Country.—

Lieut. Colonel Frischman having also informd Us that he is unable to support you by reason of the great distance you are at from him; We apprehend you must be in want of Money, & have therefore send you Five thousand Pagodas by the way of Trinomalee & Wandewash, of which We have thought it Necessary to give You this information that you may be enabled to pacify your Troops & to keep them together, till the Supply reaches you. — We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servts

Charles Bourchier & Council

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To John Lewin Smith Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to J L Smith Esqr

We have received your Letters of the 14th & 23 November. —

We approve of your giving Ram Jogue Patullos a Cowle in the manner you propose, till We can send him one signed by the President, & that the one to be sent from hence may be conformable to that granted by you. — you will transmit us a Copy thereof. —

We observe that Ram Jogue Patullos has agreed to pay fifty Thousand Rupees yearly

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Yearly for the Kimmedy district, We desire you will give Us the best Information you can regarding the Value of that District. —

The Commissions for the Sepoy Officers shall be made out agreeable to the List you have transmitted; & We desire you will forward to Us an exact List of all the Commandants, Subadars & Jamadars belonging to the Northern Battalions and Detachment Companies agreeable to the Directions contain'd in our Letters of the 20 May last. —

We approve of the Measures you took in stopping the Hircarahs, & am glad to find that the Intelligence contained in the intercepted Letters confirm the advices you before transmitted to Us & which agree with those received by the Nabob. — .

Capt. Fletcher at Ongole having acquainted Us that he has received repeated intelligence that the late Rajahs Brother encouraged by Promises from Hyder Ally, was at a Place called Calashapaud collecting Troops in order to dictate those Countrys: We have directed Capt. Fletcher to correspond with you, & to give you the earliest advice should he receive any further Confirmation of the reports, in which case We desire You will immediately order Lieut. Colonel Tod to march with a Force sufficient to quell any Disturbances. — and as it appears to Us that the stationing the Troops at Covid

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Condapellee may have a good effect in deter-
ring the Rayah from committing any Hostilitys,
& at the same time will have an appearance
of our being in readiness to oppose any attempts
from the Decan, we would recommend that
the Troops be ordered thither, unless you sho-
uld see any Inconvenience likely to arrise
therefrom; in which case will defer moving
them, & give us your Sentiments fully on
the Subject. —

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Chn. Bourchier & Council

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To Captain Fletcher
Commanding at Ongole

Sir,

Letter to Captain Fletcher. —

We have received your letter 11 Novr.
& the President how communicated to Us those
to him of the 19 & 20th & 1st instant. —

With regard to repairs of the fort
of Ongole the Nabob who is now here, will
send Directions to his Amuldars for making
such as are necessary. —

It is very probable that Hyder
ally may have given the Brother of the late
Rayah of Ongole, large Promises of assistance
in those Countrys; We therefore now write
to the Chief at Mujulipatam directing him
in Case of the appearance of any Troubles in

your

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Your parts to attach Lieut. Colonel Todd with such a Force as may be sufficient, to suppress them & to keep the Country quiet. — You will therefore correspond with Mr. Smith, giving him the most early Intelligence, which the Information you may receive, confirm the Reports of the Rajahs intentions to commit Hostilities, in the Nabobs Possessions — and of the Forces he may have with him. — —

We are Sir

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Your most Obed. Servants
Chs. Bourchier & Council

To John Lewin Smith Esqr.
Chief &c Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam. —

We have received your Letter of the 23d. Novr., and approve of the Directions you have given for seizing the Military Stores, & Lead brought in two Vessels to Masulipatam, & of your having ordered the Vessels with the other Merchandize to be released; & shall be glad, to be informed, to whom they belong; and of other Particulars, which you have instructed Capt. Mackye, to obtain, regarding the said Vessels & Stores. — You will also transmit to Us an exact List of the Stores, specifying the particulars, weight & Calibre of the Guns. —

We are

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends
Charles Bourchier & Council

9 Wrote the following Letter to Col Peach.-

To Joseph Peach Esq^r
Colonel Commanding the
Detachment of Troops from
Bengall

Sir

Letter to Col Peach

We have received your Letters of the
1^st & 10 Nov^r.-

The Gentlemen at Bengall having
given us no Information, regarding the Con=
=tract for Supplying Provisions & Bullocks
for the Detachment under your Command.- We had proposed put
=ting it under the Direction of our Contractor,
But upon your representing, in January
last that you was promised before you left
that Presidency, to have the Management
thereof, We readily acquiesced, in your hold=
ing it, which We do not intend to deprive
you off.- We cannot conceive how Colonel
Richard Smith can with any Propriety inter=
fere therein, or indeed give you any Directions
touching the Service you are now on, while you
are not by the Presidency of Bengall, immediat
=ely under our Orders.-

It is with much concern we observe
that your ill State of health obliges you to
apply

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apply for leave to return to Bengall on your obtaining the Permission of the President and Council there, & We sincerly wish, that we could without Prejudice to the Service, comply with your request. — But the Uncertainty we are at present in, with regard to the Designs of the Soubah, makes it necessary that an Officer of your Abilities, & Experience should be at hand, to Command the Troops in case his design be to invade the Company's Possessions: & the more so as Lt. Colonel Lod, will probably not be obliged to encrease a Detachment towards Ongole to guard some disturbances, which are likely to arrise in those parts. We therefore hope, that your health will admit of your continuing in the Command, till such time, as the Service will allow of your returning to Bengall. —

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble

Servants

Chas. Bourchier & Council

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Saturday 10th Dec.r

At a Consultation Present
Charles Bourchier Esq.r Governor &c. &c.
Josias Dupre ——— John Call
Alexander Wynch — John Andrews
Samuel Ardley —— George Stratton
George Dawson —— James Bourchier
Rich.d Brickenden ———————
——— George Mackay ———

Mr. Call being returnd from the Army takes his seat at the Board. —

Colonel Smith being present takes his seat on third. —

Mr. Whitehill absent on Service. —

The following Letters from Mr. Brome at Poonah directed to Colonel Smith & the Field Depositio are now read. —

To Joseph Smith, John Call
and George Mackay Esq.rs

Gentlemen

I had the honour to address you

Letter from Mr. Brome. —

the 8th Ultimo, a Duplicate of which I now enclose, and purpose at this time to acquaint you with such Material information as I have since been able to collect. — . —

Mahaderavow has at last I have the greatest reason to think accepted Hyder's offer, for he has since the date of my last received from him Pechul Twelve Lacks of Rupees, who have since left Poonah, & it is confidently said, carried with him orders from Mahaderavow to —

Arrival of Mahaderavow's Army & receipt from Hyders Peshcul 12 Lacks of Rupees

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to Gopal rau, Directing him to march on the receipt thereof to Hyders assistance ... The whole tenour of the Devans Department confirms me in the above, for every strong Reinforcement has been lately sent into the Coohun and orders issued for their Fleet being got in readiness with all Expedition. Visajee Punt & Ramaje Madow the two Officers commanding there, I who have for some time past been at Poonah are also sett out from their Government & tho I do not apprehend they will act on the offensive but on the Contrary that these Precautions are taken only to secure their possessions on the Coast of Malabar, from any attempt that may be made on them from Bombay; and the reason there is to conclude that he is absolutely determined to act against us. — . —

averse I imagining that on his attempting Hyder, the Govt & Council there, will enter into the War & endeavour to make themselves masters of such parts of his Territories they may be able. to another convincing Argument, that Madarows intentions are actually, to break with Us; by joining Hyder against you, I therefore at an Audience, I have lately had, at the Durbar, took an Opportunity after having repeated by assured Madarow, of your intentions to live on Friendly Terms, & not to disturb or Invade any of his Possessions; & Remonstrating in the Strongest Terms against His entering into any Engagements with Hyder ally; & pointed out the ill Consequence, that would probably ensue to his affairs there from; and as I was of opinion

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opinion from his Evading, giving a Direct ans.r,
to any Questions I put to him, & his having more
than once Plainly told me, he looked on our two
Settlements, as entirely seperate; Intimating by
which, that alcho he should enter into a War
with you, it would, he hoped make no Breach
in the Friendship, subsisting between him
& the Presidency of Bombay; I thought it a
Seasonable opportunity to make use of the
Still you Recommend your Address of the 5 Augt
and told him that not only our Interests, were
the same, but that Bengall Presidencie was
equally concernd, and that should be compelld
to enter into a War by their Rights; being in-
fring'd, or from any other Cause; The whole
Force of the three Presidencie, would join to re-
-venge the Injury done them; on this Mah-
-ratter positively, assured me he had no in-
-tentions of Breaking with the English, and
that his Marching into the Carnatic was
only, to Collect the Tribute due to him: How
far, These appearances are to be depended on,
you will be the best able to judge. ——

Ruccon is arrived, & have had sever-
-al Conferences at the Duan, but I cannot
at present write with certainty, upon what
Business he is come, but have been told he
has made a Demand of the following Forts,
Vishnee, Nagur and Dowlatabad which at
the time Nizam Ally, was in these Parts,
were promised to be delivered to him by Bajon

alterpu.—

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Ragonaloraw that Madavarow objects to giving them up, & that Racon is only waiting for his positive Answer. By letters I have lately that Racon has entered to Madavarow his joining with Nizam ally to assist Hyder against the Nabob of Arcot, & you. But shall shortly to have it in my power to send you more satisfactory account, until when I beg leave to conclude myself.

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servants

Chas Brome

Poonah
6 Nov. 1760

To Joseph Smith, John Cole
and George Mackay Esqrs

Gentlemen

Letter from Mr Brome, advising of an alliance being actually entered into between the Southern Mudarow and Hyder.

Having since the date of my last, a Duplicate of which I now enclose received Authentick Intelligence of Madavarow, & Rayonaloraw having entered into an agreement to assist Hyder. I think it incumbent on me to give you the earliest Information thereof. The Particulars that have come to my Knowledge are as follows. Madavarow in lieu of the Forts, mentioned in the accompanying Duplicate, which were demanded by Racon and Doulat, has agreed to give the Forts of Bednore & Adoney with a Tapeer of 12 Lacks of Rupees, to be raised from the Country of Canara to make up the Difference of the Revenues

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arising from the above Forts :- This point be-
ing settled, Buccon has in behalf of his Nizam
agreed to join Madavarow in assisting Hyder,
against the Nabob of Arcott, & you; and the
Places that here after, may be taken from
the Nabob of Arcot it is agreed shall be div-
ided into 4 parts, three of which the Nizam
is to have; & the remaining one, Madavarow
.- I am endeavouring all in my Power to obtain
a Correct copy of the above agreement, which
I have great hopes of, when I shall not fail
Gentlemen, of advising you of. & any further
particulars; Buccon was dispatched the 11th
& set out from hence the day after .- I re-
main with Wishes for our Success .-

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

Poonah
14th Nov: 1760

Chas Brome

As from the Intelligence contain'd in the
above Letters, there is little reason to doubt,
but that an Alliance is actually entered into
between the Soubah, Madavarow and Hyder
Ally; and we may very soon expect to hear, that
Madavarow is on his March this way, either
with a part, if not the whole of his Force, it
becomes necessary to consider of the Measures
to be immediately taken on the present Exig-
ency .- and as the removal of the Stores from
Colar is an Object that first presents itself o-
as of the greatest Consequence, Orders are to
be

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be immediately sent to Lt Col Lang to use all
possible expedition in geting them conveyd
into the Carnatic, & for which purpose it is
Ordrd that the Draught Bullocks from Sant
-gud with as many as can be procured from
hence, be sent for that purpose, — and that
the Gun powder which is the most material
article be first attended to, & which must be con-
veyd immediately to Vellour, & in doing which
great care should be taken lest it be attackd
by the Enemy with Rockets; & as the regard
getting the Stores into a Place of Safety is a
Matter of the utmost Importance, Lieut
Colonel Long is to be instructed to suffer no-
thing to divert his attention therefrom, & if the
Enemy should make any attack on Dejour,
the thoughts of relievery it must not prevent
his persevering in getting the Stores convey'd
away as fast as possible. — He is also to be
directd to get the Sick from Colar, sent to
Vellour with all expedition, as well as all
such, as are not fit for Field service, for which
purpose all the Doolies that can be procured
here or at Vellour are to be Dispatched to Colar

The Board taking into Consider-
ation whether any more Troops should be
ordered from the Army to the Southward, are of
Opinion that till the Stores are all brought
away from Colar, it would be imprudent
to make any more Detachments from the
army, as it will require the whole, to cover

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ac Cocoart & to watch the motions of Hyder-

There being also a considerable Q.ty
of Stores at Trinomale, Mr. Brooke at Cuddalore
is to be Directed to get them convey'd thither with
all Expedition. —

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to
the Select Committee at Bengale acquainting
them of the Intelligence communicated by
Mr. Brome, & representing to them in the
strongest Manner the great distress We shall
suffer for want of money even to pay our Troops,
should the Marattas enter the Provinces,
as We shall then be unavoidably deprived
of the several all resources now received from
the Revenues of the Carnatic; & requesting there
=fore that they will lose no time in forward=
=ing to Us, as ample Supplies as they may
be able. —

The Gentlemen at Bombay are
also to be wrote to, advising them that the
above Intelligence will for the present pre=
vent our marching the Detachment to the S.=
ward, as intimated in our Letter of the 4 Inst.
But that We have not laid aside the tho=
=ughts of the Plan therein proposed tho the
carrying it into Execution must depend upon
Circumstances. —

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to
Mr. Smith Chief at Mocodiporatam, advis=
=ing him of the above Intelligence & Directing
him to lay in at least 6 Months Provisions in

That —

that Place, & to put that as well as the several Forts in the Circars in the best posture of defence he can, & to order the Renters & Zemindars to collect all the Grain, as fast as possible into the different Forts, as well to prevent its falling into the Enemys hands as to serve as a Store for the Garrisons, & Supplies for the Army. — As Vizagapatam will be a convenient Station for Colonel Peachis Detachment, from whence they may be in readiness to move as Occasion may require, Instructions are to be sent to Colonel Peach for Marching thither immediately, & Mr. Cotsford is to be directed to furnish Vessels for conveying the Stores & Baggage of the Detachment by Sea — and the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam are to be driven thereof, & Directed to make the necessary Preparations for their Accommodation & for supplying them with Provisions; as also to put the Garrison of Vizagapatam in the best Posture of Defence, & to lay in at least six Months Provisions. — Mr. Smith at Masulipatam is also to be directed to order Lieut. Colonel Todd to march with all the Troops that can be spared from the several Garrisons in the Circars to Condapillee or Bezwarra, & to take Post in such a Situation, where he may best Watch the Motions of the Soubah, and the necessary Preparations must be made for their marching on the first Notice of any Hostile Intentions from the Deccan. —

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Mr. Cotsford at Ganjam must be also instructed to put that Garrison & the Forts in the Northern Division in the best Posture of defence, to lay in at least six months Provisions, & he must also be directed to keep a Vessell in readiness at Ganjam to embark with the Companys Stores & Effects should he think it not tenable. —

Orders are also to be sent to Cuddalore to put that Place in as good a State of Defence as possible, & to lay in at least Six months Provisions. —

Read the following Letters from Lieut. Colonel Long. —

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. Col. Long receives the Command of the army from Col Wood

I had the Honor of receiving a Duplicate of your Letter of the 29 Novr. Yesterday evening, and should have then have wrote to you but previous to the receipt of it had been ordered on a particular piece of Service. Col Wood has just resigned the Command of the Army to me. — The ten Companyes of Sepoys you ordered, to be sent to the Southward marched the third at night by the Boodicotah Pass to morrow, I will answer your letter fully. —

advice of the 10 Companys of Sepoys having marched to join Lt. Col Forbes Detachment. —

I am with due respect. —

Honble Sirs

Your most faithfull and Obedient

Servant Rose Long

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To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President and Governor &c Council

Letter from Lieut Colonel Long

Honble Sir & Sirs

Had the Honour of acquaint-
-ing you Yesterday that Colonel Wood resigned
the Command of the Army to me. — I have receivd
from him the Instructions sent him by Col
Smith and the Field Deputies, together with
your Letters of the 22nd — 29 & 30. Nov & the Cypher.
You may depend on my doing my utmost to com-
ply with your Orders & Instructions, on Examin-
ation. I find there is but Sheep sufficient for
two days in Camp & only Bullocks & Sheep for one
Day in Camp. — I shall send this night a
detachment to Pantaty & Chery, and shall
march to morrow Morning towards that place
so as to cover that detachment & Collect all
the Cattle I possibly can, I shall send with
the Detachment all the Carriage Bullocks
for Rice, by the last Intelligence Hyder was at
Coser Should he Erect Batteries against that
Place, or continue there, will as soon as I have
provided the Army, and Collected with Provis-
sions (which I hope I soon to accomplish) march
to its Relief. — I have ordered Capt. Alexander
Battalion into Camp, which with the part
of Capt Calvers already there will be Sufficient
-ent to Garrison that Place. — Col Wood had
appointed Capt Cook to Command it: and
Capt. Broote to his Battalion; before I succeed
-ed to the Command. In my opinion the Army

The army in want of Cattle for Slaughter. —

purposes sending a Detachment to Collect some. —

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so in good Spirits, and sufficient to attempt any thing against the Enemy, while properly pay'd & Supplied with provisions, which I shall be particularly attentive to the distribution of; & in the Collecting of which shall be carefull, that all cattle taken from Madavarows Villages, shall be paid for. — I shall be punctuall, in communicating all Transactions to you, and am with due respect

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithfull and obed^t. Servant. —

Rojo Lang

Camp near Colar 5 Dec^r 1760

Ordered that the receipt of the above letters be acknowledged

Letters from Colonel Wood read as follows

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esq^r President & Gov^r. &c Council of Fort St. George

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Col Wood in Vindication of his Conduct. —

I had the Pleasure this morning to receive your agreeable Letter of the 29 Ultimo. & am sorry to find you should entertain me guilty of any Neglect, Particularly in that of my acquainting you of our Actions with Hyder of the 22 & 23^d of last month. I am sure if you will Please to Consider, what little time, with the Fatigues, I had undergone for several nights and Days before, I flatter my self it would have been Apology sufficient for so short account at such a time as that; as soon, as that off^d & it was in my Power to get

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in the actions of the Field and wounded. I
take myself the Pleasure to transmitt them in
Duplicates to you, and I flatter myself it will
appear to every one who was an Eye witness of
my actions, that no person could have done
more had it been for their life. —

After the action of the 22d I was
obliged to march away from that place to com-
bolar about one oclock in the morning of
the 23d to Prevent Hyder alleys army getting
between us and Col Smiths Division as pos-
itive orders from him, that they might not
interupt him throwing in his ascorts to Colat,
do also to Lodge our Sick, as I am sure you
were acquainted how much we were dis-
treas'd for conveyance of them, the Lascars
& Sepoys being obliged to carree them, it
was such an Incumberance, absolutely
Necessary to get quite of them as soon as
Possible, as well as to get a fresh supply
of Rice. — The enemy before day, attack'd our
line on the march, Form'd their Line of more
then 3 Miles distance from us, & spread y Rice
of Cannon, I Covered as well with Cavalry, for
advanced in their Front. Mar by the time
our line was put in order & Baggage lod-
ged, he marched off, as He did the day before
after making several charges with his
Cavalry, on the 24th having Lodged our Sick
and got Rice, & other necessarys I found
him doing all means in the world to compass

with him. — 'The Letter I had the Pleasure to write you, of the 10, & 30 of August, wherein I mention'd the Southern Divisions, being able to face Hyders army, it was Plain it was so, as we did it the 6 of Sept.r, at the same time two Battalions of Sepoys were absent in the Coimbetore Country. — and since you will Please to consider how much Hyders army, is encreased & how much ours has decreased, there was the first of this Month 527 Europeans Sick in the Hospital of Colar, & 13 died there last Month, as you will see by the last return I now incluse, besides more than an hundred Europeans sick & Wounded were sent, to Vincent after the action of Malvagle, & after sent to Vellore. our Sepoy Battalions are much more Diminished in Proportion. — Hyder had 4000 Horse join'd him with Meer Said 2000 Peons & Polligars with two Thousand Murattoes Horse from Royar Said Since is daily Drawing Troops from the Bidderore Country, & Malabar Coast besides from all other parts of this Country. — Meer Phazelluse Cawn only is Said to have 2000 Horse, 300 Topasses, 1000 Sepoys, & 1000 Carnatic Peons, with him in the Coimbettore Country. — He only carried 1600 Horse 800 Sepoys from Hyders army the rest of his force join'd him from Seyring hapatam, & when I told you that the whole army here now was little enough to face him, I meant to make that advantage, one would wish

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by an engagement in three having two lines, pro-
perly formed y advance to make proper use of your
musketree Had this army I would say shall be
sufficient to face him; Could you have the Choice
of Ground, the Baggage Lodged, y his Infantry to
attend us . — I am sorry you should imagine,
that ever I had any Disponidence, or Perplexity
in my disposition. — I flatter my self no one, that
ever knew me will accuse me of that I have thought
it my Duty to represent any grievance, or distress
eye a Soldier might labour under, to my superi-
ours . — The Troops I assure you cannot live,
on the Rice Rats served them now, y the want
of Money amongst them, the distress so great,
with the Black people, y useful followers
of the Army, The Bullocks, y other useful peo-
ple, makes it impossible this army can be
so Active, as I could wish it; tho I have labour'd
all in my Power to make it so . — There was
very little Baggage, or Stores lost with the
two 18 Pounders at Baggalure, and had the
orders which I gave out the night before,
nothing Could have been lost, which I have
ever been so Particularare in, as Possible. —
All this was intended well which must
appear Visable to every one I am sure many
of my Letters I find have been taken by the
Enemy as also this of the 22nd tho I assure you
was sent in Duplicate. — as soon — as I can
get the returns of the army for you; y can
get away with safety, through any of the Pass

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I shall then Pay my respects to you in Person

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Devoted & very Obedient

Humble Servant

John Wood. —

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A List of Ordnance, Ammunition, &c taken by the Enemy at Bangalore Nov.r 10th 1760.

List of Stores taken by the Enemy at Bangalore

Brass Guns
18 Pounders — 2
Carriages with Limbers
18 Pounders — 2
Tumbrils — — — 3
Iron Round Shot —
18 Pounders — 250
Empty Cloth Cartridges
18 Pounders — 500
Sponges with Ramheads
18 Pounders — 6
Saddles with wad hooks
18 Pounders — 2
Tilled Tubes
18 Pounders 600
6 D.o — — 400
8 D.o — — 700
Coir Cordage
4½ Inch — Coils 2
8 D.o — — D.o — 1
2 D.o — D.o — 3

Steel Europe — Bars 2
Tube Boxes — — 2
Portfire Sticks — 2
Linstocks — — — 6
Claw Hammers — 2
Pincers — pairs 2
Ragged Spikes — 2
Spring D.o — 2
Elevating Screws — 2
Cotton Matches — 15
Country D.o — D.o — 8
Leather Buckets 2
Haversacks — 2
Drag Ropes Sett — 2
Large Tarpaulins 2
Gun D.o — — — 5
Canvas — Yds 5
Cloth — piece 1
Gunny — D.o — 2
Sail Needles — 11
Shot Bags — 30

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Small Coir	—	Ball	1	Lanadorent	1
Spun Yarn	do		4	Weights & Scales Set	1
Tar	—	½ Anpers	1½	Scissors	pair 17
Grease	do		1½	Port fires	600
Wax Candles	—		21	Spirits of Wine Bottle	1
Priming Irons	—		4	Powder measures sets	1
Steel Ditto	—		2	Europe Cartd Paper Lbs	1½
Rattans	—		250	Dredging Box	1
Tin Funnels	—		2	Musquet Cartridges	13950
Knives	—		4		

Joseph Moorhouse

John Wood —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Col Wood in answer to our demand of an account of the Provisions found in the different Forts — —

I had the pleasure to receive your Letter Yesterday of the 2d instant just as I left Camp 8 miles on this side Colar and arrived here this morning, shall set out this afternoon so as to reach the length of Peddonagundinghan by the evening, after will Proceed with the utmost expedition, to Pay you my Respects.

I have Returns of the Provisions & Stores taken in the Garrisons to the Southward, which I shall present you with, as soon, as I can have, as much time

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time to take Copies, as they are signd, by an Officer. — I cannot tell what Grain has been delivered out since I left that Country. Not any that I know, except that sent to the Pagoda.

