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present as the Committee had declined Signing the
The said Report is now read and
the following Orders are made

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

1. Agreeable to your Direct.s 1st. The Board approve of
we have entered into a Contract Contract entered into by the
with Messrs. Jourdan & Dubosta Committee with Messrs
for making Gun Carriages a Jourdan & Dubosq & which
Copy of which we have now it ordered to be entered here
the honor of laying before you Ter.

In the above Agreement
we have also contracted for
a Number of Truck Carriages
for Garrison Service with
some Mortar Beds & Trun=
nills for the Field, which
Lieutenant Colonel Butler
represented to us were abso=
lutely necessary and as the
Terms are thought reasonable
we hope that the same will
meet with your Honor &c.
Approbation.

2.d We beg Leave to enclose 2. The President acquai
you a Copy of a Letter from the Board that in consequ
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Manoury Inspector of Stores, Representing the great Want of proper places to lodge the Stores arrived, which convinces us of the Propriety of having an Arsenal built immediately We desire Your Honor &.c will give Orders for that Purpose. Otherwise the Stores now in Garrison will shortly be rendered unserviceable, particularly the Arms as it is impossible to attend to the Condition of them in the Godowns they are in at present. We beg Leave to recommend the Alteration of the Tumbrils as proposed by Mr. Manoury.

We have the honor to be with much Respect

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Your most obedient humble.

Joseph. Smith
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Fort St. George
15. August 1770

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Articles

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Major General Eyre Coote Brigadier General Joseph
George Stratton Esqr. Lieutenant Colonel James Call
Mr. Henry Monteiro of Fort St. George Commissioners
Stores for the United Company of Merchants of England
trading to the East Indies of the other Part as follows
is to Say.

First. The said Francis Fourdan and Antonio De
for the Considerations herein after mentioned
hereby for themselves & their Heirs Executors and
Administrators covenant promise & Agree to and
with the said Committee of Stores for & on behalf of
the said United Company and their Successors
that they the said Francis Fourdan & Antonio
DeSouza will Provide & deliver unto the said
Committee of Stores or such Person or Persons as
shall or may be appointed to receive the same for
& on account of the said United Company the
following Carriages &c. and at the following Prices
that is to Say.

Trail Travelling Carriages & Limbers Page

12	24 Pounders	at	355
12	18 D°		350
9	12 D°		315
30	6 D°		200
30	3 D°		185

Trail Garrison Carriages

1	42 Pounder		180
17	32 D°		180

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Trail Garrison Carriages containing Pond.s

88 ..... 24 Pounders ..... at 575

110 ..... 18 D.o 175

65 ..... 12 D.o 175

Howitz Carriage & Limbers 110

15 ..... 8 Inch

12 ..... 5½ D.o 220

Truck Carriages Viz.t 194

20 ..... 18 Pounders ..... at

10 ..... 12 D.o ..... 50 ..

(30 Limbers for 12 & 6 Pounders 45

30 D.o 3 160

..... 115

Which said Carriages & Limbers are to be made of Good and well Seasond Teak Wood & to be done in a Workmanlike manner and be such as may be approved of by such Persons as may be appointed for that Purpose by the said Commitee of Stores or their Successors on behalf of the said United Company & to be delivered unpainted.

Six 12 Pounders Travelling Carriages. Twenty 6 Pounder Travelling Carriages & twenty 3 Pounder travelling Carriage or any other Number in proportion to be delivered in the Course of Twelve Months from the Date hereof. Half of the Number contracted for to be delivered in two years and the Remainder of the said Carriages to be delivered in three years from the Date hereof.

They do also covenant & agree to pay fifteen Pagodas pr. Candy for any Iron that the said Company may supply them with for the Purpose of the said Carriages

and

and to take such Iron Work as may be on hand belon
Use of Carriages at 15 ℔Cent on the Prime Cost provi
that the said Iron Work will serve for the Purpose
said Carriages —

The Contractors do further Agree to take
Iron Trucks as the Company may have
and may be judged by the said Committee
Stores proper to be used deducting the
the Wooden & adding the Price of the Iron

The Size & Strength of a Mortar

depending on the Quantity of Powder requi
for such particular Mortar as the Bed may
intended for the Piece can only be ascertained
whereby the Contractors do therefore agree to
make up such Mortar Beds as may be ne
and to leave to the said Committee to fix such
Price thereon when finished as shall appear
them reasonable.