As I delivered up the Garrison to the Nabobs managers. — as soon, as we were in Possession of them. — Mr. Day disposed of all the Provisions he had purchased at Calicut, on his own acct. as you may see by a Letter from him, to me, that I inclosed you. — The Cotcha Rajah sent us a good Quantity to Coimbettore, & broad, which was left under the Officer Commanding, at Coimbettore. — but I have not had an account of it yet. — I am with great respect. —

Vincotighery
8 Decr. 1760

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Devoted & very Obed.
Humble Servant
John Wood. —

The foregoing Letter from Colonel Wood of the 6th Instant is in reply to the Letter from the Board of the 29 Ulto wherein they desire Colonel Wood to deliver over the Charge of the Army to the next Officer in Command & repair to Madras to explain the late events & State of the Army. —

The Board is very sensible that without a minute & circumstantial account of their motives for such a Revolution. — their Conduct may appear to want Calmness & Deliberation, and they make the Observation here for the inform-

-ation

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Information of their Superiors, that altho Colonel Wood's success in the Southern Expedition has entitled him to their Commendation & altho they with Pleasure acknowledge Col. Wood's long and good Services on many Occasions; Yet when the Success of the Army & the safety of the Company's Possessions on this Coast depend entirely on the Conduct of the Officer at the Head, they cannot only say, they thought it expedient for the publick Service to devise his presence here as he seem'd on former Occasions to have held the Enemy too Cheap, & to have omitted many prudent Precautions, & at present he seems to be impressed with Ideas of the Enemy, very inconsistant with our Plan, & tending to lessen the Confidence of our Troops in their own Superiority, which is a Point of the utmost Consequence to be kept up. — After referring therefore to Major Fitzgerald's Letter of the 24 Nov.r entered in Consultation the 29.th they cannot with Propriety say more than that they are Confident Col. Wood acted to the best of his Judgement; whether that Judgement directed him properly or not is a Subject more proper for the Enquiry of a Board of Officers. — —

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

I have received

Letter from Mr Raitt

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in answer to ours demanding an acct of Provisions found in the Different Forts

your Letter of the 2.d December. It is not in power to give you any certain information of what became of the Grain found in different Forts & places conquerd to the Southward — I Have heard Colonel Wood repeatedly say on being asked whither the Army were not entitled to the Grain taken in the Forts, that it was your Honor &c orders, that all Grain found in that Country, should be deposited in the Different Garrisons as a Stock, & that he had in consequence of those orders laid up all he found. — I am well informd, that Col Wood from his entering the Carnbettore Country, drawd little or no Grain from the Commissariat for the Supplies of his army, wherehe received them from, I cant pretend to say. —

Mahomed Bauchan the Nabobs Manager, that was with us to the S.ward will be able to give you the best information on those Subjects, of any man, that was with us. — I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient & most Hble

Servant

Camp 3 Dec.r 1760

Chas.d Raitt

When Colonel Wood arrives, It is agreed that Enquiry be made into this Business, & that the Nabob be desired to obtain from Mahomed Bauchan or any other Persons the necessary Information & to Communicate the same to Us. — .—

Orders thereon

Letters from Wm Monckton read as follows. To

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To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
Governor & President &c Council
of Madrass.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Monckton giving an acct of the Stock of Grain at Europe and Colar &c. —

Permit me now & from time to time to lay before you, as the Field Deputys are ordered down, a State of the Grain in Camp & Colar. — In Camp the Whole army has been Served for this Day and there are remaining Nine hundred & nine Bags Containing 72 Seers each & Sixty Flower and Six in Colar altogether with Corn the Army at least Twenty days & should We be in any other part of the Country but this it will last a great while longer for then we may expect Supplies, in our Bazar there is at Vencatagherry, I am informed 2500 Bags which is nearly a Months Provision and at Colar there is Ninety Six Thousand five hundred & Seventy two Seers of Paddy beating into Rice & a great deal of Natchiny — the only thing we can be in want of is Carriage Bullocks the Enemys Horse at different times having taken away above three Thousand, there is near five thousand lost in Colonel Woods retreat from and at Bagalore. — the poor Bullock people many of them that have been with the English army for fifteen years must be Ruined, and the Company may depend upon it, without they do assist those poor Creatures that they will take every opportunity in their power of leaving the Service, and only my Servery

Recommends that the Bullock people who have lost their Bullocks may be Cowed &c

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them that the Company will Consider them. Keeps them together, they are willing to lay out any Donation in the purchase of more Bullocks & are very happie to remain in the Service if their Losses are any way Considerd, there are 350 Carriage Bullocks belonging to Col Smiths Army still on Command in the Carnatic, Please to order to order them to Camp immediately, for I shall not be able to take above a Thousand bags from hence for want of Bullocks I have not yet been able, But I shall tomorrow meet the Bullocks that belongs to Col Woods Detachment, But they so far from having any to spare, Have already obtained a great many from me, I Shew'd your orders to Col Smith for the Dooleys to be sent under the Escort as they he promised to sent it in order but never did it, therefore it was only this day that I could get them sent under me, as Yester day they Carried the Sick to Colars Hospital the 1st Regt. has got 8 Mastrios & 139 Dooleys 34 of which 34 of which are Northward ones.— The 2nd Regt 4 Mastrys & 27 Reward Dooleys & 2 Mastrys & 14 Presp'd Dooleys, the 3d Regt 2 Mastrios & 15 Pressed Dooleys.— There are all together 12 Good Dooleys & 36 that want repair which shall be done as fast as possible for the present, I will get all the small Carts out of Colar belonging to the Heavy Guns for the Carriage of the Sick besides that there

are

Gives an account of the Bullocks & Dooleys with the Army.—

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are 366 carriage Bullocks appointed for that purpose; my General Muster shall be dispatch'd to your Honors the day after tomorrow

I remain with Respects

Your Obedient Servant

Colar
3d Dec. 1760

E. Monckton.

NB. the Bullocks lost in the action the 24th. of last Month I did not Stretch out of my Books till the end of the Month. I hope it will meet with your Honors approbation the Grain left in Ouvcotah amounts to 550 Bags. — I have drawn from thence, the 500 Loads said to be left by Col Smith only turnd out 26,990 Measures of Rice.

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

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Monckton, —

I have the Honor of transmitting you a General muster of the Army taken the end of Last month & 1st. of this mo.

complaining of the Negligence of the Captains of European Companys not making him regular returns of Casualties —

The Generality of Officers Commanding Companys of Europeans are not at the least pains in making out the Casualties & therefore give me more trouble then all my other Business and after all, I have not the Satisfaction of transmitting you so perfect an Account as you expect, — I hope you will therefore be pleased to give such orders concerning

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concerning the same as you may think ne-
cessary. — I am with respect
Honorable Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient Humble
Servant
Ed. Monckton

Colar
5 Dec.r 1760

Agreed that Orders be sent to Comp.a directing
all officers Commanding Companys of Europ-
eans to deliver to the Commissary with the
Army, or in his absence to the Paymaster,
regular Monthly Rolls of all Casualties
that have happened, Promotions made,
Removals as also of men enlisting or nearing
their time. — & which rolls must be delivered
on the 1st of every Month for the month
preceding. —

Letter from Captain Calvert read as
Follows. —

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

Letter from Capt Calvert represent-
ing the Hard
ships he suffers
by reason of the
Court Martial
ordered to set on
him not hav-
ing come to a
Determination

I beg leave to state the Hard-
ships I am likely to suffer by long Suspension
from Duty, as the Army is much decreased
especially the Officers, who composed the Court
Martial, I applyed for; & there is little pro-
bability of their being able to meet for some Mo.s
to come, during all which time, unless I ob-
tain Relief from you, I must remain Sus-
pended from Duty, and of Course this
month

renewing

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makes everyone look upon me as criminal, besides I must live in the most wretched state of life, that of suspence. — The Court have sat and heard all Evidences against me who have declared upon Oath they had nothing more to say. — I thus gave in my defence, supported by Evidences, and acquainted the Court I had nothing more to say. It remained then, that they had only to write over the proceedings fair, to compair some Returns with abstracts, & to pass their Sentence. But this they had not time to do, and God only knows when they will. — I could most sincerely wish, may beg you would call on the Judge advocate for those Proceedings, fairly Copy'd, and pass Sentence on me yourselves, or that you will Please to take of my Suspension, till such time as the Court Martial can have an opportunity of meeting again, or in short any Method you think proper, to ease to Relieve me from this Disagreeable situation I have had a severe fit of Sickness, and am still very weak. — Mr. Davis the Surg.n Here advises me to go to Amboor, or Vellore, as he thinks Change of aire may be Conducive to my more speedy Recovery, therefore I shall take the first opportunity of going to Amboor, where I shall wait for your answer which I hope will be favourable. —

I remain with the Greatest Respect

Humble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & much Obliged
Hble Servant
Matthias Calvert

Colar.
25 Nov.r 1760

Colonel Smith acquaints the Board that he apprehends it will be impossible for the Court martial ordered on Capt.n Calvert to come to a Decision within any reasonable time by reason of the Army's being Constantly in Motion, & the death or absence of several of the Members. — And as the Proceedings are all finish'd. — He recommends, that the be transmitted to the Board, who will there by be enabled to come to a Determination there on. — , —

The Proceedings of the Court martial to be sent hither for our Determination

they

Ordered that Lt. Col Lang be directed to cause the Proceedings to be transmitted to Us, & Captain Calvert to Repair to Madras, when we will determine regarding Capt. Calvert to Conduct. —

Read the following Letter from Mr Paul Benfield

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Benfield Repre senting the bad Condition of the Works at Ching lepet. —

In consequence of your Orders, I have surveyed the Fort of Chinglapet, and find that a small part of the facing of the South Curtain of the inner

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g the Impropriety of Persons soliciting for making Gun carriages applying to the Commanding Officer of Artillery for the Master of one. —

Inner Fort has fallen into the ditch which must be repaired for about 350 Pagodas: The walls of Chinglepet in general are in extreme bad condition, and accidents of this kind must be continually expected till the Walls have had an effectual Repair. —

On observing the Advertisements at the Gates for proposals for making Gun carriages, I think it my duty to remark, that as the making Gun Carriages & indeed all Works of the Company, have been at all times under the direction of the Engineer & Committee of Works, it therefore belongs to the Office of Engineer for to determine the proportions & give dimentions of Gun carriages to be made by contract, & not to Lt. Col Butler as expressed in the Advertisement: Also, as a Member of the Committee of Stores, I beg leave to observe that it certainly belongs to the Committee of Stores, composed of the Commandant of Infantry the Senior Engineer, the Senid officer of Artillery & the Store Keeper, for to approve or disapprove such Carriages as may be made by Contract & delivered to the Company, and not alone to Lieut. Col Butler as declared in the Advertisement

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithfull Hble Servant
Paul Benfield
Engineer of Fort St George

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agreed

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Agreed that the Breach in the Curtain at Chingleput be immediately repaired, & the Fort put in a Good posture of Defence as time & Circumstances will admit

Ordered that the Committee of Stores do select from the Carriages, already in Garrison, or get made, a Touch & Trial Carriage for Guns of the different Calibres Necessary to be made up - & which are to be kept to be shown as Models to Persons willing to contract for making them; & that such Carriages when made be examined & Report'd by the said Committee, & that none but such as are good be received. -

Letter from the Chief & Council at Sadras read as follows. -

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.re
President on behalf of the Honble English Company
at the Coast of Coromandel and Orixa, & Governor
of Fort St. George &c Council

Letter from Sadras accompanying the Deposition regarding the Behaviour of the Sepoys on find by them

Honble Sir & Sirs

According to our Promise by a Letter of the 2 Inst of November, We have the Honor to present Your Honour &c four pieces of Deposition concerning the Violence done the 28th of the said Month by your Honrs Sepoys. - We doubt not but they shall be of the same Validity as if the Persons that made them appear themselves. -

We have the Honor to Sign with the

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the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your humble & Obedient Servants

Sadraspatam
8 Decr. 1760

W Blackhamer

I. D. Simons

Agreed that the Depositions accompany-
-ing the above Letter be laid before a Court
Martial, which is to be ordered to sit for the
Trial of the Sepoys sent Prisoners from
Sadras. — . —

C. Boscawen

Jos. Du Pré

John Call

Sam. Ardley

Geo. Stratton

Ja. Bonnathan

Geo: Mackay

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Wrote the following Letters to Lt. Col Lang.

To Lieut. Colonel Lang
Commanding the Army
Sir,

Letter to Lieut. Colonel Lang

We have received Your Letters of the 5 & 6 Instant with their Duplicate.—

By advices lately received from Poonah which We believe to be authentic, We are informd that a Treaty has been concluded between the Soubah Mahadavarow & Hyder & that a Body of Marattas are to March this Way with Hostile Intentions against Us.—

The Security of the artillery and Stores now at Colar is an Object of the greatest Consequence, not only as the means by which We are to defend the Carnatic but as the acquisition of them to the enemy would be a greater advantage than any other they possess.—

We have therefore determined that the heavy Guns and Stores shall be removed from Colar to Vellour with all possible Dispatch & for which purpose We shall send You all the Draught Bullocks we can procure from hence & order all those at Sauguot to assist in transporting them.—

The Gun Powder which is the most material article should be first attended to & must be conveyed as fast as possible to Vellour, & which may be done by the returning Bullocks bringing

Duplicate

bringing Rice to Camp, & every Precaution
must be taken to prevent its being attacked
by any of the Enemy with Rockets which might
be attended with Fatal Consequence — With
regard to the Guns and other Stores we would
recommend that they be convey'd first from
Colar to Vencatagherry by Grain Bullocks
employ'd between those two Places & all others
that can be Spared from the Service of the
Army, from whence they may be transported
at directly to Vellour or for Shortening the
Trips lodged first a Sauftguard & when they
are all there in Safety they may be convey'd
with more ease to Vellour. — Our meaning
is to use the utmost Dispatch in trans
porting them out of the Balaguat into the
Carnatic. & We most earnestly recommend
to you to use every Means in your Power
to forward this most material Service —

There is little doubt but Hyder
will exert his Efforts to intercept the Stores,
We must rely on Your Prudence & Vigilance
to prevent any of them from falling into his
Hands, — And as we regard getting them
into a Place of Safety, as a Matter of utmost
Importance nothing must divert your
attention there from — Were should he
attempt the Reduction of Oufoor, We
would not have the thoughts of relieving
it prevent Your taking every means in
Your power to get the Stores removed as fast

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as possible; for every other object must for the present give way to this most essential Service.

We would also recommend that the Sick from Calar together with such others as are unfit for Field Service be conveyed to Vellaur with all Expedition, for which purpose some Doolies have been sent from hence & Vellaur & more shall be forwarded as fast as they can be procured. —

Colonel Smith having acquainted Us that he does not imagine the Court Martial ordered to sit on Capt. Calvert, can come to a decision within any Reasonable time by reason of the army being constantly in motion & the Death or Absence of several of the Members together with the Sickness of Captain Calvert and as he, as well as Capt. Calvert informs us that the Proceedings are all closed, We desire the Judge Advocate may be directed to transmit them to Us, when We will determine regarding the Conduct of Capt. Calvert; whom you will also, order hither. —

We desire you will Number all your Letters that We may know if any Miscarries. —

We are Sir

Your most obte Servants

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Charles Bourchier & Council

At

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At a Consultation Present

Sunday
11 December

Charles Bourchier Esqr. Governor, President
Josias Dupre ——— John Call
Alexr. Wynch ——— John Andrews
Saml. Ardley ——— George Stratton
George Dawson ——— James Bourchier
Richard Brickenden ———
——— George Mackay ———

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had last night acquainted him of his receiving Intelligence that Madava row was advanced, within 150 Cos of Colad- y Gonall Harry within 60 Cos.— In con- sequence of which the following Letters are now wrote y ordered to be sent away im- mediately.—

To Lieut. Colonel Lang
Commanding the Army
Sir/

Letter to Lieut. Col Lang.—

In our Letter Yesterday We communi- cated to you the advice we had received of the Combination formed between the Soubah, the Morattoes y Hyder against the Carnatic.— under such Circumstances, We should not hesitate to recall the Army back to Vellore immediately, but that the Stores at Colar are of such importance that every effort possible must be made to secure them, the Powder above all, We must earnestly recom- mend

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Recommend to you as the first Object, dispatch
such part first, as you have Bullocks ready
without waiting for more, & the remainder
together with the other Stores as you find
opportunities. —

Reports have reached us
that the Morattas are already advanced on
their way towards Sera, you will have intel-
ligence of their approach earlier, than it can
reach us, it is possible also that Hyders Horse
may enter the Carnatic, and interrupt our
Communications with you, which makes
it Necessary that We should give you some
provisional Directions. — . —

and discretion

First then, We repeat our
earnest desire that all the Stores of Colar or
as much as possible be transported to Vel-
lour in Manner before directed, but how-
ever important this Object be, the preser-
vation of the Army is still greater, because
it may be possible hereafter (tho with dif-
ficulty) to replace the loss of the Stores, but
the ruin of the army must endanger the
whole, if therefore you should at any time
in the Course of the present Service, find
yourself to Circumstanced so that you can
not in your judgement preserve the Stores
without exposing the army to an unwarrant-
able risque in that Case of the two evils
choose the least, & Sacrifice the Stores if you
should not be able, without doing so, to

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make good your retreat, & if you should foresee such a crisis in time to take any previous Measures We would have you by all means destroy such of the Stores as you cannot bring away Rather than let the Enemy reap any advantage from them, the Guns in particular are may be easily rendered useless by breaking off the Trunnion, & only bringing off the carriage.

If you should have an opportunity after the receit hereof We recommend to you to withdraw the Garrison at Cuddalore if We have yet any there, leaving the Place in hands of Ram Chunda Row of Pucotah if he will not take Charge of it, Let it be abandond You will previously write to Ram Chunda Row and make him the offer, of delivering that Place to him rather than Let it return to the Possession of Hyder.

As it might have an ill effect on the Spirits of the Army if it were known that We have any Idea of the Possibility of such an Event as We have suggested above We desire that you will not communicate these Instructions to any but Officer next in command to you.

We are

Sir

Your most Hble Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council

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To

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To the Officer Commanding
in the Coimbettore Country

Letter to Lieut. Col. Fryschmann

Sir,

Having received advice of a Confederacy formed between the Soubah, Madeverow & Hyder ally to invade the Carnatic, it is Necessary that every possible precaution should be immediately taken for the Security of the most important places, We consider Trichinopoly as one of them and therefore being sensible that the Garrison must have been too much drained by the Draughts We have lately ordered from thence to enable you to oppose Meer Sahazel Ullacawn, We have directed the Officer Commanding at Trichinopoly to detain there Lieut. Speed & his Detachment you have been advised was intended to reinforce you, And as the safety of Trichinopoly is an Object of the first importance We recommend to you to regard it as such and Consequentely if you should be informed of any danger threatning it, We would by all means have you assemble what Troops you can, abandon such places as you cannot protect & March with all expedition to reinforce the Garrison of Trichinopoly. In the present situation of affairs, great advantage may arise either from persisting too long and too obstinately to support the new Conquests, or on the other hand in abandoning them too suddenly. - in the first

Case

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his arrival at Trichinopoly with all the De
tachment he now under his command; We
recommend to you to be constantly on your
Guard against Treachery and that you may
have a sufficient strength to oppose any
Force that may be sent openly against you
We now give Directions to the Officer
Commanding in the Carnatic Country to
consider the safety of Trichinopoly as the prin
cipal Object & Consequently if danger should threate
it, to abandon every thing else. Collect together
the Troops & march to your assistance, but
this He is not to do without good Grounds.—
you will therefore constantly Correspond
with the Officer Commanding in Carnatic
Country & advise him of all material In
telligence that may reach you.—

We do by no means look
upon our affairs to be in a desperate Situation
yet as the Miscarriage of Letters should any
Parties of the Enemy happen to be between Us
& you, may leave you in Ignorance, as to our
Views, & as every Commanding Officer should
be perfectly acquainted how to act in case
of Emergencies.— We therefore communicate
to you these early our Sentiments of the mea
sures We judge you ought to pursue; But
as the Cases above suggested may not hap
pen, We recommend to you to be careful
that the Subject of these Instructions be
not communicated to any one except your

Successor

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successor, should you be relieved in the Com-
-mand, lest it should affect the Spirits of the
Troops & the Country people.—

We are

Sir

Your most Hble Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council

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To John Lewen Smith Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to J. L. Smith Esqr

We herewith transmit you Copies of Letters received from Mr. Barne at Poonah, & the Nabob had last night Intelligence that Madararow himself was advanced within 150 Cos of Colar & Gopaul Havey within 60 Cos We know not how far this latter Intelligence may be depended on; it is however at all events necessary that every possible Precaution should be taken for the security of the Carn Settlements & Circars against any attempts from the Seabah, who will most probably make an attack on those parts.— For which Purpose we would recommend the following Measures & Disposition of the Troops.—

1st. A Supply of at least 6 Months Provisions should be laid in at Masulipatam & every Precaution must be taken to put in the best state of Defence.—

2nd. The renters must be directed to collect all the Grain as fast as possible into such of the Forts in the Circars as are

of

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of most Importance as well to prevent its falling into the Hands of the Enemy as to serve as a Store for the several Garrisons & supplies for the Army and the Forts should be put in as good a State as time & Circumstances will admit.

3d

Colonel Peach with his detachment must march to Vizagapatam & for which purpose Mr Colsford is order'd to procure Conveyances by Sea for the Stores & Baggage for the Detachment A Letter to Colonel Peach comes under a flying Seal for your perusal. —

4th

Lieut. Col Ford with all the Troops that can possibly be spared from the several Garrisons must have Orders to March immediately to Condapelle or Bezwara & take post in such a Situation that he may best watch the Motions of the Soubah & every Preparation must be made for his marching upon the first Notice of any Hostile Intentions from the Deckan. —

5th

You will use every means in your Power to procure Intelligence from the Soubahs Court, and advise us immediately thereof. —

6th

If this Intelligence corresponds with the advices you may receive it will be imagined prevent your sending any reinforcements to Captain Fletcher at Pongole, this must be left to your Discretion, but the opposing any attempts of the Soubah must be the first

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first Object of your attention. —

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Charles Bourchier & Council

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To Joseph Peach Esqr
Colonel Commanding the Detachment
of Troops from Bengall

Sir,

Letter to Col Peach

Having received advice from Mr Brome, appointed by the Gentlemen at Bombay to reside at Poonah, that a Treaty has been concluded between the Soubah, Madarow & Hyder, to act in Conjunction against Us; & the Nabob having last Night Intelligence that Madarow himself was advanced within 150 Cos of Colar & Gopaul Harry one of his Generals within 60 Cos. — We have judged it necessary you should March with your Detachment immediately to Vizagapatam, & for which purpose Mr Cotsford is directed to procure Conveyances by Sea for the Stores Baggage of the Detachment. — You will be pleased to acquaint him what Conveyances will be necessary. — The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam are directed to make the best preparations they can for the reception of the Troops. —

We have appointed Vizagapatam for your Station for the Present, as the most convenient Place, where you may be

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at hand to March as occasion may require, & We desire you will have every thing in readiness for taking the field on the Shortest Warning.

The Present Exigency of our affairs will We hope make it unnecessary for Us to repeat our Request that you will not think of returning to Bengall till your Service can be dispensed with on this Coast

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Hble Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council

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To Mr Crawford Resident
at Ganjam

Sir/

Letter to Mr Crawford

Having received Intelligence from Mr Brom[illegible] at/ whom the Gentlemen at Bombay had appointed to reside at Poonah, that a Treaty has been concluded between the Soubah, Morarow & Hyder, to act in Conjunction against us; and the Nabob last Night received advice that Morarow himself was advanced within 60 Cos of Colar & Gopaul Harry within 60 Cos, we have judged it necessary to give you this Information, that you may take such Measures as our present Situation seems to require, —

In the first place Examine put the Fort of Ganjam in the best Posture of Defence you are able, & immediately lay in a Supply of Provisions for at least 6 Months if

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If you think the Fort tenable; otherwise you will have a Vessell in readiness to transport your self & Stores to Chicacole, Vizagapatam or Mussulipatam, in case you are under the absolute necessity of quiting it. — At all events We think a Vessel should be kept in readiness for that purpose. —

You will oblige the Renters to collect all the grain as fast as possible into the different Forts, to prevent its falling into any Enemys hands as well as to serve as a Store for Garrisons and you will make such a disposition of the Troops with you as will best serve to protect the Country. — . — Having ordered Colonel Peach to march immediately with his detachment to Vizagapatam You will procure Vessels on Freight for Transporting the Stores & Baggage of his Detachments thither with all Expedition

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Charles Bourchier Council

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To John Smith Esqr.
Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Vizagapatam. — Having received Intelligence from Mr. Brome appointed by the Gentlemen at Bombay to reside at Poonah, that a Treaty has been concluded between the Soubah, Madavarow and Hyder, to act in

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in Conjunction against Mo, & the Mahobhavan last night received Advices that Mudevarow was advanced within 150 Coss of Colar, and Gopaul Harry within 60 Coss. — You will immediately put Vizagapatam in the best Posture of Defence you are able, & lay in a Store of Provisions for the Garrison for at least 6 Months. —

We have ordered Colonel Peach with the Bengale Detachment to March directly to Vizagapatam, when he is to wait our further Orders. You will therefore make the best Preparations in your power for their Accommodation, & for supplying them with Provisions and so it will be necessary that he should be in Readiness to move on the shortest Notice, you will afford him all the Assistance in your Power for that purpose

We are

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Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
Charles Bourchier & Council

To Henry Brooke Esqr.
Chief & Council at Cuddalore

Gentlemen

Letter to Cuddalore. —

Having received Intelligence from Mr. Broome appointed by the Gentlemen at Bombay to reside at Poonah, that a Treaty has been concluded between the Soubah, Madevarow & Hyder

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to act in Conjunction against Us, and the Nabob having Advice that Madavarow was advanced within 150 Cofs of Colar & Gopall Harry within 60 Cofs. — We desire you will immediately take the Necessary Precautions for putting the Town of Cuddalore in the best Posture of defence, & see that there are sufficient Provisions in the Place to serve the Garrison for at least 6 Months

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

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There being about 700 Barrels of Gun Powder at Amboor. —

Agreed that Orders be sent to Mr. Stonehouse & the Serjeant there to get it conveyed to Vellore with all Expedition, for which purpose the Bullocks employ'd in Carrying Rice from Vellour to Vincat= =agery are to lodge it at Santgud and a Sufficient Number to be sent to Amboor for the Powder, which with the 191 Bar= =rells left at Santgud must be dispatchd to Vellour without Loss of time. —

and Mr. Stonehouse is to be directed to send hither 600 Barrells by the

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the first Bullocks which arrived with it from Amboor or Santgud. — .

E. Bouchier

Jos. Du Pré

John Call

Sam. Ashley

Geo. Stratton

Ja. Bouchier

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Came in the following Letters from Lieut.
Colonel Friechman.—

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

Letter from Lieut. Col Friechmann

I had the Honor to write to you the 30th of last month, and informd you what Provisions, I then had been able to Collect. Since that I have sent off to Erode between 60 or 70 Bullocks Load more, I have gather Rice, but for the Want of Bullocks cannot Send it off; I have sent in all the Villages round to take the Bullocks away, but the moment, the people had information of it, the Mannagers of all the Villages made off. — I am however assured that some will be brought in this day the moment they come they shall be loaded and go off, in the interim, I am employing all the People I can get to carrie within the Fort, what has been Gathered in the Villages. — I have been Since inform'd that the Sepoys at Sucheraperam were Struck with such a Panic at what had happend at Combettore that they instantly abandond the Fort, & that M.r Bryne had no other Remedy left, but to go with them. — Lieutenant Johnstone at Darumpooram informs me that his Sepoys are so Struck with fear that they desert every foot, and obliged him to Keep the Gates lock'd and that now they desert over the Walls by

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Dozen in a night, — I have ordered Capt Nixon at Broad three day ago to send him a Reinforcement, I also wrote before to Lieut Johnstone to send for two or three Companys from Dindigull as there were seven, which I hope he has done

Capt Nixon informs me in his Letter of the first that he heard Capt Orton for want of Provisions had abandoned Sattimangalum, & was Marching towards Broad; that some of his Sick had arrived there who had informed him that Captain Orton was closely persued by the Enemy, I have not learnd as yet whether he is arrived with his Detachment at Broad or not — Last night I had intelligence brought me that the Condavaram People rose up in the Nawcare Country, which frightned the two Companys of the Nabobs Sepoys that were in the Forpo much that they abandond it and run away. —

I have not heard now from Capt Faizan these 9 Days, by his last Letter I found that four of his Letters to me were missing, not one of the People I have sent for Intelligence that is returned, as yet — Whilst I am writing this, I receive your letter of the 20th Inst. if Capt Orton can make his retreat good to Broad by the little Knowledge, I have of this Country, Broad is the only Place for its Situation to Protect the Country & the nearest Corner from whence reinforcement can come to us / to stay at Davapor can lye a good way to the Southward of Broad, &

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and if the Enemy once enter the Broad Country, they may Cutt off our Communication with this Place & Trichinopoly with the greatest ease and prevent any Succours coming to Darmapo-rum, — Broad is by no means a Place that can stand a Seige against an army that has heavie Cannon, the Walls are Mud and Stone, has a ditch round it two faces have a little Watter in it the other two none, No Guns but Mallabars mounted, on the Cavalliers, the 4 Angle Bastions are the only one, that Guns with a great deal of trouble might be put into, but was I to get one of the 18 Prs into to one, two Lines fireing would shake it down, — All our heavie Artillery is there, left by Colonel Wood standing without the Fort the Gates are so Small that they cannot be brought within, without being dismounted & the Wheels taken off, & then Carried in, one I had carry'd in, in that manner, whilst I was there There are also two Mortars there with Shells, but no fuzeys or any thing else to Use them, not a bit of matche or fine Powder for priming, in Short nothing at all was left there; but the Guns Mortars, Shells & Shott. —

I have instantly Communicated your Orders to Capt. Orton & Nixon, enjoining them to pay particular Attention to the preservation of the Troops, till the Reinforcement arrives. —

This Place here has but 4 Guards of Sepoys to Guard two of which are Nabobs, I have

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have wrote to Major Flint to send if possible he could a few Company's here to Garrison this Fort as our Magazines for Provision must be kept there. But he absolutely tells me that he had'nt not in his power to send any. I have wrote this Morning to Capt Nixon desiring him if joined by Capt Orton to tell him to send two Company's here with all Speed. — .

Croad in my Opinion may make a Stand, if no Heavy Artillery is brought against it & that a Reinforcement come soon to its Assistance but then should Provision fail we have no other remedy left me & no place nearer than this to make our retreat to, and by that the whole Country to the Southward of the Coverey will be left to the Enemy and put it out of my power to assist either Capt Faizon or Lieut Johnstone. — I was obliged to send Provision to Croad ever since the 20 of last month & when I left it there was but 900 Measures of Rice in it with some Salt & nothing else, since that Capt Nixon has join'd with his detachment, which must Consume that & what I have sent since in a little time, besides now, if Capt Orton join with his Troops, what distress must they not instantly be in, and all that owing to the Villanous behaviour of the Natives people in not putting provisions in the Garrisons in proper time. — I shall loose no time here in providing what I can & as long as the Communication keeps open forward it to Croad. I would

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Sett off for that Place myself, but as no body is here to hurry these things on. — I am under appre-hensions and most Certain that the moment I am gone nothing will be done. The people are soverry little inclind to the Nabobs Interest, that they absolutely do nothing but what they are forced too by main force. —

I have had no advice from Col Wood as Yet whither he has sent any reinforce-ment either to me or Capt Fauzan, therefore I do not Know which way to write to Caution the Officer in regard to his march the only Cast they can take is this way now. — I have wrote Col Wood and acquainted him with the Situation of this Country, but then I suppose the Detach-ment must be far advanced before he gets my letter. — I received a Letter to day from Major Flint that the Europeans from Vellore had arrived with him y that 20 of them had gone to the Hospital. —

I am sorry particularly at this Juncture to inform you Honble Sirs that ever since I have been in this Country I have not had my health, and that particul-arly Since I arrived here I have been so much indisposed that it has rendered me extremely Weak, and almost entirely incapable of attan-ding to all the Business I have upon my hands Should this indisposition of mine Continue and prevent my Marching with the Troops I hope it will meet with your approbation

my

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My Leaving the Command to the Officer next to me & Retire in order if possible to restore my Health.

I have the Honor to remain very Respectfully Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Dan'l Frischman

Carone
3 Dec.r 1760

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President and Governor &c Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut.-Col Frischman

In my last of the 3.d inst. I had the Honor to acquaint you, that Capt Nixon had inform'd me in his letter of the 1.st that he had heard Capt Orton had abandoned Sattiamangulum with his Troops — that information was true enough Capt. Orton did abandon the Place for want of Provisions, But as yet have not heard that he is at Erode. — the River being very high has as I am informed, been the obstacle of his not being arrived. — The following is what Capt. Nixon wrote me in his Letter dated the 1.st at 8 o'clock in the Evening, which I received last night. — Capt. Orton marches along the Enemys Front the 1.st inst. — but they dare not attempt any thing, he also acquaints me that he had heard Capt Orton was greatly distress'd for Provisions that he had sent from 25 Bullock

Loads

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Load escorted by the Travancorians Sepoys, that had come to Croad with the Sick, & one Company of his Sepoys. Those that he has been able to Prop the River, as Thear he made rapps to, and is by this arrived at Croad. — By all the Intelligence I can get, I find that the Enemy have not Prop'd the River as yet, and that it, are only the Candavaram, & all the Country People, that have joind them, that Commits all the Hostilitys; and most Barbarous Cruelltys to every person, they meet belonging to us, or the Nabob. — All the Country none joining them. I think, a Convincing proof how they have been deald with by the Nabobs Managers, & that they now revenge themselves in this manner. —

Three Companys one of ours, and two of the Nabobs, Capt Nixon have sent to Lieut. Johnstones relief, & this morning I had intelligence brought me, that they had been attacked in their March by the Candavaram, & Country People, but made them give away, and had joind Lieut. Johnstone, the same men assures me, that all the Peyng, and Virapatty Polygars, were round Daramporam. —

Capt. Nixon had in all but 4 Companys, & he sent to Daramporam one with Provisions to Capt Orton, so that he has but 3 left & one of them the New raised one of the Nabobs, which I made mention of, on my former letters, which he is obliged to Watch. — This situation he can not prudently Venture, to send any to

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to me, to Escort Provisions, for which reason since Yesterday morning, I could not send any of. as the Managers & all the Papers that came from Broad assured me, they had seen a Body of 2 or 300 Sepoys with a Gun and Plenty of Basket Coolys on the other side the River, & ready to Cross it, those by all accts I can learn, are people from Singeradorgum, & I imagine the same, that for two days made an attempt to Cross the River at Broad. —

Capt Nixon for the want of Bullocks was obliged to leave his Tumbrell here in which he left the money he brought from Mr. Hay. — Knowing he must be greatly distressed for money, I sent him 4000 Pags by two Guards of our Sepoys, who have carried it safe to him and returned to me this morning, they confirmed to me the Intelligence above mentiond, and assured me they had seen them. — I have wrote to Capt Nixon, to desire Capt Orton, as soon as Arrived at Broad, to send a Detachment to scour that Road clear. —

I have 100 Bullocks load of all Kinds of Provisions, ready to go off, the moment I dare Venture, they shall set off. — If Capt Orton brings his Detachment safe to Broad, as I hope he will, & the Europeans, as also the Detachment Colonel Wood is to send; have once joind, I am very Certain, Almost, that all the Enemy in the Country will not dare to Face them. I hope Col Wood has sent Artillery Officers, as none is in this Country, & not Ready Artillery men

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Sufficient for the few Guns we have left here. —

Capt. Nixon had 67 Sepoys

Deserted on his march from Trichinapoly, to which
which match him on Company Pay. —

By a letter I received last night
from Capt Faigan dated the 27 Nov, he mentions
that he had an account brought him that our
Troops had a Skirmish with Hyder Naigue, y
that he made his escape with 20 Horse into Up-
-cottah, that he got there by Day Break, y that by
9 oclock that Fort was Surrounded by our Pow-
-ers, Those accounts he mentions were brought
to him by a Horse keeper, y a Grass cutter, that had
made their escape from that Fort. — he also in-
-formed me that he had no account, that some of
our Troops from the Malabar Coast and the
Travancores, had taken Trechenombuy, Wingapo-
-ram, two Forts of Hyder Naigues, about 70 miles
distance from the Guzeelhetty Pass. — . —

I do not learn that Meer Khoz-
-ulla Cawn, is come up yet on this side of the Pass
which seems as if he was Suspicious of some
thing. — I have the Honor to remain with due
Respect. — Honble Sir y Sirs

Your most Obedient humble
Servant

Dan^l Friechman

Carore
6 Dec^r 1760

This instant Capt Parry arrives here from
by Ill, and will set out to morrow for Trichinopoly

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 12 December

Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor President &c.

Josias Dupre —— John Call

Alexr Wynch —— John Andrews

Samll Ardley —— George Stratton

George Dawson — James Bourchier

Richd Brichenden ——

—— George Mackay ——

Wm Whitehill absent on Service. —

Letters from Lieut. Colonel Laing read as follows. —

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

Letter from Lieut Col Laing advising of Hyder with his whole Force having entered the Valley by the Pallacotah Pass

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this day received Intelligence that Hyder ally with all his Force, has entered the Valley by the Pallacotah Pass. I have likewise received a letter from Lieut. Colonel Fivaksman, addressed to Colonel Wood, desiring much a reinforcement might be sent him, which I enclose, I intend marching tomorrow to Tayler, to meet the detachment from Vencatagherry, and on its arrival, should the above Intelligence be confirmed, will form a strong detachment under the Command of Major Fitzgerald, to go in pursuit

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of the Enemy, tomorrow I will write you more fully,
I am with due Respect —

Hon^ble Sir and Sirs

Your most faithfull and obed^t
Servant

Camp near
Sapprour. —
10 Dec^r 1760

Rojs Lang

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

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut^t
Colonel Lang

confirming the
above & advising
of his having
detach'd Major
Fitzgerald with
a strong body
after the Enemy
& enclosing

I had the Honor of acqu-
ainting you Yesterday that I had intelligence
of Hyder ally having pass'd through the
Pallacotah Pass. I have this day had it
confirm'd by several Hircars, in consequence
of which I have formed the following Detach-
-ment under the Command of Major Fitz-
Gerald, Viz the Cavalry, Light two Pounders,
the Third Regiment with the Granadeer Com-
-panys, of the first & second, the third, fifth,
Sixth, thirteenth & Fourteenth Battalion of Sepoys,
as the Enemys motions may Vary, and it
will be out of my power, to direct the Move-
-ments of the above detachment, I have given
Major Fitzgerald, Discretionary Orders, a
Copy of which I send you. — I have ordered
Mr. Monckton to accompany this Detachment,
and have sent all the Rice & money that arr-
-ived this day from Vanbiteygherry; with it
with a Sufficient Quantity of Ammunition &c

a Copy of the
Instructions
deliver'd to him

F

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I hope this will receive your approbation. the Enemy is now much distressed for Money & Rice, Major Fitzgerald will if possible, supply it. for which purpose he takes some of the Marratto people with him. I shall march tomorrow Morning, with the remainder of the Army towards Vankatagherry. I am with due respect. —

Camp about 6 Miles S.S.W. of Mulvagulu 9 Decr 1760.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull and Obedt
Servant
Rojes Lang

P.S. I have since been informed, the Pass is called Viriparadurgum.

To Major Thos Fitzgerald

Instructions from Lieut. Col Lang to Major Fitzgerald —

Sir

You will please to proceed with the Detachment under your Command, by the nearest Route to Boodicotah, and as you may there be more fully informed of the Enemys Motions, will take such measures as shall appear to the Best of your Judgement most Conducive to the good of the Service. I am

Sir
Your most Obedient Hble
Servant
Rojs Lang

Camp 9 Decr 1760

We

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We much approve of the Detachment which Lieut.t Colonel Laing has made under Major Fitz=Gerald, and of the Discretional Orders which he has given. — And as we learn by a Letter from Lt. Galbraith at Coverpatam to Colonel Smith that the Enemy had made themselves Mas=ters of Pallicate, & there are as We understand several small Posts dispersed in those parts, which cannot be maintained against any considerable Force, & which only tend to divide our Troops, & occasion the Loss of many Sepoys and Serjeants. — It must be left to Lieutenant Colonel Laing to withdraw such of them as are of little Consequence, or to give Discretional Orders for their being abandoned on the Ap=proach of any Body of the Enemy. —

Parts

The necessity of getting the Stores from Colar with all Expedition must be again Urged to Lt Colonel Laing, & which, next to the Preservation of the Army, he is to look on as a Matter of the greatest Conseq=uence. —

As We learn from the Naiks that the ten Companys of Sepoys under Lt. Hudson were arrived at Kistnagery the 6th. at which time Hyders army was at or near Darampory, which will render it impossible for Lieut. Hudson to march that way. — Lieutenant Colonel Laing is to be directed to send him Orders thro Major Fitzgerald to proceed by the way of Changama to Irimanad and

Trimery

and Alton, or to go to Trichinapoly: if the Enemy Motions should render that Route most eligible, & Major Fitzgerald may not have occasion to detain the Sepoys with him. —

Letter from Mr. Monckton read as follows

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

Letter from Mr. Monckton: —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Colonel Laing and major Fitzgerald having requested of me to go with the Detachment that is formed, I shall take with me Twelve hundred Loads of Rice, a Double sett of Draught Bullocks, twenty good Dooleys, with Extraordinary Boys, / I therefore must request Your Honors, will Order Mr. Stonehouse to send more Dooley Boys to Ventatygary / the Contractors, send thirty Loads of Arrack; in Short, I may Venture to say, We shall not be in want of any Supplys for a very long time. — I have the Honor, to be with great Respect your very faithfull Servant

advising of his proceeding with major Fitzgerald's detachment. —

and requesting Dooly Boys may be sent from the Cove to Ventatagary. —

Camp Comins
W. of Tylore
9 Dec. 1768

Chs. Monckton

As Mr. Stonehouse has been already directed to send all the Dooleys he could collect to Camp for removing the Sick from Cotar, We apprehend it will be out of his Power to procure any more Boys. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from Capt. Calvert at Amboor, —

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

Letter from Capt. Calvert. —

It is now upwards of 12 mo. since the Different Breaches in the Works of Amboor Hill were Repaired with Earth & Fascines only They are now in a very bad Condition, you may Judge what they may be by this time Espec-ially after a very heavy Monsoon, which have been the case here. —

Representing the bad state of the Works at Amboor

Of what Consequence, & how necessary repairing the works of this Place is, you are the best judges. I thought it my duty to Represent the state of the works to you, as I am on the spot, & have Examined them. —

We all desired I would set make a Calculation of what I thought, Repairing the works on the Hill may Cost. — I think it cannot be less then P. 2000. I once made a Calculation before, of some thing Less; but I think the whole face on the low side next the other Hill; should be made of stone, laid in Chunam; it is now only an old Rotten mudd wall, & several parts broke down. We all have seen the Place, I mention, therefore can be a judge, whether it is necessary or not, —

I have the pleasure to acquaint you the Lower Fort is in very good repair,

not

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not any of it has tumbled down this heavy Monsoon
thought I make it up only about six months
before, so that it could not possibly have time
to dry in the middle of the work it being so
thick. — Here is two 2 Prs on the Glacis, but no
shot for them; I have often Indented to Fellour
for some, But I know not where there is none
at that Place, they are very good Guns, it will
therefore be necessary some should be sent from
Madras. — I have herein sent an Indent
for such Stores as are wanted & hope you will
excuse my sending it inclosed in your letter,
as I do not know who is the Storekeeper Gener-
al. — if Carriage Bullocks should be wanted,
I have enough of my own. —

Sends an Indent for Stores. —

I did myself the pleasure
of addressing the Board, through Colonel Smith,
the 25 of last month, which Letter, I hope hath
been laid before you ere this. —

I remain with the greatest Re-
spect. — Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient & much obliged
Humble Servant

Amboor
9 Decr 1760

Matthias Calvert. —

Ordered that the Indent of Stores be com-
plied with, and as Capt. Calvert is order'd
hither, Lieut Colonel Lang, is to be directed to
send a Carefull Officer to Amboor in his room,
& even to Reinforce the Garrison, if he thinks it
in

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in any danger. —

As the Fort of Arcott is with-
-out any of the Companyes Sepoys, Capt. James
Fitzgerald, is to be ordered to send thither 3
Companyes, of the Bengall Battalion, with
an Officer. —

Letter from Mr. Cotsford read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Cotsford. —

Since my last addresse
of the 25 October I have settled with the Zemin-
-dars of Hautgur, Callicoote and Vizianagur,
and with the Latter for the past and pres-
-ent years. — The Particulars of the Agreem-
-ents I have inserted below, & as the sums rather
Exceed what they have Usually paid to the
Government, I hope it will meet with your
Honours &c Approbation. — There was an
absolute necessity for marching with a Force
to Compel the Rajah of Hautgur to settle his

Settles the Zemeindares of Hautgur. — . —

Business, accordingly four Companyes of
Sepoys and the Cffery Company with the
two 3 Pdrs / all the force we Could Muster / mar-
-ched from Arcot, and on the 6 Nov.r got Pos-
-session of the Principal Entrance or Pass which
leads to Hautgur. it is near a Village calle
Bungarany about 7 Miles to the Eastward
of Arcot, and is form'd by a Hedge of Bamboos,
for the most part impenetrable, with a good

obliged to march a force to Compel the Zemeindare of Hautgur to set-
-tle with him

Ditch

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though I made it up only about six months
before, so that it could not possibly have time
to dry in the middle of the work it being so
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Settles the Zemeindaree of Hautgur. — . —

Obliged to march a force to compel the Zemeindare of Hautgur to accede with him

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Ditch before some parts of it, and 2 miles near No and South about 3 Miles, at the Extremities it Joins the Hills; the Entrance into it is cover'd by an Earthen Redoubt formed as the Gates of Country Forts generally are; by a defect in the Hedge about 200 Yards from the Redoubt which was made practicable with Hatchets one Company of Sepoys entered and got behind it, & the rest were ready to attack it in Front. as soon as our people were perceived they abandon the Redoubt. — We have destroyed a part of the Hedge, which may be of some service in future. — Our force would not admit of proceeding any further against them, without risquing more than the advantages to be gained would answer; besides a great loss of time would be occasioned thereby. — The Zemindar depends much on the Strength of his Country. — Beimadoo of Vizianagur has consented to the giving up of Courtah Pergunnah, it is in Value about Rs 7000 pr Annum, but part of the rents for this Year have been collected before we could get Possession of it amounting to about 1200 Rs. — I have not yet been able to fix a Responsible Person for the rent of it, nor do the Grain is now ripe I must let them. — I shall be under the Necessity of employing a proper person to collect the Revenue in the best manner he is able for the present Year. — He has also given up 1 Village belonging to the Pergunnah of Pondicherry

I propose appointing a Person to collect the Revenues of the Pergunnah as he cannot get a responsible Person

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p.r Annum and is still remains on his hands in Value about Rs. 5000 p.r annum Harry Chon-der of Hantgur, has given up 10 Villages belonging to the Purgunnah of Poubacundah in Value Rup.s 7646, and is still remains in his hands in Value about 3400 Rupees p.r Annum. —

By my letter under date the 20 Sept.r your Honour.s will perceive that I have waited your answer with respect to the restored Villages, as this is the Time for Collecting the rents, I am now constraind to give them to rent Ven-kaje Punaett, with which I hope your Honour.s will not be dissatisfied, Especially as they are left out upon good Security for their full Value, the amount of which together with the Revenue arising from Courlah and the Villages taken from Beemadoo exceeds what Accajee Punaett offers for the whole for the present year, altho several Villages are still remaining in the Hands of the Zemindars. Herewith inclose your Honour.s Translates of the Bonds, and expect his first payment in a few days. — I am now about to receive between 5 & 6000 Rupees on Acc.t of Accajees first Payment for the Havaley Lands, I am afraid He will not be so expeditious as he should be in discharging the whole of it proceding in some measure from his being absent Himself, but Chiefly from his leaving a Person to manage for him not equal to the Task. The Ballance due by him for what He collects in

Let the restored Villages to Venkaia Punaett

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in this District the last year still remains unpaid. —

The Zemeendars are extreamly slow in their Payments, not one of them having performed according to the agreements made, and I am afraid it will be some time before they make good the Arrears of the last year proceeding from their keeping up so large a force as their Lands will Convenyently maintain, & never neglecting any Opportunety that offers (by Troubles in the Country) of matringaway with what ought to come to the Hands of the Government. —

From the Freqeunt Change of the Deputies of Sittiam Rauze & their loose Administration these Zemeendars have been continually accustomed to make Depredations upon one another. — As it is to be hoped that our Government will be able to put a stop to such proceedings in future, it is probable their own Inclination will lead them to see the folly of keeping a large body of Troops to answer no end. —

In Consequence of my Representation to the Chief of Masoulipatam He has sent the remainder of the Coffery Company under the Command of Lieut Rowlo consisting of 2 Serjeants 2 Corporals 1 Drummer & 24 Privates which are safe arrived at Ackra. —

By the Mistake of the

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Cloathings being given to four new Companys of the 12 Battalion of Sepoys instead of the four Old Companys as agreed from hence y now apart of Capt. Cavenores Battalion, Our Sepoys here are entirely destitute of cloaths, and have been for some time past The want of them they are now very sensible of as the Weather is extreamly cold, y on this Account there is a general Murmur amongst them. The remaining Companies of Capt. Cavenoras Battalion have been Entertaind only in the present year, and in Consequence cannot be intitled to full years Cloathing the Stoppages for the whole Battalion not being Compleat; nevertheless these Sepoys are very willing to have further Stoppages made from their pay to compleat them for the Year for the Cloathing of the whole Battalion; y I beg leave to represent to your Honour the great necessity the Sepoys are in on that Account, that the Cloathing may be sent down as early as may be convenient. — Likewise the good appearance the Sepoys make when well Cloathed will add much to their Strength in this part of the Country. — The Chief of Muvalipatam has acquainted me that you have resolved to compensate the four above mention'd Companys for their loss of Cloathing by giveing them the Stoppages of the present year made from the Sepoys who have been entertaind in

Represents that the Sepoys with him are in great want of Cloathing

Should be raised are willing to submit to an additional Stoppage for Cloathing

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in their room in the 12 Battalion. —

Proposes repairing the Forts of Ashta & Courtah

The repairing & keeping Possession of the Forts of Ashta & Courtah appears to be very necessary not only to keep open the Communication to the several Zemeandaree that Provisions or Stores may be conveyd to whatever part of the District the detachment may be in, but as a place of security for such Stores and Provisions as may be necessary at the time of bringing those Zemindaries into a Closer state of Subjection. also in the case of the Marattas entering the Country from the Northward they will be of great Service. — Tho it does not appear to be so Essentially necessary to repair the Fort at Tschapour at present yet the Keeping that fort would be the Means of the Tributes being collected better from Chiguetty and the Six Zemindaars of the Mohinavan Matte till I know your Honours Pleasure on this head, I shall only make some trifling Repairs which are absolutely necessary, the Expence shall be but small. The totall amount of putting them into a proper state for the Troops of the Country will not I think exceed 3000 Rupees Ashta 2000 or upwards and Courtah 5000 upwards. —— . ——

As the Garrisoning the Forts of Ganjam Ashta & Courtah will diminish the Strength of this Detachment in the Field very Considerably and as the money collected from

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from the Zemeendars how allways been proper-
tionable to the Force brought against them,
I am of Opinion that the raising three Com-
-panies of Peons for that purpose will be a
very proper step y the advantages gained will
greatly over Balance the expence. — The Sepoys
will thereby become a much more formida-
-ble Body, y there is no doubt their will be
employment enough for them when the pen-
-sall attachment leaves these parts, not only
to keep them in Obedience and Collect their
Tribute according to their agreements But
to prepare the way / if not to compleate it /
for their being brought into such a state as to
leave the Country free from Alarms on their
Accounts. — The keeping these people will like
wise be an Introduction for reducing the Pay
of the Troops in general in this Country here-
-after when peace will allow of its being
done, As it will require some time to get
proper People. — I propose setting about
it immediately so as to Compleat one Com
-pany for the Fort at Ganjam. If y our
Honour &c should not approve of their being
kept up the People may be sent to Cicacole
for the Service of the Battalion now raising
there. The undermentioned are the Par-
-culars of the Strength of each Company such
as appears to me to be necessary. — The pay
is as low as it can be brought if any Service
is Expected from them. — . — . — .

raising 3 Com-
panys of Peons
for those two
Places y Ganjam

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	Rs. F. C.		Rs. F. C.	Bns. Pach.
1 Soubedar at	2:3:11	5 M.s Total	2:3:11	Batta on Service 2:16 Pa.
2 Jemidars at	2:2023 a.		6:2:16	1:74 a.
4 Havildars at	2 a.		8	1:23 a.
4 Naigues at	1:23:34 a.		6:21:56	1:23 a.
1 Colour Manat	1 a.		1	51 Pa.
2 Tomtoms at	1 a.		2	51 Pa.
60 Private at	1 a.		50	51 Pa.
1 Packrel at	1 a.		1	51 Pa.
65	One Company C. Pay		82:11:33	Months.