And the said Committee of Stores do for & on behalf
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fulfill & keep the aforegoing Articles & Agre
to be done & performed on their Part & also
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allotted for the collection of Materials a
the People to work on the said Carriages

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And that they will assist with their Influence in the procuring a Sufficient Number of proper Workmen for the Completion of the said Business and that they shall be supplied with such Sum as they may apply for and the Company may have in Store.

And Lastly for the true & perfect performance hereof the said Parties hereto do hereby bind themselves to the other of them in the Penal Sum of Ten Thousand Pagodas to be paid by the Party failing in the Performance of these Presents to the other of them their Successors Heirs Executors or Administrators according to the true Intent & meaning of these Presents. In Witness whereof the Parties hereto have to the Counterparts of these Presents Interchangeably set their hands & Seals in Fort St. George aforesaid this 8th Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1770.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of
Andrew Majendie
Edward Garrow

Signed { Joseph Smith
Geo Stratton
J. Butler
H. Monckton

A true Copy
Andrew Majendie
Clerk to the Council.

367 Fort St. George 3d Sept 1800

To Lieu Stratton Esqr
Military Storekeeper
Sir

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Read a Letter from Mr. Arthur Owen Fort Adjutant, N°54 requesting Permission to proceed to England by the first Conveyance to settle some private affairs, & that he may be recommended to the Hble Court of Directors.

Agreed that Mr. Owen be permitted to take his Passage on the first Ship for Europe: and as his Behavior since he has been in the Service hath been much to our Satisfaction and he appears to us an Officer of Merit & Abilities, It is resolved that he be mentioned as such to the Honorable Court of Directors.

Jos. Du Pré
Warren Hastings
Joseph Smith
Sam. Foley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Vansittart
Rich. Jackson
Geo. Mackay

Fort St. George 4th September 17

Pursuant to the Resolutions of Yesterday the following Letter was wrote to Sir John Lindsay.

To Sir John Lindsay
Commander in Chief of his Majestys
Ships in India.

Sir

Letter to Sir John Lindsay on the Subject of the Town Major's being sent off to receive him

Our President has informed us that when you anchored in the Road in his Majestys Ship Mag he Sent off the Town Major to Compliment You on your Arrival and addressed a Letter to you on the Same Occasion — That you had intimated your expectation that a Member of the Council should have been employed on this Ceremonial as had been usually done to the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Squadron in India and that you thought the Compliment paid by a Person of inferior Rank might be construed as a want of Respect to his Majestys Flag. We hope the Verbal Explanation which the President has already given you of his Intentions in deputing the Town Major has totally removed every Thought you might have entertained of an intentional Disrespect Nevertheless as We are anxious to give the most Authentick proofs of our Loyalty to his Majestys Person as well as of our Respect to his Flag We beg you will be pleased to receive this our Declaration. That We are of Opinion a Member of the Council is not a proper Person to be deputed upon such an Occasion because that all Publick Honors paid in this Fort to his Majestys Flag and his Majestys

Commander

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Commander in Chief as Military Honors — That all Military Honors are paid by the Governor alone ex officio — That the Members of the Council not being Military and not Subject to the Orders of the Governor as Governor, cannot properly be deputed by him on such a Service and consequently that when the Compliment hath been paid by a Member of the Council it probably hath been for want of Attention to this Rule or as private Gentlemen — That the Town Major is the proper Representative of the Governor and therefore that the Town Major was properly deputed to pay the usual Compliment to You on Your Arrival. And permit Us to add in order to remove all possible Doubt on this Subject That the Governor having desired the Advice & Opinion of the Council We were & are unanimously of Opinion that the Town Major is the proper Officer to be deputed by the Governor on such Occasions and that it is our meaning and intention thereby to pay the highest honor & Respect to His Majesty's Flag & the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Josiah Du Pre
&c Council

Fort St. George
5th Sept.r 1770

7th Wrote a Letter to the President & Council at Fort William
N 119.

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Fort St. George 10th Sept. 1776.

Monday 10th Sept.

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor President
Warren Hastings
Samuel Ardley
John Smith, Lyc Stratton,
Henry Brooke Richd. Brickenden
George Mackay.
General Smith indisposed.