Sam
Honble Sir & Sirs
with the greatest respect
Your most Dutifull Servant
Edward Cotsford

a Vizianagur
21 Novr 1760

The agreement made with the Zemindars

Agreement made with the Mura Rauza Rajah of Callicoote. —

The whole of this Tribute for the Year 1767 . . . — Rupees 34001.—

Deducting pd to Remainder as p Receipts . . . — 7908

Remains due . 26093

Payments Novr 3d 1760 6000
D.o 20 4000
D.o 30 8000
D.o 31 8093

Rupees 26093

Agreement

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Agreement made with Hurry Chunderbajan of Shuttger. —

The whole of his Tribute for the Year 1767 . — . — . Rupees 37001

deducting paid to Narrainden as p.r Receipts . — . 10570:12

Remains Due R.s 26422:4

Payments in ready money 12,000

Nov.r 30.th 1760 . — . 7,200

Dec.r 31. — . — . — . 7,222:4

Rup.s 26,422:4

He engages to furnish Rice some time in Dec.r to the amount of Rupees 3000 for which he is to have Credit. —

Agreement made with Beemadoo Rajah of Vizianagur. —

The whole of his Tribute for the Year 1767 — Rup.s 47001

Deducting paid to Nainadoo as p.r Receipts . — 5000

D.o to Accajee Punoutt [for which hee debted] . — . 1446

6446

40555

The whole of his Tribute for the year 1768 — 47001

Remains due R.s 07556

Payments

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Payments in ready money ... 10,000

Nov.r 30th 1760 ... 15.000

Dec.r 31 ... 15.555

40.555

Jan.y 31st 1761 ... 7.001

Feb.y 28 ... 7000

March 31 ... 7000

April 30 ... 7000

May 31 ... 7000

June 30 ... 7001

July 31 ... 5000

47.556

Rupees 87.556

Bond or Agreement of Venkajee Pundit with Mr. Edward Colebrooke Main on account of the Honble Company at Ganjam.

Translation of Bond given by Vincajee Pundit.

I Venkajee Pundit do hereby vest the Zemindaree Villages of Mukha Surruff Cutrow from the Zemindaree under mentioned boundaries of the Sircarree of Chicacole Gronrido, Fees of Muzmedars or the Government sheriffs for the Year of Plavanty 1170 or of Christ 1760 Commencing the 1st of June 1760 ending the 31st of May 1761 for the sum of 10000 Rupees which sum I promise to pay to the Honble Company in money-money on the three undermentioned Payments receiving Receipts for the same. I also engage to keep peace with the Inhabitants

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To this I consent and give this Bond or Agreement dated the 14 Nov.r 1760.—

From Hautgurs to Villages, Viz

of Poubacumda ——— 7 Value — Rupees 4946

Of Aoha ——— 3 do ——— 2700

7646.

From Mohurry 13 Villages Viz

Of Poubacumda — 13 in Value — 8750

From Dofsena Pumoot 1 Village Viz

Of Poubacumda — 1 in Value ——— 900.

From Hautmaram 2 Villages Viz

Of Poubacumda — 1 in Value — 517.0

Of Monourcotah — 1 do — ——— 100.

697.0

Rupees 10001.

Payments Nov.r 1.st 1760. — 3500

Feb.y 1. 1769. — 6000

May 1 ——— 6501

Rupees 10001

Signa Vencajee Edward Cotsford

Bond or Agreement of Vencajee Pund-
-ett with Mr. Edward Cotsford Made on
account of the Honble Company at Ganjam

I Vencajee Pundett do
hereby rent the Restored Villages of the Aoha
Turrupt taken from the Zemindars under
mentioned exclusive of the Jaroomo or Charity
Ground Fees of Muzmeedars or the Government
Shroffs

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Sheriffs for the Year of Bhagaty 1172 or of Christ 1760 commencing the 2d of June 1760 ending the 31st of May 1761 for the room of those Rajas whose Seals I presume to pay to the Honble Company are ready money on the under mentioned payments receiving Receipts for the same & also engage to keep Peace with the Inhabitants & Cultivate the Lands. to this I consent and give this Bond or Agreement dated the 20 November 1760.

From Dasaveeta 2 Villages ½

October	Sanctum		Rupees 1650.—

From Gunnoor 112 ½

October	92 in Clear	3685.—	
Outcomes	8 ½	631 6	
			4281.—
		Rupees	10501.—

Payments Nov 1st 1760. 3000

Jan'y 1761 4000

March 3501

Rupees 10501

Edward Cotsford

In the Original Bonds the Names of the Villages are particularly mentioned with their Sums.

We must approve of measures taken by Mr Cotsford in settling with the several Zemindars, for the Revenue due the Govern[t]

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Purnell; and as a Responsible Person could not be found who was willing to take the Courlah Purgan-nah to rent, Mr. Cotsford will do very properly in appointing a Person to collect the Revenues in the best manner he is able. —

Ordered that Cloathing be sent for Captain Cavenores Battalion of Sepoys & Mr. Cotsford must be directed to be carefull that necessary additional Stoppages be made from the new raised Sepoys to entitle them to Cloathing. — Mr. Cotsford has already been instructed to put the Fort of Ganjam in the best posture of defence, & if he is of Opinion that the Forts of Ashta & Courlah may be rendered tenable with the Repairs he proposes, he may have them made. —

With regard to Mr. Cotsford's Proposal of raising Country Peons for the Purpose of Garrisoning those places, We should think it a proper measure, if the Company's Authority were firmly established in those parts & the Zemindars reduced to Order & Obedience. — But in the present precarious state of Affairs, there is little Reason to doubt but the Zemindars will avail themselves of any Troubles that may arise, to obtain their former Independancy, We apprehend that little or no dependance can be placed in Peons raised in that Country, particularly as many of them may probably have been in the Service of the Zemindars, to whom they

they were materially be attached, ready to join
them in Case of Trouble. — If however Mr. Cotsford
Should have good and Sufficient Cause to be
assured that they were be true & faithfull to the
y that We run no Risque of suffering by placing
a Confidence in them; We consent to their be-
=ing entertained, on which Case the following
Establishment is to be observed in the room of
that proposed by Mr. Cotsford. Viz.

1 Subadar
1 Jemadar
4 Havildars
4 Naigues
1 Colorman
1 Tom-tom or Trumpeter
50 Private

Naigue more as the Peons are to be
paid by the Paymaster & Naigue are held no
prejudicial to the service by the Abuses they
introduce. — .

Mr. Call being now present, agreed that
he be furnished with Extracts of the Letter
from the Honble the Court of Directors dated
25. March last regarding the Corps of Engineer,
that he may communicate the same to the
Gentlemen in that Corps & obtain their Deter-
=mination with regard to their Continuing
therein, pursuant to the Orders of our Honble
Masters, & that he do lay before us their Answers
together with his own determination on that
Subject as soon as conveniently may be. —

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Lieutenant Dillon having died here the 8th Inst.
Ensign Dugald Campbell is appointed at Lieut.
to Rank from that Day, & Mr. Thomas Path
is appointed an Ensign to Rank from the
10th of November last.

C. De Bourchier
Jos. Du Pré
John Call
Sam. Ibbetson
Geo. Stratton

Ja. Bourchier

Geo. Mackay

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Dispatches the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Lang
Commanding the Army
Sir

Sent to Lt. Col Lang.—

We have received your Letters of the 9th & 9th Instant, and much approve of the Detachment you have made under Major Fitzgerald, and of the Discretional Orders you have given to him.

We are informd by a Letter from Lieut. Galbraith at Covery palam that the Enemy had made themselves Masters of Pallicate; and as We learn that there are a Number of small Posts dispersed in those parts, which cannot be maintained against any considerable Force, & which only tend to divide the Troops, and occasion the loss of many Sepoys & Serjeants, We leave it to you to withdraw such of them as appear of little Consequence, or to give discretionary Orders for their being abandond on the approach of any Body of the Enemy.—

The motion Slyder has made, seems to favour the principal Object We have at present in View, the Removal of the Stores from Colar, & which we still recommend to your particular attention.— We must however leave it to you to judge how far the force now with you may be Sufficient for the purpose, or of the Necessity of Reinforcing Major Fitzgerald; this We say must depend on your own Discretion, we can only repeat that neat-

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to the Preservation of the Army we look on the safety of the Stores as a Matter of the most essential Consequence —

As by our Letter of the 10th you were directed to order Captain Calvert hither, We imagine it will be necessary in Case the Enemy make any Motion that way, to appoint another Officer to Command at Amboor, and even to reinforce the Garrison in case you think it in any danger. — The Nabob has advice that the Sepoys under Lieutenant Hudson were at Kistnagherry the 6th as Hyders army was the same day at or near Darampury, it would be impossible for Lieut. Hudson to proceed that Way We therefore leave it to you to give him Orders thro Major Fitzgerald to proceed by way of Changamah to Trinomale pitture or to go to Trichinapoly if the Enemys Motions render that Route most eligible, & Major Fitzgerald has not occasion to detain the Sepoys with him. — We are

Sir

Your most Humble Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council

Fort St. George
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To Captain Abraham Faizan
Commanding at Covryporam

Sir

Letter to Captain Faizan

Having received advice of a Confederacy formed between the Soubah, Madanavow & Hyder Ally to invade the Carnatic, it is necessary that the Officers Commanding in the

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the different Posts should have Instructions for their Conduct in Case of Emergency; when it may be difficult to convey our Orders to them We therefore think it necessary to give you the following Directions.

We are advised that Captain Orton has been obliged to abandon Sattiamungalum, so that We apprehend you may be so hard prest, as to be unable to maintain your Post, & that it may not be practicable for you to retreat to Carroad in which Case. We recommend to you to Cross the River and retire to Salem. The defence of which place & of Ahtur must then be the Objects of your Attention.—

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council

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

Gentlemen

Letter to Select Committee at Bengall

We herewith enclose to you Copies of Letters received from Mr. Brome at Poonah, by which You will observe the formidable League combined against us; and the Nabob has Intelligence, that Madarow was himself advanced within 150

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Cofs of Colar & Gopaul Harry within 60 Cofs. —
We cannot say what dependance may be placed
on the latter Intelligence, but that an Agree-
ment has been made between them is We think
certain, & that the Morattas will march to
Hyders assistance is We fear not to be doubted.

We have already in our Letter
of the 11th. November, particularly set forth to you
the Distresses, we were likely to suffer for Want
of Money and how much those Distresses would
be increased should Madarow, as We appre-
hend he would take Part with Hyder; since
We must thereby be inevitably deprived even
of the small Resources We now receive from
the Revenues of the Carnatic which must in
that Case be subject to be Plundered and laid
waste without our being able to prevent it. —

We are fully convinced of your
Readiness to afford us, all the Assistance in your
Power, it is however necessary in order to in-
duce You, to lose no time therein, to acquaint
You that We have only one Lack of Pagodas
in the Treasury, and when that is gone, We
know not where to procure another Pagoda,
as the Revenues of the Country, will be entirely
stopt; We have already been obliged to stop
our Investments at all Places, and We are
under the greatest Apprehensions of the very
alarming Consequences to be expected should
We be unable to pay our Troops, which must
be the Case unless assisted by you; We there-
fore

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therefore repeat our most earnest Request that You will not fail sending Us the most speedy and ample Supplies, You are able.

With regard to the operations of the Army they have consisted in little else, but Marching, and countermarching without a Possibility of Bringing Hyder, to an Action as he has it in his Power, to avoid it when ever he pleases. —

The above mentioned advices have obliged Us to take immediate measures for withdrawing the Heavy Guns & Stores from Colar, as We should be unable to protect them at such a distance from our Frontiers: and We wish We may be able to get all away before the Marattas arrive, or we shall, We fear be unable to prevent the Loss of some of them —

A considerable Force which Hyder had detached to the Southward, found Means of forcing the Pass of Guzelhetty, and thro the Treachery of the Natives Troops which consisted chiefly of men raised in the Coimbetore Country, the Enemy have possessed themselves of Coimbetore and several other Places We had taken. — We have ordered a Reinforcement thither in order to recover those Places and for the Protection of the Country. —

Since writing the above We have received Intelligence, that Hyder with the greatest Part of his Force have entered the Valley near Coverypalam, with a View as We apprehend

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apprehend to ravage and plunder the Carnatic, a very large Detachment of our Army is following him, and We wish, they may be fortunate enough to bring him to an Engagement. —

We are with real Esteem

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.

Humble Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council

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13th Received the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Frischman. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut. Col Frischman advising of Capt. Orton's arrival at Carvaad. —

This instant I am informed by a letter from Captain Nixon dated the 6th. that Capt. Orton arrived at Carvaad with his detachment & that he was obliged to go into the Fort with his Troops having no Tents &c to encamp as I had desired him to do. — By what I have learned the most part of his Baggage was lost in forcing the River, to night or tomorrow morning I expect to hear a full account from Captain Orton with which I shall do myself the Honour to acquaint as soon as Received. —

This is the 8 Day Capt Fortune have left Frischmanoply & by what I can learn from him and the Sappoe people he will not be able to reach this Place with his Detach-

ment

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Detachment before to morrow the Bullocks at his Guns and tumbrell are so bad that he must get them Dragg'd by Coolys. —

Provisions must howbeever wanted at Carvaar I have sent of Yesterday 75 Bullocks loade, but now am at a Stand for the want of Bullocks the Young Nabob at Trichin-opoly informs me that he had sent me some the moment they come they shall be loaded & sent to Carvaar. —

Great distress for Provisions there sends it as fast as he can procure it. —

I have the Honor to remain with Respect. Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Dan. Fruchman. —

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15th The following Letters were this day wrote & sent away. — —

To the Honble Thomas Hodges Esqr President & Governor &c Council at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay. — A Duplicate of our Letter of the 7 instant now waits on you, since when We have received advices from Mr Brome dated the 6 by the Post that a Treaty has been Concluded between the Soubah, Madanaraw and Hyder to act in Conjunction against the Carnatic, and the Nabob has received advices that Madanarow had actually taken the Field, and that Gopal

Gopaul Row with the Van of the Army was well advanced in the way to Seera.—

To withstand such a formidable Combination demands the utmost Efforts of all the Presidencies; and as We conclude You must have had much earlier Intelligence thereof from Mr Brome, We can scarce doubt but you have taken the most vigorous measures in your Power for prosecuting the War on your Side.—— Indeed the urgent Manner in which We have so repeatedly represented the Necessity of your Your undertaking something to distress Hyder on the Malabar Coast We have hopes, may have induced You, to make the Necessary Preparations for that Purpose

As We have no longer any Room to doubt but that Madarow's the Revolution to come into these Parts with Hostile Intentions against the Carnatic, our first Measure in Consequence has been to order all the Artillery & Stores a Colar which had been sent thither for the Siege of Bengalore, to be withdrawn, this will be a Work of some time & Difficulty, & retard the Execution of the Plan proposed to you in our Letter of the 7th Instant & indeed should the Morattas or the Soubah actually join Hyder or act in any Manner against Us, We fear it may not be in our Power to carry into Execution the Part then proposed, that is to say the Recovery of the Coimbattore Country, all We can say at present is that We have not altered

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Altho' our Intentions, the Event depends on precarious Circumstances. —

In our Letter to You of the 10th of November We enclosed a Copy of our Letter to Mr. Brome dated the same day. — As we do not know what Instructions Your Honor &c may have given him on that Subject, nor what Effect the Proposal may have had, should you have authorized him to make it, We shall not alter our Measures for War or Peace, of the Latter We are sorry to say we have no Expectations. —

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble

Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council

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To Mr Edward Cotsford
Resident at Ganjam
Sir

Letter to Mr Cotsford. —

We have receivd your Letters of the 17, 20, & 26 Sept & and 21st Novemr. —

We much approve of the measures you have taken in settling with the Zemindars & of your having Let the Government Lands, mentioned by them, to Venogee Pundit with regard to the Coudah Purgunnah, as you could not get a Responsible Person to take it to rent, you will not very properly in appointing a Person to collect the Revenues in the best Manner he is able. —

We

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We shall write to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam to prevail on Pundett to be more punctual in his payments.

Orders shall be given for Cloathing being sent for Capt. Caemmerer's Battal. of Sepoys, by the first opportunity, & you must be careful that the Necessary additional Stoppages are made from the new raised Sepoys to entitle them to Cloathing

With regard to your Proposal of raising three Companys of Peons of Garrisoning Gingeram, Arkot & Conjeveram; We should think it a proper Measure, if the Companys Authority were firmly established in those parts, & the Zemindars reduced to proper Obedience. — But in the present precarious state of Affairs, Where as We before acquainted You we are under Apprehensions that the Soubah the Marattas & Hyder are all joined in a League against Us, & there is little reason to doubt but the Zemindars will likewise in that Case be induced to take up Arms; We apprehend that little or no dependance can be placed in the Peons proposed to be raised; but that as they will be all enlisted out of that Country, & many of them probably from having been Servants to the Zemindars they may easily be brought over either to betray their trust or to act against Us. — If however you have good & sufficient Cause to be assured that they will be true & faithfull to Us, & that

We

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We run no risque of being Sufferers by placeing a confidence in them, We have no Objections to their being entertained, and in that case the under mentioned Establishment is to be observed instead of the one proposed by you.

1 Subedar
1 Jemedar
4 Havildars
4 Naigues
1 Colormare
1 Tomtom or Trumpeter
50 Private.

Valued more as the Sepoyes Pcow are to be paid by the Paymaster. and Vakeels are held prejudicial to the Service by the Abuses they introduce. —

By our Letter of the 11th Inst. you was directed to put the Fort of Tanjaur in the best Posture of defence you are able; and if you Judge That the Sorts of Ammunition may be rendered tenable with the Repairs you propose, you are at liberty to have them made. —

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Charles Bourchier & Council

&c

Fort St George
4th Decr 1760

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At a Consultation Present
Charles Bourchier Esqr. Gov.r President
Josias Dupre —— John Call
Alex.r Wynch —— John Andrews
Sam.l Ardley —— George Stratton
George Dawson —— James Bourchier
Richard Brickenden ——
—— George Mackay ——

Wm. Whitehill absent on Service. —
Letters from Lieut. Col Laing read as
follow. — . —

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

Tuesday 5th December

Letter from Lieut. Col Laing. —

I have the Honor to acquaint you that Major FitzGerald with his detachment marched this Morning. — This Morning I received a Letter from Lieut. Hudson addressed to Colonel Wood in which he informs him he was at Coveripalam the 7th instant. that he intended remaining at that Place, until he had further Intelligence of the Situation of the Enemy, or hearde from him. — That Daramparey surrendered to the Enemy the 6th. after which one part went to Tingevicotah & the rest to Penagrum a Fort about fifteen miles West of Daramparey. I hope Major FitzGerald will reach Coveripalam the 8th.

The remaining Troops now with me are the Battalion Company of

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of the Troops remaining with him. —

of the 1st & 2nd Regiments amounting to about 330 Rank & File. 3 Lieut.s one Sph & two Havildars. the first & eight Battalion of Sepoys, which are gon or there abouts. — A Return of the whole I will transmit you to morrow. I have sent Capt. Brooke by his particular Request, with Major Fitzgerald. —

The Detachment having been compleated with the Choice of every thing, our Bullocks are very indifferent & we have very few Doolies & those without Cooleis. —

The Intelligence contain'd in Lieut. Hudsons Letter is confirm'd by Abdul Rafeid Cawn Killedar of Kistnaghery. —

I have sent all the Cattle, I could procure with, Major Fitzgerald, & can get none but by Force, all the Inhabitants being our most inveterate Enemies. I shall Supply Colar with Rice & Money as soon as the latter arrives there was Eighteen hundred Bullock loads of the former in that Garrison when I left it. —

There is likewise upwards of four hundred Sick men, and as it is very difficult to procure Provisions for them if Doolies could be provided, I am of Opinion it would be Necessary to remove as many as possible to Vellour please to Honor me with your directions on this Head. I am with due Respect. — Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithful & Obed.t Servt.

Rob.t Lang

Recommends the removal of the Sick from Colar to Vellour

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To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut Col Lang — Representing the great want of money

I am much in want of Money. — Two of the Topasses of the Foreign Party having behaved in a Manner tending to Mutinie. — I have been Obliged to make examples of them, by giving them a Thousand Lowries each. —

I have had no accounts of Major Fitzgerald or the Enemy since my last, the Country People being our Enemys, it is very difficult to get intelligence, as the murder every Person they Suspect to belong to us.

The difficulty of geting Cattle Obliges me to Request you'll think of some Method to Supply me from the Carnatic, as I cannot get any without Sending parties a very great distance to procure them, this with the Force I have at Present may be attended with Inconveniences. —

& the difficulty of procuring Cattle. —

I have been informed that Hyders Motions have been made to favour some Scheme in Colar though this may not be true, Yet I am uneasie untill I can supply it with Money. —

I would have sent you a Return of the Troops here, but cannot get it somewhere, I will not fail of sending it to morrow. — . — . —

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Camp at
Vantelygherry
11 Dec.r 1760

I am with due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull
Obedient Serv.t
Rojs Lang

To The Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r
President and Governor &c Council
at Fort S.t George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. Colonel Lang:

In my letter of Yesterday I mentioned the difficulty of procuring Cattle, & the want of Money, as well here as at Colar. Inclosed I send you a letter from Capt. Cook, which I have this instant Received. —

Expressing his distress for Money & Cattle for Slaughter.

I must intreat you to find some Method to Supply this part of the Army, with both, the Sepoys being very Clamorous about the latter, being Obliged, to take Five at A Seer a Rupee, when had they Money, they could buy fourteen, Should I find it necessary to move towards Colar am apprehensive of the Consequences. —

I have received a letter from Major Fitzgerald a Copy of which I inclose. — I am with due Respect. —

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull
& Obedient Servant
Rojs Lang

Camp at
Vantelygherry
12 Dec.r 1760

To. —

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To Lieut. Colonel Lang
Commanding the Army
Sir

Letter from Capt. Cook to Lieut. Col Lang advising of his having detached Lt. Lagles to procure Cattle

Yesterday evening I form'd a detachment under the Command of Lieut. Lagles, consisting of four strong Companys from Capt. Calvert's & Alexanders Battalions together with a three pounder; & sent them of in pursuit of provisions for the Hospital. — Late in the evening Mr. Lagles arrived at Chittecotah, a Mudd Fort about five Course N.E. of this place, similare in strength to Tylore, tho rather smaller; & where the Inhabitants had assembled all the Sheep and Cattle of the adjacent Countrys. — Upon Mr. Lagles approaching near the pettah, they demanded who he was? — He answer'd a Friend who sought protection during the Night. — but they surmising his Errand, absolutely deny'd having any Cattle But if they had, they would not part with one without fighting for it. — Upon this Mr. Lagles posted Guards to the Pettah Gates, and finding them as ready to fight as himself, Kept quiet all night on his post, tho they were Continually throwing Stones at them & firing all night to alarm the Neighbouring Villages — at day Break Mr. Lagles found himself Surrounded by Villange people & Polligars in numberable, and finding by the Havildars that it was impossible for them to bring this Gun to the Fort Gate, I suppose he should succeed in the attempt upon the Pettah, thought proper

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who had been obliged to return without any :—

proper to leave. about half a mile from the Fort he discovered a Body of two Hundred of the Enemy Horse, who with the Villagers and polligars, harrassed him in his retreat within four or five Miles of this Place. This being the Case, & the Village people all round so attached to Hyders Interest, to gather with Mr Davis having but Seven days provisions for the Hospitals. I thought it necessary to acquaint you of the particulars, for in future I cannot spare so large a Detachment from hence, tho was I, it would be by much too trifling to Succeed in providing Sheep & Cattle for the Hospitals— I therefore hope you will take it into Consideration, and devise some Method to supply the Sick of this Place with Provisions, or order their removal elsewhere. —

I am Sir

Your most Obed. Humble

Servant

Wm Cook

Colar
11 Dec. 1760

P.S. I wrote you last night concerning Money I am the Europeans complain loudly for want of Money to purchase Necessaries, Washing &c we want the Sepoys being highly Clamorous for pay. — I hope you will take it into Your immediate Consideration. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross Lang

Sir/

Letter from Major Fitzgerald to Lt. Col Lang

I have the Pleasure to acquaint
Your

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you that I marched thro' far to day, distant abt. Six Miles from Boodicotah, I would fain have proceeded nearer to the Pass, But found that it would have been too fatigueing for the men, You may be assured not a Moment shall be lost in the Prosecution of your Intentions. —

I have received great intelligence which Confirms the accounts we had before of Hyders being in the Valley, & of his having taken Darimpory he has also detached Meer Jais with a Body of Troops furnished with ten days provisions towards Singracolam Salem &c. —

I am Sorry it is not in my power to afford any assistance to the Garrison of Ossur at this time; as the distance I am from it, & the Expedition with which I must march, deprives me of an Opportunity to relieve them, all I can do is to prevail on the Morattas at Boodicotah to furnish them with some Supplies: in my Opinion if you Could prevail on Morarows people to take Charge of the Fort & with draw the Serjeant & Sepoys from it, it would be the most Eligible Method to take. —

I cannot succour Ossur, recommends it being giving up to Madavarows People & our Troops with Drawn. —

I have wrote to the Serjeant this Evening & Recommended to him, that if he is not Supplyed with Provisions, & that the people still continue to be dis affected, & that it is no longer in his power to Maintain his place, to Evacuate it in the Night & retire to Colar, leaving the Collaries in possession of it. I am Sir

Your most Obt. Servant

Thos. Fitzgerald

Lieut.

Camp 6 Miles from Boodicotah 10 Decr. 1760

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Lieutenant Colonel Lang has already been instructed to get the Sick as well as all those unfit for field Service conveyed to Vellour as fast as Possible, for which purpose all the Doolies that could be procured have been ordered to be sent to Colar; & the President acquaints the Board that he wrote him the 13 Instant to employ Bullock or any other means he could devise for removing them.—

We understand from the Deputy Commissary that thirty five thousand Pagodas were dispatched from hence the 4th inst, which We hope are by this time arrived at Camp & with the 30,000 Pagodas before sent & which we learn were received, will, we hope, be sufficient to answer all demands to the end of November & pay the Military for December.— —

With regard to Cattle for Slaughter, if the Country people will not part with them by fair means Lieut. Col Lang must procure them by force, in which Case he must give the strictest Orders that | established price be paid for them.— The President is also desired to apply to the Naval to send some to Sautgud, of which Lieut. Colonel Lang is to be advised, but at the same time instructed not to place any Dependance on the Supplies he may receive by that Means.—

We think Major Fitz-Gerald's proposals regarding Oxen very proper

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y if it has been carried into execution tis well if not Lt. Col Laing must follow the Orders before sent him regarding it. — . —

Read the following Letter from Major Fitz-Gerald

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

Honble Sir y Sirs

Letter from Major FitzGerald

The Enemy having lately entered the Valley, and caused a diversion that way, it has been thought proper to form a Detachment from the Army, in order to March after them, y if possible to bring them to an Action, or else to frustrate the designs which they may have by entering that Country — I have the pleasure to inform you that the Command of this detachment has been given to me, in Consequence of which, I March'd this Morning from the Encampment of the Army near Mulwagle to this place distant about Six Miles from Boodicotah, y tomorrow I will proceed, y pursue my March with as much expedition as possible; when I arrive at Kistnagery I intend to throw whatever part of the Baggage that is not absolutely necessary into that Place, that I may be enabled to move with greater dispatch and less difficulty. —

Arrived near Boodicotah

proposes leaving all the Unnecessary Baggage at Kistnagery

You may be assured, Gentlemen that I will not lose a Moment in prosecuting my march, and should I be so fortunate, as to come up with Hyders whole force or any part

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of them, I flatter my self the Troops which I have the Honor to Command, are fully sufficient to give them away signal over throw. —

I have received Intelligence that Davenpory has fallen into Hyders hands with some other Places of less note, & that he has detached Meer Sieve, with a Body of Troops towards Tingraputah, Selim we However I hope in every Short time that I shall be enabled either to bring him to an action or else to Oblige him to evacuate those Countrys before he can have effected any thing of great Moment. —

Untill I receive orders to the Contrary I am resolved to follow him which ever way he may take, & so I propose to be equipt, in a lighter manner, than any Troops that have yet pursued him, I am not without hopes but I will be able to come up with him, tho at present he has four days March from me. —

I am
with the Greatest respect
and Esteem. — Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
Thos Fitzgerald

Camp
6 Miles from
Boodipotah
10 Decr 1768

Agreed that the receipt of this above Letter be acknowledged, and as it is Probable Hyder will devide his Troops, to Draw our Attention to

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to different Parts, Major Fitzgerald is to be instructed to make Hyders main Body the principal Object of his Pursuit, & to prevent as much as in him lies any designs the Enemy may have entertained against Colar or the Carnatic — With regard to any thing else we must leave it to Major Fitzgerald to use every Means in his power for distressing the Enemy. —

Lest Major Fitzgerald should be in want of Grain, He is to be advised that there is a large quantity at Wandewash, & that We have ordered a Store to be lodged at Sautgur. —

The President acquainted the Board that he had learned from Col Wood, who is arrived, that sundry Messages had passed between him and Hyder on the Subject of Peace, & that he had delivered to him a Copy of a Letter he have wrote to Hyder, with his Answer, which the President now lays before the Board & entered in Country Correspondence No 160 & 161. — —

Altho we have no hopes that the Renewing the Correspondence with Hyder will be attended with any good effect, as We are of Opinion that he will never submit to such Terms as We can with Honor grant, so long as he is in a Situation to continue the War, & that any overtures on our part may only serve him the more towards in coming to Terms; Nevertheless as

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the above Letters seem to give a fair opening for recommencing an Intercourse with him and We might be censured for neglecting in our Present Situation, when nothing should be unattempted, by which there may be a Possibility of restoring peace, It is agreed that the President do write him a Letter, acquainting him with his having perused his to Colonel Wood, from which he is of Opinion that Hyder how never rightly understood our motives & Intention for Peace. — That as he also seems desirous of it, It only remains to find a meane to communicate our thoughts to each other. — That if he is sincerly desireous of Peace, & will let us know his real Sentiments, We will communicate ours to him in Return — Agreed also that the Letter for Hyder from Mr Hornby be forwarded at the same time

Letter from Captain Calvert read as follows. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt Calvert. —

Yesterday about Noon an Alarm was given by the Country people that a Body of the Enemys Horse was coming down the Valley near Vanambady. & again in the Afternoon I had Intelligence they were near Body pett. I sent two men of my own, whom

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whom I knew I could trust, they returnd a
bout 10 oclock at night, & acquainted me, that
about 40 Horse were then arrived at Amoor
Pett, where it apeard they designid to stay
all night. — .—

On this intelligence, I sent
a party of 40 Sepoys, & a few of the Hillidars
Peons, & sent them of with orders, to Surround
the Horse if Possible, and bring them to an
Eboor, this was effected, & 39 Horse with their
Riders were brought in here this morning —

I have Examined them,
some say they belong to Moraraw, others
say they have no Service but were going to
the Nabob to get into his Service, others say
they belong'd to Hyder Ally but they left
his Service Sometime ago, every man almost
is in a different Storey. —

There is two Jemidars with them,
one Says they left our Camp 3 days ago, at Nars-
apooram, the other says they left it 3 days ago
at Bagalore, but neither them, or the men, either
can, or will, tell what pass they came through
after my pressing the Jemadars very hard
to know which way they came, one of them sayd,
they Came through the Gongonoy Pass. that
the Polygar had given them leave & sent two
Peons to Shew them the way; I told him I
would write to the Polygar to know if it was
true, he then sayd he did not give them
leave, they Press'd two men to Shew them the
way. I observed to him it was improper to
attempt

Advices of his
Men 39 men
39 Horse near
Amboor —

a single man to come through that pass with
out the Polygars leave, to which he answer'd
he did not know what Pass they came throu
gh; but the had left our Camp, three day ago
y were going to Maravoy, they could not tell who
commanded our Camp. I asked them them
if they had a Pass from any Body when they
left Camp; they had none. — I am inform'd
that a large body of horse, under the comma
-d of Nun Fazala Cawn have come in by Ca
-lam, y have Plundred y burnd several Villag
near Darampory, that he was sent of several
small parties of Boy'd Horse, to go different
ways as far as they can into the Carnatic, y
to take upon them, the Name of the Nabob
or Madarass Horse y not to plunder till they
return, y then to do all the mischief they can
I am very suspicious these horse are one of the
Parties, y I know Hyder Allys Horse men have
frequently taken the name of Madarass upon
them about Colar. — this with the different
Storys they tell, hath induced me to detain
these men y Horse, till I hear from you. One
of the Jemadars names is Nabarjee, of Lawar
the other is Shaw hadgy of Bayapar. —

Madarass, I should imagine
can inform you whether they belong to him
or not, as to my part I cannot see what busi-
ness his horse could at this time have up the
Valley, they have frightned the Inhabitants
from their Villages all the Way from Trepatoor
to this Place. — , —

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A few days ago I had wrote to the gongeday Poligar for a few Sheep, as he formerly used to Supply me for Money. I have this Instant Received a Letter from him wherein he says, a party of the Enemys horse, was seen Yesterday past down the Valley, most Treputeer, & Vanambaddy, he likewise confirms what I had heard before of the Party coming in by Ceylam, & Says that some are gone towards Thangamah. —

I remain Honble Sir & Sirs
with the Greatest Respect. —

Your most Obedient and
much Obliged humble Sert

Amboor
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Matthias Calvert. —

The President acquaints the Board that he had upon Receipt of the above Letter Dispatched Orders to Capt. James Fitzgerald at Vellour to send a party of Sepoys for the men & Horses and to Keep them there till further Orders, & in the meantime to procure all the Information he was able regarding them. — Which is approved. —

Read the following Letter from Major Flint. —

× To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Flint

Your letter of the 4th Instant came to hand Yesterday agreeable to

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to your Directions, Shall do every thing in
my power for the Safety of the Garrison. —
Yesterday came a man from
Valloconadamanaik, one of the Principal
Poligars, about Dindigal, joining to the
Mamapah Country, requesting to know if
I would be Bound for the Nabobs not demand-
ing any Revenues from him, for a Twelve
month; on Condition, that he deliver over
Ramanaikanaik to me, Who was formerly
the Renter of Killedar of Dindigal, & went
about that Country making a Disturbance
& raising the Country people in order to R
take that Place
This said Valloconda-
naik has already assisted us in sending
Provisions to Dindigal some days ago,
otherwise the Nabobs people must have
Abandond it, to the Rabble in Arms about
there, The tribute to the Nabob, yearly is
four thousand Pagodas, which is in
Pagodas about 2666. — The younger Nabob
here, is very willing to agree to these pro-
posals, & to give his Sons on these Condit-
-ions, Should this affair be settled in an am-
-icable manner, it will in all probabil-
-ity be the Saving of Dindigal & keeping
the Country about there quiet, otherwise the
Conveyance may be Lost, Should he with
the other Poligars about join Ramanaikanaik,
I have sent to that Gentleman to send me a Pro-
-per Child to be sent Hostage for the Performa-
-nce

saving of a Proposal made by Valloconda-naik for delivering up the person of Ramanaik, who is endeavoring to raise Disturbance in the Dindigall Country. —

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Performance, but shall not Settle this matter, till I have an Authority for so doing, I hope it will Meet with your approbation, I shall be much Obliged to you Gentlemen for an Answer as soon as possible. —

I have not as yet heard from Lieut. Speed, but by private Intelligence he is near Tattatoor, so that I may expect him here in two days more. —

I have just received Intelligence for Certain that the Enemy took Possession of Namcoil & Shandomungalum three days ago, all the excuse the Natives people give for abandoning these places is for want of Provisions, I am with the Greatest Respect,

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant. —

Trichinopoly
9 Dec.r 1768. —

Wm. Flint. —

The President acquaints the Board that he had communicated the contents of the above Letter to the Nabob, who had readily consented to our engaging for him that he would not demand from Vallao Condama Naick any of the revenues of the Dindygall Country for the Space of one Year, provided he delivered up the Person of Rama Naick, of which he the President had advised Major Flint, & directed him to promise that he would

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engage that the Nabob would perform his Agreement. — That the Nabob had also wrote his Son at Trichinopoly on the same subject; which the Board approve.

Mr. Monckton's reply to the remarks of the Committee of accounts, is now read, & the following Observations & orders are made thereon. — . —

To John Call & George Mackay Esqrs
Field Deputies. —

Gentlemen

Agreeable to orders from the Board give me leave to lay before you the following remarks in answer to the Report of the Committee of accounts dated the 12 Sept. 1760 and the orders of Council in Consequence thereof. —

Reply	Orders in Consequence
2nd Paragraph. — That while I acted both as Paymaster & Commissary I thought a Muster Roll (as it would be no check) of little or no service as my Accounts were always sent in before the 20th & by referring to them a State of the whole might be seen & how each Body Sarcar &c was em-	2d Par. — The Reasons assigned by Mr. Monckton in this Paragraph are Satisfactory. —

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employd. Since I have
been appointed Comissary
I have been very punctu-
-al in sending the Gover-
-nor & Council a General
Muster every month of
the whole army & the
Paymaster, Muster Rolls
of the different Corps. —

3rd Par. — When I took the 3rd Par. — As Mr Monck-
field in Feby 1767 I — ton found the Number
found 3 Subalterns to each of Subalterns appoin-
Battalion of Sepoys & ted to a Battalion to
4 Lascars, as this army exceed the Establish-
had just been form'd by ment, He should
the Gov. & Council; I thought have Noted it in his
-ht 3 Subalterns & 4 Lasc- Accounts & advised
-ars had been appointed the Board thereof —
to a Battalion in the
field & suppose they
were thus fixed, or di-
minished according
to the Number of Sub-
alterns present & the
exigence of the Service. —

4th Par. — This was 4 Par. — The reason urged
occasioned by two men in this Paragraph is
that had behaved Gal- by no means Sufficient,
-lantly well, They as We cannot allow of
therefore were appoin- the Commanding
ted Supernumerary Lieu- Officer appointing
-tenants Supernumerary

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Havildars in the 8th Bat. Supernimerary Officers
-dation till a Vacancie to the Battalion. — If any
should happen. — Man is found to dioting=
-uish himself, he should
be recommended to Us,
When We shall always
be ready to reward Merit-
M.r Monckton has om=
-itted replying to the
Remark regarding the
Number of Serjeants
exceeding the Establish=
-ment. — . —

5 Paragraph. — This
was occasioned by a
Sepoy returned a Naig
but paid only as a
Sepoy & there was a
Naig less in the Rolls
then in the returns.

5 Par. — This is Satis=
factory. — . —

6th Par. — I do not kn=
-ow what Battalion
Shake Mohadeen is in
but as it was discontin=
-ued the next Month
I suppose it was some
Mistake of the Capt
Commandant. —

6 Par. — This might
possibly have happ=
-en. — —

7 Par. Capt.n Mathews
assured me he had leave

7 Par. — The Remarks
of the Committee of
acct.s

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leave from the Commissary General to have two Drummers or Drums being used one Drummer gone sifer in the Room of Tom to each of his Grenadier Companies.—

Toms, was not added to the regulations tho' intended to be so, as soon as a Sufficient Number of Drummers could be found.

8 Par.— Shall be observed, the Drummers while learning were not perfect which was the reason of the Tom toms, having been drawn for the Should be so.—

9 Par.— The Commanding Officer frequently employed Havildars, Naigs & Sepoys on Court Service from such Battalions as could furnish the most capable, & the 13th was one of the at that time in the Fort

8 Par.— The Orders on that head, being Continued till at the foot of the Roll as Supernumeraries, & as soon as they were perfect the Tom Toms should be removed & the Drummers put in their room.—

9 Par.— This Reason is Sufficient.—

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Southern Countries)
the Sepoys however
could not be with
out their Pay.—

10 Par.— Shall in future be Complied with as a New order. 10 Par.—

11 Par.— Capt. Calvert who paid his own Battalion charged 4 Armourers that they might do the Busines of Colar Fort as well as his Battalion.— 11 Par.— The establishd No. of armourers should have been paid as belonging to the Battalion, & the others should have been charged to the Garrison of Colar—

12 Par.— A new order to be Complyd with in future.— 12 Par.—

13 & 14 Paragraphs She Regulations appear calculated for allowing one Bullock for carrying an Officers Tent & one Cooley for the Poles. She Govt. in answer to a representation I made him last March twelve month told me I might allow two Bullocks to a Tent as one was not sufficient now 13 & 14 Par.— This is Satisfactory there having been an additional Bullock allowed to each Tent, as one was found insufficient.—

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now the Tents were made large; Ftherefore have always allowed Bullocks & Coolys in that proportion agreeable to the Number of Officers Tents in the Field, understanding that to be the intention of the regulation tho it does not expressly mention 3 Coolys to a Battalion of Sepoyes

15 Par. — a New order. — 15 Par. —

16 Par. — I misconprehended the intention of the Regulations for being sufficiently explained I understood ten Puckeit. — It is ordered that all's were allow'd in future a Puck all the Field exclusive of the Bioty allowed in Law'd to each Compleat Garrison. — I shall in the Field, love must diverse Gentlemen you will acquaint me whether I shall discharge any of them, —

but when in Garrison, a Bioty only. —

16 Par. — The regulations on this subject not expressly mentioning the number of Coolys to be allowed to a Battalion of Sepoyes

17 Par. — New order. — 17 Par. —

18 Par. Approved of by the Council 18. —

19 Par. — The regulations do not provide for the Cowle

19 Par. This allowance appears necessary as

Commanding Officers of a Detachment shou'd be with him, He must go without any Lascars but in this Case it's w.th the Approbation of the Commissary General, of it. I therefore must refer you to him. — .— Commanding Officers as explained by Mr. Monckton & the Commissary General. but when any Excess arises, the Commissary to the Army shall explain the reason of it. in Muster rolls

20 Par. — Officers not immediately with any Corps as 2.d M.r & Adjutant of Sepoys cannot do without Lascars to pitch their Tents. I therefore allow'd them two & wrote M.r Sykes &.c. & G.l concerning the same. — 20 Par. This appears necessary, & is Ordered to be added to the Military Regulations. —

21 Par. — For Tent Poles the Coolies are. — 21 Par. This is Satisfactory. — .—

22 Par. — The Horses Bought by order of the Commissary General from Capt. Mathews who procured them for the Publick service 22 Par. The Commissary General being asked regarding this Matter acquaints the Board, that the horses were purchased by direction of the Committee at Camp, for the use of the Troops before

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it was put under Capt.
Cowley. —

23 Par. These Hircars were employed by the Foreign party for secret Intelligence by order the Commissary Gen.l of the Commissary Gen.l near Arcott, detached for 3 Months and from the other Troops, afterwards discontinued these Hircars were necessary, & they were discharged as soon as the Party joined the army.

23 Par. The commissary General acquaints the Board that while the Foreign Party lay near Arcott, detached from the other Troops, these Hircars were necessary, & they were discharged as soon as the Party joined the army.

24.th 25.th 26, & 27 Par. Here before I have had nothing more to say to the Doctors than I must now to desire them they will send from & return to camp without my being acquainted with the same, if they are put under my order I can account for, & the Doctors have them when they are wanted — The only judgement that can be formed of a Surgeons charge would be by his making the Comm.rs a return of the Patients he has with

24, 25, 26 & 27 Par. The Matters contained in these Paragraphs will require some preceding regulations. — It is therefore agreed to take the same into our further consideration. —

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with orders for the
Commissary to ex-
amine the Field
Hospitals. — .—

28 & 29 Par.— The Abs= 28 & 29 Par.— Mr. Call
=tracts will account for the Commissary General
what Corleys & Sarcars in his Letter of the 20th
are charged which are November has account
much fewer then the for this excess. —
Regulations allow, &
we are put to great st=
raights for want of more

30th & 31 left out & 32nd Ac= 30, 31, 32, 33 Par. —
counted for by the coun
=cil as also the 33d Par=

34 Par.— Three fanams 34 Par.— It appears that
always have been allowd this Charge was not for
for 100 Pd Shott this char= Shott purchased, but
ge this was paid by Mr. for picking up & bring=
Sadlier. — ing the Enemys Shott
to the Commissary of
Stores. —

35 Par.— I allways have 35— This is Satisfactory
paid to prevent the ser=
vice suffering whatever
Colonel Smith charged
for Sircars it being im=
possible to muster them,
there never being many
in Camp at the same
time

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time, nor do I know when
any are entertained —

36.th Par. — The Regula= 36 Par. — Each Company
tions allow 3 Puchalla are allowed three Puch
to a Company for you alls, & it is certainly Ne=
cannot go by the Number cessary that the Com=
of men but the Compan= manader in Chief sho=
ys, for they must be uled have three, they
Stationa & that is the are therefore to be all=
least that will serve, = ow'd him, & charged
I have known 7 Comp.ys as belonging to him=
in the 2.nd Regiment that
10 Puchalla could not
serve; But the Instan=
ce remarked by the Com=
mittee was in the 1.st Reg.t
where there was only
Six Companys, but then
there was 3 Extraordina=
allow'd to the Comman=
der in Chief & charged in
this Regiment that
made the 21 Puchalla.
For these two Months
past there has been
only 10 Puchalla as there
are only 5 Companys;
I must request Gentle=
men you will acquaint
me whether I may con=
tinue allowing 3 to
the

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the Commander in
chief. — As to the Regi-
ments, were it not that
the Puchalls are appo-
inted so many to a
Company, & not the No.
of men You would find
that double the number
of Puchalls would not
serve. —

37 Par. — First part is explained in the 13th & 14 Par. excepting ye Allowance of 6 Bullocks to a Battalion of Sepoys that Number being found absolutely necessary by the field Deputys & before their arrival by the Comm-ander in Chief. — From 37 to 45 the Paragraphs are omitted. — . —

46 Par. — This in future shall be observed as a new Regulation. I hope Gentlemen the above may appear Satisfactory both to you & the Board. I am

37 Paragraph This is Satisfactory. —

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

Camp near Colar 13 Novr. 1760

Your very Obedt. Hble Servants
E. Monckton.

Report of the Committee of accounts Read, on which the following Orders are made.—

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President & Governer &c Council
of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

1st.— We have examined the accounts of the out Garrisons for July august & Septr. & those of the Army under Colonel Smith only for July.— The deputy Commissary represents, that the great Scarcity of Money, for a considerable time past, has prevented from making Remittances to the Paymasters of the Army under Col Smith, as well as that Under Colonel Wood in time; which has been the occasion of the Paymaster with Col Wood not having yet sent

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in his Accounts for July,
y the Paymaster of the
Army for August.—
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2d In Colonel Lawne
Company of the 6th Bat
talion of Sepoys, the Pay
master charges for 68
Sepoys. — The Comman
-ing Officer returns 67.—
3d In the first Battalion
16 Tom Tomes y Trump-
ters, y 6 Drummers are
charged which exceeds
the Establishment. —
4th The Hospital Char-
ges in this Month run
very high, in like man-
-ner as We represented in
our last report. Mr Lucas
has charged for a large
Teak Chest, containing
Bottles y Mug
150 Mds Rupees Pay
for 4 Tents Mr Anderson
of the Hos for the Hos
pital 5.76 —

5th In
We reco
r last report,
at that ex

3d This is answered by
Mr Monckton's reply
to the 7 y 8 Paragraphs
of the last report. —

4th The charge of a Teak
Chest here mention'd,
Mr Call the Commis-
ary General acquainte
the Board, was for a
compleat field Dispen-
satory, purchased of
Mr Guygnatt y which
was Valued at that sum.
The Tents Mess.rs Call
y Mackay acquaint the
Board, were on a Sur-
vey judged necessary
y made up according
-ly. —

5th This has been ordered
in consequence of the
last

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in the Pay rolls of the Se- Last Report. —
pay Battalions, the total
Number shall be inser-
ted at the Bottom of
each Company's Roll;
for the more easily com-
paring the same with
the Officers Returns. —
6th We beg leave further 6th Ordered accordingly
to Recommend that a
general Abstract of each
Battalion shall be
inserted in the Pay
masters Account of Dis-
bursements, for Instan-
ce Comdt 1. — 9. 20. 60. 60. 10. —
2 S.S V P Servts
3. 15. — 10. 10. — 607. — and
that the Same may be
observed in Respect to
the Lascars Payments
Conv Sy S P
1. — 8. — 19. — 747. —

Out Garrison. —

Parmacoil Gingee

7th At Parmacoil in July 7/60 8th Ordered that Mr Saund-
August & Sept. 1 Provi- ers be directed to explain the
sion Conicoply is charged Charge of the Provision Con-
Monthly Pay 2. 21. — icoply, by whom empld & for
9th At Gingee two Sheep what purpose — as also the
Drivers at 1 Pay. Monthly. Charge of Sheep drivers, by
It does not appear to the whom employd, & whither there
for what purpose they are were any Sheep, what is & what
now entertained — 9th is become of them — 9th

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Pallour.—

9th There are 10 Pucka 9th This is explained by
allyor Waterman, return'd Mr. Monckton's reply
to the 10 Companys & to the 16 Par. of the last
exclusive there of 10 Puc Report. —
hally Bullocks charged
to the Battalions —
10th A Serjeant of the 10th Orders that this
12 Battalion is unpaid charge be explained
in July August & Sept. — by Mr. Stonehouse. —
without expressing
why he was paid there
We think he could have
been ordered to join his
Corps, or if he was sick,
the Paymaster should
have inserted it in his
Accounts. —
11th A Supernumer- 11th The Sepoy Recruit-
-ary Company in July as they were entertain'd
consisted of 114 Men, in were ordered to be distri-
August 130 in Sept. 118 buted among the sever-
by the Regulations a al Companys, to prevent
Company should only the Inconveniences of
consist of 100 Men. — making new Officers. —
Mr. Stonehouse should
however have paid them
as such & remarked it
on his Accounts. —
12th In July & August 12th She should have been
the Pay of 1 Foreign Pon- charged to the Foreign
sioner, 1 Serjeant & 1 Topaz Porter. — Ordered that at

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is carried to Charges Gen.l W.m Stonehouse be direc-
eral instead of Foreign ted to be more attentive-
Party

13th. There are no Vouch- 13th. This has been re-
-ers for Batta to the Off- marked in the last
icers in the Months of report, & W.m Stonehouse
July August & Sept.r — has been instructed
to be more carefull. —

14th The Abstracts for- 14th Ordered that the
Victualling of & Cloaths Regulations on this
ing of the Sick, are Subject be punctual-
only signed by the Sur- ly observed. —
geon. — The Regulations
express that the return
of the Sicks, of each Co.
shall be signed by the
Commanding Officer of
that Company. —

15th. — 4 Shepards are 15th. — Ordered that W.m
charged for 2400 for tak- Stonehouse be directed
ing care of Sheep. We to explain this Charge
do not find any account by whom the Shepherds
of the Number: by wh- were employed, whether
om provided & for what there were any, & what
purpose. — . — Number of Sheep, and
what is become of them;

16th The following art- 16th Observations of a
-icles are Charged with Similar Nature occur-
out particularizing red in the Committees
for what Use, or on whose last Report, & W.m Stone-
Application. — house has been directed
to explain them. —

373 P.s — He

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373 Pr. Gunnies Nave ch. 3 T. 149. 832 He is therefore now to be
20 Pr. d°. — . — 2 . — . — 2236 — acquainted that we expect
46 Nammotico . — . — 10 . — an immediate Explanato-
294 Nammahing Gunny 13 ap — 588 — on of them, & that he be
72 Chickledaro . — . — 180 — more attentive to his duty
1 Seer Gingelee Oil . — 32 —
20 Pr. — d°. — — 00 —

Trichinopoly

17th The Letter delivered & Ordered that the Re-
in by the Surgeon are gulations on this Sub-
not certified by the Com- ject be particularly
manding Officers of the attended to. —
Companys on the Spot
which the Regulations
require. —

Madura. —

18th The returns of the 18 Ordered that the Re-
men sick in the Hos- gulations on this Sub-
pitals are not signed by ject be particularly
the Commanding Officers attended to. —
of the Companys
on the Spot. —

19th The Sergeants Com- 19 Ordered accordingly. — . —
manding at Out Garri-
ons, & Invalid Sepoys
are carried to Charges
Extraordinary, the for-
mer should have been
put under the Head
of Charges General the
latter of Sepoys. —

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Palamcotah.

20th The Pay of 3 Inva- 20th Ordered accordingly
lids carried to the Head by. —
of Charges extraordin-
ary should have been
brought to Account
under the Head of Se-
poys; as the extraor-
dinary pay of 3 Serjeants
commanding, at Sub-
ordinate Garrisons, sh-
ould have been carried
to Charges General: as
they are Charges which
Monthly occur. —

21st In each Month 21st Ordered accordingly
there is a Charge for by. —
extra Smiths & Carpen-
ters when such are ne-
cessary, it should be ex-
prest for what Service
they are employ'd. —

22nd In august are the 22nd Ordered that the
following Charges the Palmer do explain on
propriety of which we what account & by whose
submit to the Board. — Order the articles men-
Coarse Cloth for Sun a Bayetts ord in this Par. were
for Ct Woods army. — 107.22 — provided & what is
Taylors hire for do. — .. 360 become of them. —
Thread do . — . — — 60
117 Mammoties . — 23.16.0

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63 Ps. of Gunny Bags — 12.25.16
25 Cadjeys bringing in Charcoal. — } — 300 —

General Remarks

23d. Very conviderable 20 & 24 — The method propos'd Charges to appear in the by the Committee for con- different Garrisons of acting for Gun Carriages Pallaur, Trichinopoly at the out Garrisons could ve for making of Gun not We think conveniently Carriages; & as these be adopted at this junctur , Monthly occur, without. It is however Ordered that aproportionality of ascertain all Paymasters, when ing the Quantity of Work ever any Charges for mak done We are of Opinion ing or Repairing Gun it will be Expedient to Carriages, or any other Contract for the making Extraordinary Work them in future; & that occur, do certify the the Contractor shall pro- Number of Gun Carriages duce to the Paymaster made or repaired, as from the principal well as all other Work Artillery Officer, or incage done according to the there is not one, from the following Form. —

Commanding Officer of the Garrison, a Certifi- cate of the Carriages being properly & well made, upon producing which Certificate, the Paymas- ter shall receive the Carriage & pay the Amount. —

A

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24th it appears that a Great Quantity of Stores are made up at Vellour, & other Places, part of which are constantly sent to Camp, but it does not appear whether the Paymasters give Credit in their acct. of Stores for the several Stores made or purchas'd

A monthly Report of the Work done at the Garrison of —— during the Month of — — —

Articles made new or Repairs done. —	Nature of the New Articles or of Repairs made —	Expence
one 18 Pr. Gun & Carriage complete	made new. —	124.16.40
two 12 Prs.	one intire repair two new axle trees. —	30.18.30
Fort Gate	Two Hinges. —	0.3.—
L. A 13 Door	Repaird by permission of the Board	15.6.—
two new Wind. ow Shutters	A B Paym.r	

We are with the Greatest Respect. —

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient

Fort St. George 26 Nov.r 1760

humble Servants

Jno. Dupre

John Andrews

Sam.l Ardley

Geo Stratton

George Dawson

Ch.s Smith

Francis Jourdan

Alex.r Davidson

6 B Dent. —

And when any stores are purchased or made up they should be inserted as such in the returns of Receipts & Issues of Stores; & particular List or Abst.r act of them sent in w.th his Accounts. —

Letter. —

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Letter from Mr. Cotsford as follows. —

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

Letter from Mr. Cotsford. —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Settles with the Rajahs of Sengur & Palaor

Since my last address of the 21st Novr. — I have settled with the Raj=ah of Sengur for his Tribute for the years 1767 & 1768, and also the Rajah of Palaor & upon Terms rather above what they usually pay to the Government. — Sengur has also given security for the Payment of the money. —

From the best intelli=gence I can gain I understand that Narrain=doo is some where amongst the Hills betwen Chigutty & Sourunghe, Tho those Zamindars do not openly protect Him, yet I have no room to doubt but that they secretly give him every assistance in their Power. — I have wrote to them in the most severe Terms, representing to them the bad Consequences which will attend their conduct, — I have received a Letter Ramjoghee Pauter wherein He has requested to have two Companys of Sepoys from this Detachment to be in readiness between Chigutty & Sourunghe, & that He will at a proper time send some persons who will explain what is further to be done I have accordingly complyed with his Req=uest & sent them under the Command of Lieut. Duncan. — I have great reason to im=agine

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imagine that Bomadeo will leave no stone unturned to do all the Detriment he can in secret, & on the Departure of Col Pearce's detachment from this Neighbourhood, it is to be expected that disturbances will begin Or at least very little money will be collected from the Zemindars. — I therefore beg leave to Represent to your Honours that the Remaining two Companys of Capt. Cavenaders Battalion will be a most seasonable addition, & may prevent Troubles from Living, & certainly increase the money to be collected from the Zemindars. —

desires the other two Companys of Capt. Cavenaders Battalion may be ordered to join him. —

I have received a letter from Mr. Robert Barclay at Cicacole by which I am acquainted that Accagee Pundit has paid into his hands the sum of Rupees Nineteen thousand ninety one Rupees three Anas & Six Pice (19091.3.6) being the Ballance of what he collected from this district in the Year 1767. Which I understand from the Chief & Council at Mesulipatam it was not convenient to Accagee Pundit to pay there. —

I am
Honble Sirs
with the greatest Respect
Your most obliged Servt
Ed Cotsford. —

Ganjam
20 Nov. 1760

Agreement. —

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Agreement made with Hurry Hyson Sing Rayah of Seergur.—

The whole of his Tribute for the Year 1767.— . — . — 1100 1.—

Deduct p.d to Narraindoss as p Receipt 8045.0

2955.0

The whole of his Tribute for the Y.r 1768 — 1100 1.—

Remains due Rup.s 3956.0

Payments

Nov.r 30.th 1760 . — . — 2000

Dec.r 31. — . — . — 3000

Jan.ry 31 — 1769 . — 2956.0

Feb.ry 20. — . — 2000.—

Mar. 31 . — . — 2000

April 30 . — . — 2000

Rupees 13956.0

Agreement made with Gazender Rayah of Palorr.—

The whole of his Tribute for the Year 1767. — . — . — 3501.—

deduct paid to Narrainidoss as p Receipts 1705

1796

The whole of his Tribute for the Y.r 1768. — 3501

Remains due 5297

Payments

Nov.r 30.th 1760 . — 1000

Dec.r 31. — . — 897

Jan.ry 31. 1769 . — 850

Feb.ry 20 . — . — 850

March 31 . — . — 850

April 30 . — 850

Rupees 5297

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Agreed that Mr Smith at Mundapat-
am be directed to order the remaining two
Companys of Capt Cavenores Battalion
to proceed & join Mr Coote & with all
Expedition.

C. Bourchier,
Jon. Du Pré
John Call
Sam. Bradley
Geo. Stratton
Ja. Bourchier
Geo: Mackay

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Dispatched the following Letters. —

To Lieut. Colonel Long
Commanding the Army

Sir/

Lieut Col. Long

We have received your Letters of the 10th 11th & 12 Inst. —

In our Letter to you of the 10 Instant We recommended to you to get the Sick conveyed from Colar as fast as possible, & for which purpose Doolies were sending from hence & Pellour as they could be procured & the President acquainted us that he gave you directions the 13 Inst. — for getting them Removed either by Doolies Bullocks or in any other manner you could devise & which We approve; & we recomend to you to break up the Hospital at Colar with all convenient expedition. —

We understand from the Deputy Commissary that Thirty five Thousand Pagodas were dispatched from hence the 4 Inst. for the use of the Army which we hope is arrived with you by this time, & with the Rupees 30,000 before sent & which we learn was received, will we hope answer all demands to the end of Nov. & pay the Military for Dec. —

We are sorry to observe the Difficulty you find in procuring Cattle for Victualling the Troops; If the Country people

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people will not part with them by fair means, you must use force, & for which Purpose you must employ Detachments to take them when they are to be found within any reasonable distance from the Army, paying the established price for what ever you may take. We will prepare Nabob to give orders for lodging some Cattle at Sautgud, but you are not to place any Dependance on the hopes of receiving Supplies by his Means, but you will take such Measures to procure them as you shall judge expedient. —

We have perused the Copy of Major Fitzgeralds Letter to you, & much approve of what he proposes respecting your Stay there if it has been executed so well, if not you will follow the Orders already sent you on that Subject. —

We are
Sir
Your most humble
Servants. —
Charles Bourchier & Council

Fort St George
15th Decr 1760

To Lieutenant Colonel Lang
Commanding the Army

Sir

Letter to Lieut Col Lang enclosing one to Hyder Ally —

We have this day forwarded to Major Fitzgerald a Letter we have wrote to Hyder Ally. — A Duplicate thereof comes enclosed

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enclosed, that in Case Hyder should be nearer to you than to him, you may convey it to Hyder, or forward it to Major Fitzgerald to be sent by him, if he should not have received it, & forwarded the one sent directly to him. — We have directed Major Fitzgerald to transmit to us any Answer Hyder may return, thereto, & which you will be Carefull to do should the Answer come to you. — A Copy of our Letter comes enclosed for your Information, but We would by no Means, on that account Relax in our Operations. — We are

Sir

Your most humble

Serv.ts

Charles Boucher & Council

Fort St. George
15 Dec.r 1768

To Major Fitzgerald

Sir,

Letter to Major Fitzgerald. — We have received your Letter of the 10 Inst.t, & much approve of the steps you have Hitherto taken in the Pursuit of Hyder. — We would recommend that you make the main body of Hyders Army the principal object of your View, & be Carefull to prevent any designs he may have entertained against Calar or the Carnatic. — With regard to any thing else, We must depend on your Activity & Prudence for defeating the Enemy to the Utmost of your Power. —

Should you be in want of

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of Grain there is at Wandewash a large Quantity, & We have Ordered a Store to be lodged at Sautgul. We are

Sir

Your most Obte Servts

Charles Bourchier & Council

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15 Decr. 1760

To Major Fitz Gerald

Sir

Letter to Major Fitz Gerald Enclosing one for Hyder Ally

The accompanying is a Letter for Hyder Ally which you will send to him immediately by an Hircar, & transmit to Us, the Answer he may Return thereto. A Copy of our Letter comes Enclosed for your Information You will not however on this Account Relax in the least in your Operations.—

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Charles Bourchier & Council.—

Sept St. George
15 Decr. 1760

16 Received the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Lang.—

To the Honble Chas. Bourchier Esqr

President & Governor & Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. Colonel Lang

I have the Honor of Receiving Yours of the 10th Inst. & shall as Soon as I can procure Bullocks, which I am Using my Utmost Endeavours to Collect, With

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With the greatest Expedition Proceed to put your Order into execution. — I hope I shall be able to March for that Purpose the 15th Inst. — in the Morning. You may depend on my taking all the Precaution Necessary on this Important Occasion. —

Inclosed I send you a return of the Troops here, I am with due respect. — Honble Sir & Sirs —

Your most faithfull & Obedient Servant

Ross Lang. —

Carry'd at Fanthety & Cherry 13 Decr 1760

P.S. The Money is arrived. —

10 Came in the following Letters. —

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

Lear from Hon. adipatam.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

We were this day favoured with your Commands of the 7th instant. —

The Sack of Rupees which by Treaty became due to the Soubah the 31st October last agreeable to the Letter from the President to the Chief of the 22d of that Month was duely paid into the hands of Laldeps: but the same having been paid on Condition that, he should either procure a proper receipt for it from Rauze Ul Doutah before the expiration of the present month, or return it

Receiving of their having paid one Lack of Rupees to Laldeps Sowcar. —

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it into the Companys Cash, we therefore defer-
-ed advising you thereof untill Saddoja,
should hear from Ruccun ud Dowlah on the
subject. — We have now the Pleasure to
acquaint you that the Duans receipt reach'd
this Yester-day evening, & to send you a copy
of it enclosed. — We are very respectfully. —

Hontble Sirs,

Your Most Obedient Humble
Servants. —

Masulipatam
12 Decr 1760

I L Smith
Edwd Rendon
Jno Crauford. —

& for which they had procured Ruccun ud Dowlah Receipt. —

To The Hontble Charles Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St. George

Hontble Sirs

Letter from Lt Col Debuck. —

Yesterday evening one of my Harcaro's who came in from Durapoor informs me that one Pearmarrow. has Collected a Body of match Locks & Peons, to the amount of three thousand or more, who were then at a Village near that Place, but that Capt Johnson had made a Sally & soon drove them off. he further informs me. — That Ramma Naick who made his escape from Dindygal and Sheltered himself in the Collery Woods, has also by the Assistance of the Neighbouring Poligars raised about two Thousand, match locks & Peons together with one Company of Sepoys & forty & fifty Horse which he had before on his Pay when Entered; and. —

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are that they were so close to Dindygal when he left it, that they were first at from the Fort. —

I am of Opinion that the Gallerus in the Mattoon Cafs have some Inclination to be Troublesome, as they attacht the Tappals, two days since but were Repuls'd. — By my returns you will see the Number of Troops, I have in this Garrison which is Barely sufficient for the necessary duty. — I have the Honour to Remain with the Greatest respect, —

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

De Bath

Apprehends the Gallerus at the Mattoon Cafs are intended to be Troublesome

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

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. — Col Fraichman the Rebels on advance him 20,000 Rupees

This morning I had the Hon'r to receive your Letter dated the 7th inst. in my Letter of the 8th I informed you of Capt. Orton's arrival with his Detachment at Trichd, he lost all the Baggage & one Gun in crossing the River, the Enemy kept close after him till he had Cross'd the River, but never would venture to attack him, he brought 3 field pieces with him. — The Rupees 20,000 the Young Nabob has mentioned to have sent to me, I have received — Half of which I instantly sent to his Horse and 5000 to Capt. Orton to be paid to the Sepoys. —

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I wish he had been as punctual in
regard to Provisions, the 400 Bullocks that he
told Major Flint he would send with Capt
Fortune are fallen greatly short of that N.—
Capt. Fortune brought no more then 132 Bul-
locks Load out of which only 43 were Rice, to
this I have joined 80 Bullocks Loaded with
Rice, & all Marched from hence for Errode,
Escorted by Capt. Fortunes Detachment Yes-
terday & hope will be at Errode to morrow, as by
a letter from Errode dated the 9 they but at
1000 Measures of Rice left although since I
am here, I have sent 200 Bullocks load the
most of which Rice & Gram, the instant the
Bullocks return they shall be Loaded again
I have wrote ever since I am here to the Young
Nabob to send me some of his people to assist
me, he wrote me in several letters that he had
sent me two Men, but to this hour not one
has appeared, & I have hitherto been obliged
to take all the accounts my self.—

But furnishes very small supplies of Provisions

By what I could learn
the Killadar of Coimbettore was released by
the Nabobs people, that he was a prisoner
he himself & M.r M.c Lachlan told me — M.r
M.c Lachlan then, told me that as the men
was not paid he never came near the Fort
but kept in the Country. — His son who on
Hyders time Commanded the Coimbetore
People stationed at Coimbettore, was always
with M.r M.c Lachlan but did reside in the
Pettah

Gives an acct how the Killadar of Coimbettore was Released

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Pattah, a few days before I had sent out for Sattiamangalum, I received a Letter from the Young Nabob desiring me to send three two men Prisoners to him, I then desired Mr McCutchion to watch them, that as soon as they brought to him the 200 men of his people he should then send them to the Paps y the Killadar y his Son Prisoners to Trichinapole

These people y Inspired more then only 200 under pretence of being Mustered by the Thoudar, on order to follow me to the Paps agreable to the orders I had given, Mr McCutchion suffered them all to enter the Fort, y it was then when they [illegible] y every body else down that could not make his escape.

This Killadar y his Son have been particularly recommended to me by the Nabobs Manager Ally Naieu Cauen, as two good men, y who would send us Good People to send to the Paps in Lieu of Sepoys.

The Tondemens People which I had Stationed all along the Coverypatam to Watch the Motions of the Singerandergum People, have all abandoned their Posts and are gone towards Trichinapoly for want of Pay. I Capt Orton informs me that the Travancores are begun to be very troublesome y threatens to go away, that actually one Company had marched off. I write instantly to their Commander in Chief I can well acquainted with, y desired him to endeavor

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to keep his people together, that I would write to the Young Talbot to send him Money, till a Supply could come from his master.— I have immediatly wrote to the Young Talbot at Trichinopaly, who I hope will assist these People.— The Enemy & the Canadaus are cutt down every Man of Ours they meet with Which makes it very difficult to get any Intelligence as no Body will Venture to go by a Letter I received last night from Capt.— Faizan he seems to be apprehensive of being attack'd by a large Body in his front & also says he has Intelligence that a Body of 3000 Foot & some horse are assembling from Singeravadrgum, to attack him in his Rear. I write him as he has no Provisions to retire in time to Wanemdavr or Seldum, if he was apprehensive of being over powerd.—

Agreeable to your permission I will retire to Trichinopoly & deliver the Command to Major Flint to whom I shall give all the information I know off

I have the Honor to remain with all Respect.—

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Dan'l Fraschman

Caroor
12 Dec.r 1760

P.S. The inclosed is a list of what Provisions the Young Talbot has sent with Capt. Fortune.—

At

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At a Consultation Present.

Monday 19 Decemr

Charles Bourchier Esqr Governor President

Josias Dupre —— John Call

Alexr Wynch —— John Andrews

Saml Ardley —— George Stratton

George Dawson —— James Bourchier

Richd Brickenden ——

—— George Mackay ——

Wm Whitehill absent on Service. —

Letter from Major Fitzgerald read as follows. —

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

Honble Sir &Sirs

Letter from Major Fitzgerald —

I do myself the pleasure you Yesterday, to advise you of my having received the Command of a Detachment formed from the Army, with intentions to pursue the Enemy in the Valley, they having penetrated into that Country — after a very tedious & fatiguing March this day thro the Pass. I have just Arrived at my Encampment, it being Six Oclock in the afternoon. tomorrow Morning I will proceed & as the Difficulty of geting thro the Pass is now over, I hope I shall be able to Move with such Expedition as will at least prevent Hyder from condemning her Conquests, if he does not Chuse to risk an Engagement.

Arrives at Tonnamapilly

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Advices of Singraatah being taken.—

I am sorry to inform you that I received a Letter from Abdel Rujeed Khan the Vakeels Renter at Kistnagery, this day acquainting me that Singraatah is taken (this information is confirmed to me by the Accounts which my own Hircars brings me) he also says that Hyders intentions are to march towards Singra Petah and Chungama, & that his whole forces are now collected at Darampury.— You may be assured that I will not spare any pains in procuring the most exact intelligence of his Movements, & of my Utmost exertions to convert it to the Best advantage.— I am

with the Greatest Respect
Honble Sirs
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
Thos Fitzgerald

Camp near
Tontimmapilly
11 Decr 1760

The President Lays before the Board the following Letters from Major Fitzgerald, with the Answer wrote by them in Consequence.—

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

Letters from Majr Fitzgerald.— Honble Sir

I have my self the pleasure to address the President & Council Yesterday acquainting them of my having got thro the Pass

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arrives near Rastnagery Proposes lodging heavy Baggage at Coverypatam.—

Papa, I have now to advise you of my arrival this day, within five Miles of Rastnagery, & as I learn that the Petah of that Place is not tenable I propose to take all the Baggage with me to Cauveripatam & lodge that part of it which is not absolutely necessary to take with me there.— I intend also to withdraw the 11th Battalion of Sepoys from thence, as its Services will be more Requisite in the field.—

advises of Pumanalore having surrendered it to the Enemy

I am sorry to inform you that Pumanalore is so surrendered to the Enemy, & by the last Accounts I can get, they are now at Salem, it is grievous to think how easily these Places are lost, after the great expence & trouble there has been in taking them. I am of Opinion that it must be chiefly owing to the Misconduct of the Nabobs Managers, otherwise I do not know how to account for it.— I am with the greatest Respect.— Honble Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Tho: FitzGerald

Camp 5 Miles from Rastnagery 12 Dec. 1760

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.

President & Govr. of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

Letter from Major Fitzgerald arrives at Coverypatam

I take myself the Pleasure to write you Yesterday & now to acquaint you that I arrived at Coverypatam this day & tomorrow I will proceed & will leave behind me

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me, all the Baggage that can possibly be spared the Women &c by which means I shall be so lightly equipt as to be able to move with far greater expedition than before. —

Receives Intelligence of Hyders being at Salem & his having detached a party towards the Trichinopoly Country. —

I have received certain advice that Hyder is at Salem, & that he has Detached a party of Horse towards Trichinopoly Country, with orders to Plunder & destroy wherever they go, & also that he himself intends to move that way. — You may be assured that I will not loose a moment in prosecuting my March, & of my useing my utmost endeavours to prevent his making any further progress.

When I marched from the Army with this Detachment, Colonel Lang recommended my afisting the Garrison of Dyndigul, which was in the greatest distress for want of Provisions & Money, however the course which I was obliged to take, & the expedition with which it was necessary for me to March, deprived me of being able to render them the least relief, as it would have caused a delay of at least two days, & I thought the exigency of the Service which I was going upon would not admit of it. — that you may be acquainted with the Distress which the Garrison was in. — I inclose you a letter wrote by the Serjeant who Commands. — by which you'll plainly observe their poor Situation; I have wrote to the Serjeant & recommended him

Express to the distressed Condition of the Garrison of Dyndigul. —

to

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to collect what Sepoys he had remaining, g retire in the Night to Colar, provided he did not receive any relief for his people g that they still continued their Murmurs. —

I am with very great respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant. —
Tho Fitzgerald

Camps at
Coverypatam
13 Decr 1760

To Major Thomas Fitzgerald

Sir /

Letter from the Govr to Major Fitzgerald in answer. —

I did not receive till this morng your Letters of the 12g13 dated from Kiotmangery g Coverypatam. — The orders you gave to Serjt Munroe at Dufsan / considering the Nairs's situation he was in /, to retire to Colar with as many of his people as he could collect, were proper g I cannot but approve your not proceeding thither to through in a supply of Provisions g money, as you say it would have retarded your prosecuting the Enemy two days. — Your Intention to leave at Coverypatam all the Baggage that might not be immediately Necessary, the Women g every other Incumbrance, which might prevent your marching with Expedition is highly Commendable. — And I approve your taking with you from Coverypatam the 11th Battalion of Sepoys. — When you may be so situated that you can conveniently, g with

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without a Risk of their being intercepted by the Enemy, Send that Battalion to reinforce Lt Colonel Frischman or to Trichinopoly. — I desire you will do so, — As you will be advanced far to the Southward before this can arrive with you, I shall forward it by the way of Cuddalore y Tiagar, with directions to Serjeant Goostree to dispatch it from thence to you. — If you can find a means to fix Trappico from your Camp wherever it may be, to Tiagar I desire you will do so, from any other Road, by which you imagine We may receive Advices from you most Expeditiously. — I doubt not you will be soon advanced near the Enemy y hope it will be in your Power to bring him to a decisive Action. — I most sincerly wish you Success y remain with Esteem. —

Sir

Your very Obedient Serv.t

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Chs Boucher. —

The Board approve of the Answer wrote by the President to Major Fitzgerald. — And desire Major Fitzgerald should be in want of Provisions, he is to be advised of the Quantity of Grain at Tiagar y Trinomale from whence he may be Supplied in Case of Necessity. — It was ordered that 500 Bullock loads of Rice be sent from Arcott to be lodged at Rustnagery, to serve as a Supply for the Troops with Major Fitzgerald should they return that way, y stand in need of it. —

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The following Letter from Major Fitzgerald to the President is also now Read. —

To the Honble Charles Boscawen Esqr
President & Governor of Fort St George
Honble Sir

Letter from Major Fitzgerald arrives near Dat- tanjore. —

I arrived here this day, about five Coss distant from Darumpury, tomorrow I will March again, & proceed with all the Expedition in my power, —

Imagines the Enemys designs are to secure the Carnatic

I have received accounts that Hyder has still encamped near Salem, and that he has spread a report, that his views are now against the Carnatic, if they were such so, — I think it would be a very fortunate circumstance for us — as Colonel Lang, with the forces which he Commands when Augmented with what Europeans could be spared from Vellour, together with Capt. Clerk's Battalion of Sepoys, would be able to prevent his progress until I could come upon his Rear, in which situation he must undoubtedly have the greatest reason to Repent his having taken so Rash a step, however I am more apt to think that his intentions are chiefly to secure his late Conquests on the Coromandel Country. — I am with the greatest Respect. —

Compliments Cairnengalum & Coto from Dat- tanjury the Dec. 19 1760

Honble Sir
Your most Obedient humble
Servant
Hus Fitzgerald. —

PS I am sorry to tell you that the Europeans who have been lately sent to Camp, are very bad off

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Complexns of the badness of the Rice. —

it is with the greatest difficulty the Sepoys can be prevaild on to take it, they all Complain that tho they are served eight measures for a Rupee when it is cleand & fit for use, it does not produce more than six & six & a half measures. —

Agreed that Orders be sent Mr. Sadler to be carefull in examining the rice delivered by the Nabobs People & to see that none but what is good be received & forwarded for the use of the army. —

There being in Wandewash a large Number of Guns & other Stores as well as a Considerable Quantity of Provisions & it being a Place of great Consequence, It is ordered that the Garrison be reinforced with an Officer & seven Artillery men, with more Lascars, & that the Sepoys now there belonging to the Company be compleated to 100 from Chungleput. —

Ordered that the Committee of Stores do meet, & from the returns of Stores at the different Garrisons, do lay before the a report of the Quantity of Stores necessary to be kept in each Garrison, & what part should be withdrawn. —

Letters from Colonel Peach read as follows. —

To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esq.r President & Govr. of Fort St. George & the rest of the Gentlemen in Council

Gentlemen

Letter from Col Peach in answr to the Remarks of the President & Council regarding his Charge for Bullocks & inclosing Acct of those Charges

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Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of the 11th Novr with an extract of a Letter from the President & Council of Fort William inclosed.

In obedience to your Orders I shall direct the Paymaster of my Detachment to transmit his Monthly accounts to the Chief & Council of Mujoulipatam likewise Copies of such regulations as he may have been furnished with from Bengall Relative to the Payments & Allowances to the Troops.—

It is with the utmost concern that I find the President & Council of Fort William have represented to you that they think the accounts in my Disburse-ments are rather extravagant particularly 8,000 Rupees p.r Month for Draught Bullocks I apprehend this must have proceeded from some mistake in the Gentlemen at Bengal & the more fully to clear up their charge against me.— I herewith enclose to you an abstract of all such Draft & Carriage Bullocks as have been employed for the use of my Detachment since I have been on the Coast also what are usually allowed to each Carriage in Bengale By which you will perceive that my Charge for Draft Bullocks amounts only to between two & three Thousand Rupees Monthly the some time after my Arrival

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at Kimmedy when I order'd Bullocks for Carriages for Six long Iron Twelve & Nine Pounders to be sent from Cicacole to Kimmedy for the Guns taken near that Place from Narrandos which could not be sent from thence so soon as was intended by the roads being by the Rains rendered impracticable. —

With respect to the Carriage Bullocks. I have taken the Liberty to enclose to you an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Smith the Chief of Russelkonda to me, during my Stay at Ellore. — If you will be pleased to consider the Artillery, the Quantity of Stores that accompanyes our March the Quantity on Board the Minerva the Camp Equipage & Stores for the Regiment & Sepoys & what were Required for the Sick of the Last mentioned Corps & Medicines. I flatter myself that you will think that no Bullocks either for Carriage or Draft were charged in my Accounts but what were Necessary for the Service &. if you or the Gentlemen at Bengal will be pleased to order an Enquiry at either of the Presidencies / at the I should not be prevented By any number of Gentlemen that may be thought proper And should they think that I have employed more Bullocks than the Service absolutely required / be even a Sufficient number for all the Stores on Board the Minerva which by the Tenour of the Inclosed Extract of Mr. Smiths Letter I was

Authorized

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Authorized to furnish I Should not think
any Censure passed upon me would be too
Severe —

In regard to the Expence I have
charged the Butlerage at the same Price as
was charged by Mr. Daniel who had the Care
of the Contract for the Coast Establishment
which I am in hope there will be no Objections
to — As I was at an equal Expence if not a greater
in procuring them With this Circumstance
I acquainted the President of the Council of
Fort William & as he has not disapproved It
I look it as granted he allowed of that Charge

I have by the Sappeall of this
Night addressed the Gentlemen at Bengal
on this Subject & Pointed out to them the
Mistake & I make no doubt but they will
do me the Justice to clear up this matter
in a Public Letter to you

I am with great
Respect. Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Hble
Servant
Jno. Peach

Camp near
Faukty
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To the Honble Charles Bourchier Esqr
President and Governor of Fort St. George
& the Rest of the Gentlemen in Council
Gentlemen /

Letter from
Col Peach

I had the Honor to receive
your Letter of the 15th Nov. Re the Public
Service

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regarding Capt Broohe's appointment to the Sepoy Battalion

Service requires Capt Broohe to join the Army to the Southward I apprehend it cannot by any Means Prejudice him with respect to his appointment to the Battalion of Sepoys that I have recommended him for. — and it gives me a very particular Satisfaction to hear, that his Zeal for the Service, has been deserving of such a public mark of your Attention. —

Devires Mr. Connellan Surgeon may be permitted to return to Bengal. —

Mr. Connellan Surgeon, is appointed Surgeon to the Settlement at Chittagong in Bengal. He has requested me to apply for your Permission for him to Return to Bengal, whenever another Surgeon may be sent from thence to Relieve him. — He is a very deserving man, I hope you will have no Objection to grant my his request. — I am with great respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Jo. Peach.

Camp near Sachly 3 Dec. 1760

Agreed that Colonel Peach's Account of the Charges for Draught & Carriage Cooks be referred to the Commissary General by whom they are to be Examined & reported

that Colonel Peach be acquainted that We have no Objections to Mr. Connellans, returning to Bengal, on his receiving Permission from that Presidency. —

The President lays before the

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the Board a Letter from the Nabob's Killedar at Arcott N° 167 complaining of Lieut Kerr of the Bengal Detachment for having put the Sepoys into three Houses lately occupied by one Savadia Gown & also into the Grocers House without his the Killedars Knowledge & also for all Hoage received from Lieut Ker.—

Agreed that a Copy of the above Complaint be transmitted to Capt James Fitzgerald Commanding at Vellour. who is to enquire into the Particulars thereof, & advise the of the result of his Enquiry. — And in the mean time that Lieut Ker be relieved from his Command by another Officer. — .—

There being five Vacancies for Lieut Fire Workers in the Corps of Artillery & only one Cadet remaining of those sent out by the Honble the Court of Directors unprovided for, & who is unwilling to enter into that Corps, & as it will be many Months before We can expect to receive others from Europe & the present Exigency of the Service makeing it necessary that the Establishment of Officers both in the Artillery & Infantry should be kept complete, & particularly as many are by Sickness & Wounds rendered unfit for Field Service. — .— The following Persons having offered themselves as Lieut Fire Workers in the Artillery, the particulars of whose Characters & the Manner of their coming to India are as follows, & who are accordingly admitted,

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of which our Honble Masters are to be acquainted, & their Confirmation of the Appointments requested. —

Joseph Moorhouse who came out in the Military on the Ship Speaker in the Year 1766, & who on account of his good Behaviour, hath for some time past been appointed a Conductor of Stores with the Army, in which Station he has given general Satisfaction. —

Henry Parry who came out a Midshipman in the Seahorse this season procured his Discharge from the Capt. and by Desire of Major Wheeler who promised to endeavour to provide for him; But as We could not admit of Persons remaining in India without the Companys leave — Mr Parry was ordered to prepare to return to England by the first Ship. — But understanding that there was a Want of artillery Officers, He had been induced to apply to be admitted. — —

William Lloyd came out in the Military on the Royal Captain in the Year 1765, & is now in it is particularly Recommended to the President by Mr Vansittart, as being of Reputable Parents, & of whom the President acquainted the Board he has on Enquiry received a very favorable Character. — Robert Melvaine who came out in the Military on Board the Seahorse is of a very good family, having one of her Sisters married to Colonel S. John S. Clair and

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and another to Capt Hay of the Royal Artillery. He was particularly recommended to Captain Dampier by his Uncle Mr. Blackwell of Lombard Street, & from the character Colonel Smith gives of him is deserving of being promoted.

Upon reading Colonel Smiths Letters of the 13th 20th & 21st inst. in Consultation the 20th of that Month this Board thought it Necessary to enter a Summary of the late Transactions & to make some observations on certain Passages in the said Letters but for want of sufficient information being unable to form a Clear Judgement of the transactions from the 15th October till the Army's return to Colar on the 7th Nov. Resolved that Subject to be further considered on the Return of Majr. Cally Mackay upon Supposition that they might be able to furnish us with all Necessary light.

The said Gentlemen having perused the said Minutes of Consultation do in Consequence to the reference to them therein made present to the Board the following Letters accompanied by Extracts from the Correspondence between them Col Smith & Mr. Monckton Commissary & Superintendant of the Grain with the Army as follows.—

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

&c &c

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Having perused the Letters which Colonel Smith addressed to your Honour &c the 19 & 24 of Novr. and also the Minutes of Consultation made thereon in which you have been pleased to refer to Us for the Causes of the Armys Inactivity during a Certain time. — We think We cannot explain any part We heard therein, than by transcribing the Substance of our publick Correspondence with Col Smith from the 9th Octob.r to the 9 Novr, & also such extracts of Letters from Mr. Monckton as relates to the Employs he had Charge of. We therefore lay the same before you, & are with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient faithful
Humble Servants
John Call
George Mackray

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Substance of the Correspondence between Colonel Smith & the Field Deputys from the 9th October to the 9 November. —

Col Smith in his Letter to the Board of the 9 from Mulwarakel says "that he mus "move with the Army in two Divisions to "follow Hyder, as soon as both Parts are "equipt & 20 days Consumption of Rice provid "ed for each." — In a Letter from Col Smith to the Deputys of the 9 October he sends a Copy of the Above mentioned to the President & Council, & says "he purposes to send an

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Escort to conduct the Nabob to the Carnatic
y desires the best of all the Draught Bullocks
may be sent to the Army.

On the 10 Col Smith
acquaints the Deputys "that Capt Carty
whom he had sent to Vencatagherry for Rice
was returnd with only 300 Coolies y that there
was no more there, nor any where near that
he could learn, y consequently says it will
Answer no purpose to move without a good
Supply" Then advises that Capt Harpers
y Bucks Battalions would March to Colar
that Evening to escort the Nabob, and adds
that the draft Bullocks were excessive
by bad, and desires again, that all the
Best of those at Colar might be sent.

In a Letter of the 10th the
Deputys acquaint Colonel Smith, that Flyders
Horse had carried of some Bullocks from
Colar, y therefore they proposed to send all
that might not be wanted for the Army
into the Valley near Santgud to feed. The
Deputys agree that two Partys should be
equipt to follow Flyder, and inform Col
Smith, that 300 Spare draft Bullocks
of the Best, some Ammunition y 300 Bullocks
loaded with Rice would be dispatched
to him with as much more as empty Bags
might be sent for.

On the 11 October the
Deputys acquaint Col Smith that Flyder
being

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being near Colar, and intending as the Nabob apprehended to intercept him, the Nabob did not Choose till a further force should come to Escort him. —

In two short Letters of the 11 & 12th Col Smith acquainted the Deputys that he had received theirs of the 11th and proposed marching immediately to Colar with the whole Army. — He accordingly arrived the 13th — & then as the Nabob still made difficultys of moving unless the whole, or Major part of the Army escorted him, it was resolved as represented in the Deputys Letters to the Board of the 14 & 15th that it would be imprudent to leave Hyder to his Attempts against Murgamalle, & therefore agreed to March in two divisions against him. — The Deputys add that as the Army was well provided with Provisions, & an extraordinary Number of draft Bullocks, Sowcars & Coolys, it was hoped some good effect might be produced by the present Resolution. —

In a Letter of Col Smiths to the Deputys of the 16th he gives an Account of the Enemys moving from Murgamalle the 14 & his March thither complains of the fatigueing & long March, heat of the Sun, & Badness of the Weather; concludes that Murgamalle and Hiaramp were both in a defenceless state, & that he was obliged to send a Company of Sepoys & Provisions to the former. —

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In a Letter of the 10th to the Deputys Col Smith sends one of Col Woods in which Col Wood gives it as his opinion that it would be in Vain to attempt following Hyder at that time, because the want of forage & cold wachie nights would in three or four days more, render the Cattle unserviceable therefore recommends the Seige of Bangalore or some other Place, & concludes with Saying his division had only Rice for one day. — . — Colonel Smith says he had only 500 Bags for his division, & his Cattle in much the same Condition as Col Woods, consequently no good could be expected from persuing Hyder who was gone towards Tinchabalapore. — That 20,000 Pags was wanting for Col Woods division & 30,000 Pags. for his own. — That he sent Capt Buck to fetch what supplies the Deputys had to send him. — . —

On the 19th the Deputys reply I agree that if the Bullocks are become so bad, it will be in vain to persue & therefore recommend attaching Devanhally which being only 33 Miles N.W. from Colar, would be convenient to cover that place & the Carnatic & Rice might be got from thereabouts. Then recommends covering & besieging Divicon to be formed and Concludes with saying that it appears the only Measures they can suggest to bring Hyder to fight or to terms of Ac-

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In the Conclusion they observe that Capt. Buchs Battalion arrived in the Morning but no Empty Bags or Bullocks arrived. — The Deputys However say they shall send 600 loads of Rice which are ready, & all that may come from the Carnatic with 25,000 Pags & as much more when it comes up, which was expected in a day or two. —

In answer to the above Letters of the 18 & 19 from the Deputys, Col Smith writes the 20 that he wishes something definitive could be undertaken tho nothing but disappointment presents itself in every attempt & thinks no advantage can be drawn either from beating Hyder, or besieging Devanhally, & then he goes on to urge, that something ought to be done; & represents the uncertainty of supplies and discontents of the Army. — And desires the Sanction of the Deputys opinion, of what is to be done. —

On the 20th the Deputys write to Col Smith & inclose him the President & Councils Sentiments concerning the War and leave Col Smith to concert the manner of executing what is often & strongly urged by the President & Council, hoping from what the Naval Force afforded them of Justifier Hughsim Cawns endeavours that Provisions of Grain would be found for the active part of the Army; & that the other division might be supplyed from Colar or Oussotah. —

On

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"Bad weather & Carriage Bullocks, Scar-
"city of Provisions, want of Money & discon-
"tent in the Army") — and that
since he cannot have the benefit of their Op-
inion he should dispute his Field Officers
& consult them as to the Obstacles of pursu-
ing Hyder with a Chance of Success.

In answer to this last menti-
oned Letter the Deputies reply the 27th arose
express their concern that Col Smith should
still find obstacles to the Execution of the
Plan which Coincided with their opinion
& was Recommended by the President &
Council, — They then assure Colonel Smith
that jointly and seperately, they will exert
their Utmost by real acts, to remove any diffi-
culties that can be Removed, — If want of Forage
or Weather rendered the Draft & Carriage
Bullocks, bad, they could not remedy them,
but from the great number attending the
Army it was thought at least, that a
sufficient Number for an active Party me-
ght be selected, — Provisions had been sent
and more could be sent if Col Smith would
but name the Necessity, or at lowest he should
let them whether or not it could be provided
Money also had been sent, for Colonel Wood
division: Instead of 20,000 asked; 25,000 Pag-
were forwarded, & 20,000 more Col Smith was
told were ready, if sent for. — In short they
say it shall be their care & attention to remo-
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every real difficulty, & distress, when pointed out, that can have a Remedy, but that it is of the most dangerous tendancie to suffer discontent to prevail without a Check.—

They then give their opinion against calling a Council of Officers to consider of that which did not admit of their Consideration, & of which Colonel Smith only was to be a judge

On the 29th Col Smith says he had received the Deputys Letters of the 26th & 27th, & resolved to try the Plan recommended tho' still with opinion that it will answer no end.— And that he moved that morning towards Chuchbuttapore.— If he failed in bringing Hyder to an Action, he intended to attack Devanhally.— That he had sent back a Detachment with the Sick to Ellar That the Stock of Rice did not exceed 1800 Bags which should be used with Oeconomy.

On the 30th the Deputys reply to Colonel Smiths Letter of the 29th and observe they recommended marching towards Hyder with the Army in two Divisions, or a Select division while the other part attacked Devanhally or Chuchbuttapore which is still to be attempted if the present Plan produced no effect. That the Guns and Stores should be ready.— That there was plenty of Rice & Grain at Colar, and that 1000 or 2000 Bullocks load could be dispatched whenever Bullocks are

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and Bags came for it. About the method Colo Smith proposed of informing the Deputys daily of the Stock of Grain would be very usefull. —

On the 31st Colonel Smith writes the Deputys that he have been marching towards Chuckbullapore, but as he imagined Hyder would not March and avoid him, he proposed moving directly towards Darampally and desired the Cannon & Stores might be ready. —

On the 1st November the Deputys writes Col Smith about some Merchandize intercepted at Ramasamundrum & desires Col Smith will make particular enquiry & direct on the Case to prevent further importunity from the Owners, Acquaint him of the arrival of Major Duplenys Detachment, Ask him what is to be done with the Prisoners sent in Recommend vigorous discipline instead of Lenity, and desires to know if any thing has or can be done further in Capt Calvets Court Martial. —

The Deputys writes again the 2nd to Col Smith in answer to his Letter of the 31st acquaint him that 6 Guns are ready & two Howitzers, with draught Bullocks for them, But not Carriage Bullocks enough for the Stores gather above, therefore desire 200 may be sent from Camp

On the 2nd also Col Smith writes the Deputys that he have the

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Enemy were near Devanhally to which place he proposed moveing in the morning leaving the Baggage in Chitticotah acquainto them that Hyder appeared near his Division of the Army the day before, and that some Skirmishing passed between his & Mahrattas Horse. — And concludes that when he arrives at Devanhally he shall acquaint the Deputys of what is the most eligible to be done. —

In a Letter of the 3rd from the Deputys to Col Smith they acquaint him with the most Material part of what they wrote the President & Council the 14 & 15th and enclose their Reply for Col Smiths information, as it appear'd an Ultimate one, in some points — They then observe that the directions contained therein are so Clear, that the need no discussion and that all which appeard necessary to them was for Col Smith to give his opinion how far the Measures Recommended were practicable. — The Deputys conclude by assureing Col Smith that they will do every thing in their Power to Support his operations.

On the 5th Nov. Hyder having made sudden Marches from Devanhally towards Chitticotah turned off Easterly & came directly to Colar with his whole Army, and Commanded the Sepoys & Troops drawn up on the West of the Pettah. — His design was doubtless to have attacked the Pettah, but he found it too well guarded, & then moved to a Camp about 5 Miles

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& Miles S.W Westerly of Colar: of which the
Deputys acquaints Colonel Smith
On the 6th Col Smith writes
the Deputys that he had received their
Letters acquainting him [illegible] Hyders being at
Colar but says that the [illegible] Hyder lay near
Boodigherry but that on his approach Hyder
moved off and that nothing could be expected
from following him, & therefore Col Smith
had proposed to return to Colar for the heavy
Guns to pursue the rest of the Plan recom-
mended. — The Weather being bad the 6th
prevented Col Smiths Marching, & he com-
plains of it, this day also, but says he shall
march as expeditiously as possible to Colar
and then give the Deputys his sentiments.

On the 7th Col Smith arrived
with the army at Colar, and as it continued
raining till the 13th nothing was under
taken till the 14 in the Morning when
the Nabob & Deputys set out for Vincatighery
escorted by a division of the Army under
Colonel Smith. And the 15 arrived safe.

The Nabob went next day to the Carnatic
& Col Smith in a day or two after, where
the Correspondence ends. — . —

Extracts of Several Letters from the Honble
Edward Monckton to George Mackay Esqr
relative to Grain. —

Dear Sir

after

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After given four days Rice for the whole Army that is for the 13, 14, 15 & 16th days of the Month. I have remaining exactly Eleven hundred loads which with good Management will serve five twenty days if the Gentlemens Servants & followers of the Camp only have money to buy Rice out of the Forts we Pays. —

I send all the Empty Gunnys & would recommend when any escorts come, that you would send all the Rice you can, as there is no Saying how far we may be obliged to follow Hyder; as yet we have not heard of his leaving Nurgamalle tho we saw a great smoke there this Evening. — I am with esteem. —

4th October
7 Oclock night

Dear Sir

Being obliged to give Colonel Wood a Hundred Bags, & to the Fort on this Hill twenty given some to the Poligars have reduced our Camp stock to 732 Bags of Rice. — I this morning before received your letter, told the Colonel. I would be answerable for that Quantity Loating the Army with the Paddy we should be able to get every where, for our followers at least fourteen days. — This the Colonel seemed very sencible of but then Col Wood have not a Gyroun, & they take so little care of the Rice in their Camp that the hundred Bags I sent did not last a day I do not know on what foundation the Colonel says We have only 600 Bags without it

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Rice remaining — I intend to make the Bullock people pay for 6 of the above mentiond loads that was lost. I now send you 122 empty Gunnys & 150 Bullocks. — .

Murgamalle
24 Dec. 1760

Dear Sir

We have very fine Moon light to and I think the army might move 10 or 12 Miles a Night very well. — This Camp is about 2 miles from Col Smiths Camp. — We have not used a grain of Rice to day. — I am so sparing of it as possible tho I am afraid it will not please the Company, the dead charge of the Bullocks-

26 Oct. —

Dear Sir

I really do not know what to think of the Situation of our affairs. — We certainly have as fine an army as ever was Seen I told the Colonel this morning, as he seemd to think we had not plenty of Provision that I would be bound the Army should not want Rice for at least 14 days tho We should not get any either from Cuncotah or Colar & that, at the end of that time I did not think it probable that we should be in want tho' I could not take it upon myself to Report it. However in that time I really think a great deal might be done especially as the Rain appears to be over & there is such fine Moon light nights for marching, besides it is reasonable to imagine were We to enter Morarows Country

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that he would be glad to supply us with every thing for money, to enable us to drive the enemy out of it, — But in case he did not, We have more force than sufficient to spare for Convoys. — I enclose you the Accounts you desire, as soon as I can settle the price of the Salt, I will give you Credit, for what was received from Archenpendit. — Parhiam puts me off with Promises. — 27 Oct.r — remains 1320 loads of rice, besides the 100 Raitt have. —

Dear Sir;

Our Rice keeps up very well and I dont but it will last us fourteen days longer

Ambadgee 29 Oct.r 1760 even from to day. —

Dear Sir

They may say what they please of the Bullocks its well known by the Artillery Officers who are the proper People to complain, if their was cause, that there never has this last expedition been the least fault on account of the Bullocks; and I can declare to my certain knowledge that every Rice Bullock, We have has kept close together & close to the Line & not a single one straged behind, — The above are facts that I believe no one can deny; But I cannot answer for any thing done in Woods Sirnya, as I have not charge of any thing there. — Ever since Yesterday evening the Horizon has been overcast & a Nasty drizling rain that makes

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the Weather colder than ever I felt it in India before, if this Weather continues indeed they will have it on their Power to complain with some Justice, for I dont believe it will leave us a Bullock living. — We do not use above 6 loads of Rice a Day at present, however the first accounts that leaves Golar, send us all the Rice you can as its better having too much than too little, it must better be sent all to me for I can better Supply Wood's Camp daily, besides Col Forbes has seized on what you sent Raitt, however he has kept it by him, there is not any of it as yet used. — I should imagine it would be of service to Spare Carriage Bullocks to send them into the Carnatic for Grain & Gunnys for really the Bullocks are Starved at Golar. —

Sillacotah
31 Oct 1760

P.S. I have now private to tell Mr Call Rice Arrack & Salt, for Col Smiths Europeans for 60 Days in Camp, but I shall be obliged to give Raitt part of it. — —

Dear Sir /

As it was not imagined that the Great Guns would move before we returned, We pitched the very best draft Bullocks to take with us, Put four Bullocks more to every Carriage not excepting even the Sepoy Carriages, & took 300 Spare draught, not only that We might move the sooner, but also that they might not be starved, We can with ease, spare

your

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Devanhally
4 Novr 1760

you 200 Store Carriage Bullocks. —

Dear Sir /

We have now remaining 95 4 loads besides what Wood how, & I believe the greatest part of the army is supply'd for four days to come, the reason of our having expended so much is there how not been a Grain of any thing in the Buzar for these four days past, owing to the Badness of the Weather

Vinaegu
Pittah
3 Novr 1760

Dear Sir /

Give me leave to inform you of the answer, I received from Major James on my telling him I understood the Badness of our Bullocks, was made a Plea for our not marching. — "I am very much surprized Mr. Monckton at what you say for I never have, Nor how any of the Artillery Officers, even made the least complaint, so far from it, there how not been the least fault since. — We left Calar on account of the Guns, Kennedy who [illegible] was present declared that he never had heard any Complaint. — Mr. Monckton how ever declares he never desires to have better Carriage Bullocks than what he how. — and I will answer for the Rice keeping up. — So on what Grounds they founded this assertion I know not. — Both party how drivers to every 9 draft Bullocks, Our Party complains heavily

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heavily that they are obliged to Pay their drivers 6 Rupees & 2 Pagodas each and therefore hope to be put on the same footing as the other Party for at present they only receive 6 Drivers for 100 Bullocks. — as this only appears reasonable, for they have had the worst part of the Campaign, Will you give me Leave to allow them in this Manner for &c. — We shall tomorrow I believe Leave all the Sepoys, Women & heavy Baggage, at this Fort which is tolerable Large & can make a good defence, They promise to let our people in to night. — My best respects to Mr. Mackray, We have 1111 Bags of Rice, besides what Wood how remaining. — The Colonel tells me, we shall be nearer to Percotah tomorrow. — The first Opportunity that offers, I will send there for Rice

Vandegue
Pettah
2d. Nov. 1760

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To John Call Esqr.

Observations of the Board thereon. —

Having perused the Correspondence between the Deputys & Col Smith together with Mr. Monckton's Letters to the Deputys it appears to us from Col Smiths Letter of the 9th October that he, as well as Col. Campbell & Wood were of opinion it was in vain to pursue the Enemy in our Body But resolved that it would be proper to collect the whole force, to form two divisions to equip each as Compleatly as possible, & to Carry a Supply of Rice for 20 days

That

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That the Army at this time lay near Mut=
=wagul & that whilst measures were taken to
provide the army according to the above Plan,
Advices were received that Hyder instead of be=
ing gone towards Punganore, as was then be=
lieved was between Colar & Murzamully with
his whole army, whereupon our army return
to Colar the 13th & there having got a Supply of
Rice, sufficient for 20 Days as appears by Mr
Monckton's Letter to Mr Mackay of the 14th Oct
The army marchd that day in two divisions
towards Murzamully where they arrived the
16th - As appears by Col Smith's Letter to the Depu=
ties of that date. - Shot upon there approa=
ch, the Enemy moved off, & that on the 18th
Col Smith wrote to the Deputys & enclosed a
Letter of the same date from Col Wood to him
both agreeing in opinion that it would be in
vain to attempt following Hyder at that time,
Col Wood urging as the reason for his opinion
that the Enemy will never engage but on his
own terms & that our Army is in no condition
to follow him for want of forage & the Cold wet
Nights which he apprehended would render
the Cattle unserviceable and therefore recom=
mended the attaching Bangalore, or some other
Place as would bring Hyder to an action and
Col Smith gives as the reason for his disap=
=proving of the pursuit that Col Wood's division
had but one days rice left & that his own
Cattle were in the same condition as Col Woods,

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But it appears to me by Mr. Monckton's letter of the 20th that the Complaint in respect to rice were too much exaggerated for that 782 Bags of Rice were then actually remaining with him besides 100 Bags which he had delivered to Col. Wood's division, which alone might have Sufficed the whole army for 7 days. I Mr. Monckton adds that upon his representation the Col seemed sencible that with what might be expected to come in from the Country they should not want in 14 days, & with respect to the Cattle it appears to me by Mr. Monckton's Letter of the 2nd Nov. that they were not actually in the Condition it was apprehended they would be reduced to. — Since it appears also to be that the Deputys reply on the 19 to these Letters Recommend the Attack of Devanhally as the best means to engage Hyder to fight in case the Cattle were in such a Condition as prevented the pursuit of him That in answer thereto Col Smith in his Letter of the 20th Instant does approve both of a pursuit & the Attack of Devanhally but Suggests no other Plan & even declares himself utterly at a loss what to undertake & altho the Deputys so appears by their Letters had repeatedly given him their opinion of the measures to be pursued he still calls upon them to Recommend what they would have him to do.

Upon this point we will not take upon us to judge wither the

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Enemy might under these circumstances have been pursued with any success, or whither the attack of Devanhally would have produced the desired effect, but We are of opinion that it was the part of the Commander in Chief either to attempt one of the Plans recommended or to pursue some measure that might appear to him more eligible as it must have been very clear that almost any Plan would be better than ly= ing inactive.— It appears to Us also that the Deputys again in their Letter of the 21 recommend a Select division to be formed for the pursuit, & that the rest of the Army return to Colar That they did take measures for Supplying that division with Rice & Money, Accordingly it appears by Mr Mon= =ckton's Letters of the 22 & 24 Oct.— that the Grain sent & received, with what remains was in his opinion sufficient for the whole army for a fortnight saying that after sup= plying the army on the 23d for 4 days he had on the 24th 1335 Bullock loads left, besides what Mr Raitt the Paymaster of Col Wood's division had with him.— Here then it appears that if the Enemy was not pursued it was not for want of Grain, indeed it appears by Colonel Smith's Letter to the Deputys of the 24 that he acquiesced in the Deputys Idea of forming a Select division of the army but adds that Col Wood refused to take the Command of it unless he

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He were positively ordered till it should be better paid & equipt, than he could Pay or Equipt it: altho in respect to Money it it appears that 25,000 P.ᵒˢ were dispatched to him the 22.ⁿᵈ & received the 23.ᵈ which it was supposed would be sufficient to clear all the Arrears of the Select division and Col Smith was advised that 20,000 P.ᵒˢ were reserved to pay the rest of the army on his arrival with it at Tolar, when the deputys had proposed it should return and be acquiesced. And in respect to other equipments it does not appear what articles were wanted. — In reply the Deputys say in their Letter of the 25.ᵗʰ that it is needless for them to urge more concerning the operations of the army, that We had pointed out the General Plan & that the execution depended on the Commander of the Army. To which Col Smith says on the 26 That he had constantly represented the Obstacles to the Execution of the General Plan recommended by Us & the Deputys which Obstacles We had draft & Carriage Bullocks, Scarcity of Provisions, want of money, in consequence distress & discontents in the army adding that since he could not have the Benifit of the Deputys opinion he should Assemble the Field Officers to consider of the Obstacles to the pursuit of Hyder with success. — Upon which we are of opinion that as far as appears to Us by the correspondence there

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there was no Scarcity of Provisions at any time, nor want of money after the 20th Consequently no disagreeable or discontents could arise from these causes, it moreover appears by Mr. Monckton's letter of the 2 Nov.r, that the draft Carriage Bullocks were in good Condition, & able to keep up with the Army, & it is evident that the Deputys had repeatedly given their opinion of measures. —

On the 29th it appears that Col Smith did move with the whole Army, after they lying inactive 13 days, professedly to endeavour to execute the Plan recommended, declaring in his Letter of that date, that if he should fail in Bringing Hyder to an Action he intended to attack Devanhally. it also appears by the same Letter that he had, at that time 1600 Bags of Rice so that from being distressed for Grain the quantity since the 21st was considerably increased. —

The deputys in their Letter of the 30 inform Col Smith that in Consequence of his intention they should hold the Artillery & Stores in readiness for the attack of Devanhally, — From that time it appears in the course of the Correspondence that Col Smith in every letter proposed going to Devanhally & on the 6th says that Hyder being near Boodegherry it would be in vain to follow him further, that therefore he should come with the army & join the Guns & Stores

which

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which by the Deputys Letters appear to be ready the 2d. — But Hyder having marchd to Colar the 5th & Col Smith hearing thereof the 6 arrived there the 7th where & when it was resolved the Rebel should go to the Carnatic & Col Smith having thought it Necessary in consequence of our Letter of the 2d Novr. to Repair to Madras to take the Command of the army with Colonel Wood. —

Whether the desired Success could have been obtained had the execution of the Proposed Plans been attempted with more alacrity & perseverance is a Question which does not admit of a Clear, & determinate opinion, but upon a Review of the whole, there appears matter enough to cause this Reflection, that all Exigences require a decisive Choice, of some measure, & it is in such instances, that We think Col Smith has been deficient, remaining in Suspence, and neither Adopting the Measures proposed Nor procuring any himself, & thus by not Placing any direct or particular Object in View whatever we undertaken without hope of Success, when a General, Sanguine, naturally moved, The Troops became dispirited & to some real wants, & imaginary distress succeeded. — We do not mean to infer that there were not many wants, many difficultys and cause enough perhaps to defeat the Success of any measures that could be proposed, but such defects should

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not be reconciled, wants & difficulties are the constant concomitants of War & it is the part of the General to send, or at least to try to expedients to overcome them. — —

The apparent inactivity of the Army was a principal Motive for desiring Col Smiths presence at Madras that the causes might be explain'd, and at the same time that Measures for the future Operations might be concerted with him; and as the Subject has now received all Light to that can probably be obtain'd & Colonel Smith having concurred with Us in the Measures taken since his arrival here — It is Agreed that these Minutes together with the minutes of Consultation the 20th Inst. time be Communicated to him. — and that he be desired to Rejoin & take upon him the Command of the Army. —

Col Smith to rejoin the army

The President having intimated to the Board at the last Consultation / altho it was not then thought necessary to make any Minute thereof / that besides Col Smiths Complaints, Reports had been spread & still prevail that the Contractor for Supplying the Army with Provisions &c had not properly complied with his Engagements whence may impediments & discontents have arisen, And that altho he had not been able to trace such Reports to any particular Instance yet they were become too General to be passed over Unnoticed more especially as the Contractor is a Member of this Board Mr. Call

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the Contractor thereupon desired leave to address the Board accordingly now presents the following Letter, & then withdraws,

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having acquainted your Honors in last Consultation that I was very desirous of replying to the Complaint made by Col Smith that the draught & Carriage Bullocks with the army were bad, & to invalidate the reports intimated by the President, —

I think it incumbent on me to endeavor to remove the apperant weight of that Charge & this Report from the Contractor. — by such observations as I have made myself while with the army, & by such circumstances as have come to my Knowledge, for the rest I must depend on the Veracity of others & your candid Judgment, —

To come to the point then, I think I may venture to assert that I do not conceive the Draught & Carriage Bullocks with the army under Col Smith, were worse than might be expected from circumstances, or that Col Smith will insist they were not as Good as could possibly be got. — It is however probably that they might at times from the scarcity of grain, Straw, or from the badness of the Roads, or from the rainy coldweather,

which proves very distructive to cattle, be out of flesh, or weak: so from these causes many died every Month; but as the Number kept in pay for the Heavy guns, & field Train was very great, and the best of the whole might be pick'd out, & always selected, and even an additional Number put to the field pieces & Tumbrels, as well as spare ones taken to serve occasionally, I am confident that it will be found on the strictest enquiry/which I entreat may be made/ that better bullocks of all kinds could not be got & kept up at all times; and that the Bullocks in general were capable of going as far, as an army, considering all circumstances could march in a day. — I do not mean that my own assertion should be taken for this, or anything else I may urge. — I recommend an enquiry from the proper officers on the points I shall advance. —

When the army entered the Ballagatte I increased the Hire of the Bullocks, & pay of the Drivers the the Company gave no more than before; & took every mean sure to get good Bullocks; so that I am confident the Bullocks, were the best that could be hired or purchased at their first setting out; tho it is Natural to conclude, that by marching & inclemency of the Weather they might grow worse. — The very best Hackery Bullock that can be purchased taken into the

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the field, and exposed to all accidents & chances of a Campaign, will in a Month or two be so changed inspite of the utmost care, that they will be scarce be known for the same

For immediate proof that the fault did not rest with the Contractors, tho' was inevitable, if it existed, I beg leave to refer to a Letter of Mr. Monckton's the Commissary dated 2d. November, in answer to mine I wrote him, urging the concern it gave me to hear of complaints concerning the Bullocks. — It was his Province not only to Muster, but inspect the Condition of the Cattle, and his Testimony ought to have much weight. Yet I should be glad the Officers of Artillery, Quarter Master & Conductors, were also applied to for their opinion. —

Particular times might be mentioned when the Bullocks made great marches

For instance, in fetching the heavy Cannon from Colar to Ongole about 80 Miles in five days. — In escorting the Rabob from the Country near Vencatah to Colar in a day near 30 Miles. From Mulwagilu to Colar in 8 hours of one day about 25 Miles. From Murgamalle to Colar in one night near 30 Miles: and in other occasions it has happened that the Bullocks in general from the Nature of the Roads, y Weather, or the Bullocks, at a particular time well fed & Game, have been weak, lazy, or unruly, so as to delay the Marches, as happened to the Bengal Battalion in escorting the

Rabob

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Nabob from Colar to Vincatighery.—

I will not pretend to say that the Bullocks were capable of drawing the Guns fast enough to overtake Hyders army or that they were very good.— All I aim to establish is That they were as good as Bullocks could possibly be, in our Situation, and that there was no Wilful neglect, or deficiency from inattention of the Contractors & Beg the favor that our Honor &c will be pleased to ask Col Smith whether, when, & how, better Bullocks could be got; and whether he believes in his Conscience the complaint he thinks he had reason to make, against the Cattle, was owing to the mismanagement of the Contractors, or whether it did not arise in the manner I have stated it.—

Being on this Subject I last persons unacquainted with the nature of things may conclude, that the general expression "of want of Provisions" may imply a defect also in that part of the Contract which falls under my Management).— I beg to be indulged with a Request that Col Smith may be asked to inform your Honor &c whether at any time since entering the Baramahl, there was a deficiency of Rice, Ragy, or other articles, which the Contractors is obliged to furnish for feeding the Europeans, & whether his marching or operations were retarded thro neglects, or deficiency in these points.— I could lay before you

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you a state of the stock of each of these Articles
daily, & Monthly, with the army, at Calar
Pencaleghery, & Amboor; and as I could
urge & prove how impossible it is to feed
an European in such distant Countrys
from the Coast, with a Measure of Rice
1½ lb of meat, near half a pint of Arrack,
Salt, Wax Lights & grass every day, for 3.30;
but that foreign to the present purpose,
Truely on the Candour of Col Smith for his
declaration & I doubt not but he will do me
Justice therein. — I am respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
faithfull Servant
John Call

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Agreed that no application
be made in Writing to Colonels Smith,
Campbell, & Wood, The Commandant of
artillery the Commissary of Stores with
the Army, Quarter Master & Conductors
of Stores, Desiring them to inform the
Board whether they know any instance,
what, when & where any deficiency or
Neglect in the Contractor, or his agents or
Servants; that they do also make enquiry
of all other Persons whom they may judge
the best Qualified to give them information
on this Subject & that they be desired
this Declaration in writing as clear and

percive manner as that they may make Oath thereto if occasion should require. —

Mr. Call then returns to his seat. —

The President also informs the Board that the like Vague & inaccurate reports have been industriously circulated about the Army & in this Colony to the prejudice of Mejor. Call & Mackay the late field deputys purporting that they had acquired to themselves certain advantages from the Buzar in the field to the prejudice of the army & the Service, that no Persons so aspersed are generally the last that hear it — He thought it but just to give them & the Board this information that they may have an Opportunity of removing such imputations. —

Mejor. Call & Mackay having withdrawn. — It is agreed that Mejor. Call & Mackay be desired to lay before the Board at the next Consultation a particular account to the Best of their Knowledge of the manner in which the Buzar have been Supplied & regulated from the time they joined the army till the Left Colar: on their return hither; & that they do inform the Board whether they know of any, & what advantages executed, taken or received by any Person or Persons, when & where, & if any whether it was so done under their Sanction, or under the Sanction of any other Person or Persons & whom. — Mejor.

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Majors Call and Machray being returnd to their Seats, & acquainted with the above Resolution, express their acknowledgements to the President, for the information he has been pleased to give them & the Board, & promise to lay before the Board, the information they require, but as their own acct. of this cannot make out their Justification & remove the imputations laid on them, they request & accordingly it is resolved that Application be made in writing to Colonel Smith Campbell & Wood, the Commissary and Paymaster of the Army or any other Officer or Person or Persons for their Use Or by any Person or Persons for their Use Or by any other person or Persons whomsoever upon, by, or out of the Buzars attending the army or any other Buzar, when or where, & the President is desired to write to the Nabob & request the like information from him. — . —

The Proceedings of the Court martial held for the Trial of the Sepoys brought Prisoners from Sydrajo being concluded, are laid before the Board and an order for a Copy of the Sentence

to

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be transmitted to the Chief & Council at Sadras
And as it appears in the Course of the defence
made by the Prisoners that the Provocation
received by the Sepoys from some of the Peo-
-ple at Sadras, was in a great measure the
Cause of the Disorder complained of; The Gentle-
men at Sadras are to be desired to caution
their Peons & Inhabitants from insulting
or ill treating any of our Sepoys, who may
have occasion to pass that way. —

P. Pt. Bourchier
Jo: Du Pré
John Call
Sam Ardley
Geo. Stratton
P. Pt. Bourchier
Geo: Mackay

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Wrote the following Letters. —

To Wm Anthony Sadleir

Sir

Letter to Wm Sadleir

Major Fitzgerald having acquainted me in his Letter dated 14 Instant, that the Rice with his Detachment is so bad, that he finds it difficult to prevail on the Sepoys to take it. — You will therefore be particularly carefull in examining the Rice, delivered by the Nabobs People, & to see that none but what is good be received or forwarded for the Use of the Army. —

I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

Ch.r Bourchier. —

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To Lieut.t John Davis

Sir /

Letter to Lieut. Davis

You are appointed to proceed to Wandewash & take upon you the Command of that Garrison, you will have with you from here a Serjeant & 7 Artillery men, with a Tumbrell & 10 Lascars: & Capt.n Pascal is order'd to send with you as many Sepoys from Chingleput as will make up those now at Wandewash a Compleat Company. —

There being large Quantities of Artillery stores at Wandewash, you will as soon as possible transmit to me an exact Return of them, specifying what belong to the Nabob & what to the Company. —

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present State & Condition. —

You are not on any account to interfere with the Nabobs Managers in the Business relating to the Country, but confine your attention solely to the Care of the Fort & the good discipline of the Garrison. —

You will transmit to us from time to time such Intelligence as you may receive. —

We are

Sir

Your most Obed. Servants

Ch. Bourchier & Council. —

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To Mr. Edward Cotsford
Resident at Ganjam

Sir

Letter to Mr. Cotsford

We have received your Letter of 20th Nov. & have in Consequence thereof directed the Chief at Masulipatam to order the remaining two Companys of Capt. Cavenors Battalion to join you. —

We are

Sir

Your Affect. Friends

& Obed. Servants

Ch. Bourchier & Council

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To John Lewen Smith Esq.
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to J. L. Smith Esq.

Mr. Cotsford at Ganjam having applied for the remaining two Companys of Sepoys of Capt. Cavenors Battalion, & which He will

Assist

stand the more in need, an Extraordinary Detachment is ordered from those parts, We desire you will immediately give directions for their joining him with all expedition. —

We are

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Sir

Your Affectionate Friends
Chas Bourchier & Council

26th Received the following Letters from Lieut. Colonel Lang. —

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

Letter from Lt Colonel Lang

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor of receiving your Letter No. 3 of the 12 Inst. and am glad you approve of my having formed the Detachment under Major Fitzgerald. —

Tomorrow morning I shall march towards Vencatagery, with all the Bowder except some Barrels that are Broke with the Brass 12 Prs and their Ammunition and five hundred Stand of Arms, two half and two thirds Inch Shot, two & Stones. —

I shall take all the sick with me the major part of them on Bullocks

I have just received Intelligence that Tippoo Saib with a Body of Troops is now at Cuffaur I shall march to the Sergeant there to make his escape if possible to Colar. —

I am with due Respect

Saving of the Stores he should take from Colar the first Days