Letter from Genl. Coote read.

Read a Letter from General Coote dated the 7th Instant as entered hereafter in Reply to our Letters of the 27 August.

Reflections of the Board on the Style of the said Letter.

Whatever General Cootes Opinion may be of the Powers with which he is invested — Whatever private Reasons he may have to think the Court of Directors intended to degrade the Government which they make responsible for their Affairs on this Coast by placing any Individual above that Government — We who are charged with the Burthen of that Government cannot, — ought not to believe without better Proofs than the private Reasons or Opinion of any Individual that the Court of Directors meant to Subject that Government which they charge with their Affairs to Ridicule & Contempt. Our Letters to General Coote of the 27 August were in answer to two from him dated 25 & 26 August — The Subjects required Explanation for the Information of The Court of Directors and we did accordingly treat them

with

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with Temper Precision & Argument — The Letter now before us in reply thereto runs in a Vein of Sourness & Sneer throughout — The Board think it therefore inconsistent with the Character which every Governor ought to support to return any Answer having to the Court of Directors to support the Honor of their Government — A few Remarks may however be necessary for their Information or rather to prevent Misconstruction this Inattention and which are now accordingly entered with the said Letter as follows

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
President &c. Council of
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Letter from General Para 1st. Wrote in reply to those from the Board of the 27. Augt. with the Remarks of the Board thereon

Remarks.

Before I make any Reply to your Letters of the 27th. of August I think it necessary to declare that I really did not mean to affix the offensive & severe Construction the President by mentioning in Chief — General Instructions his Name — And altho' it fills with such Weight and has suffered his Passion to Authority so conspicuous a Part of one of the Letters of the Board to me Yet I shall not presume after the only — in our Answer the Warning I have had, to repeat or treat the Subject as relative It without those Appendages to the Governor and observed which every Lover of his Country What the Name Despot was

Para 1st. The Point in Question was whether the Commission of Government Delegated to the Governor for the time being Sight of that General Instruction Conduct to lead him into Personalities as if the Dispute had been confined to the present Governor

and

accidental

and every Servant of the Company even the next & the next in Succession, must lament are not to be joined to B for ever.

2. I must make my Acknowledgements to You Gentlemen, for the Candor with which You have allowed the present Dispute to be doubtful, for without this alleviating Assurance; I should have despaired of my Cause and of the Right of the Company to make such an Appointment, after the positive Decision You have given and the irresistible Arguments upon which you found it. For I had almost been induced by your Perswasion to believe, that a Prior Commission of Commander in Chief of the Forces of one Presidency was Superior on Account of its Priority to a later Commission of Commander in Chief of the Forces belonging to all the Presidencies.

accidental. This has given occasion to the Irony intended in this Paragraph — how Justly is Submitted.

2. Every Subject disputed whilst it remains in Dispute must be doubtful and it is to remove the Doubt by a Decision that a Question is put. General Coote in his Letter had charged the Board with a cruel and ungrateful Attempt to supersede him — We reply that it seemed to us otherwise & that the Attempt was to supersede the Governor but that we should not have applied the term Attempt to either for that a candid Discussion of a doubtful Subject deserved a milder Epithet. — Our Observation is applied to the Subject whilst under Discussion called by General Coote an Attempt and not to the Subject decided by a Question — it is then no longer an Attempt

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Testimonies derived from the same Authority, and communicated under the same Seal.

but an act compleat ——
But We fear We shall incur Censure for wasting time in refuting such captious Arguments.

3. The great Point upon which the President says he called your Attention, and of which You Gentlemen, have so perfect a Recollection coming of the Could or the Would, or the Would or the Could. I wile allow in its full Force. As to the Agitation of Spirits into which It seems I was thrown by that intricate Question I have only to say that nothing but Your good Humor could have raised any Spirits, which I do not remember was the Case; and that I am hopeful at any Time depress them. Upon the coolest Reflection my Argument in this respect is short. That according to my Commission and the General Letter relating to it the Governor cannot take the Field and assume the Command

3. Is there then no Difference between the Sense of the Words Would and Could? The first is a positive Declaration of an Intention to Act — the Second is declaratory only of the Right to Act and when to the last is added a Declaration of an Intention not to Act the Sense of the two are diametrically opposite. General Smith who joined with Lieut. Colonel Cockburn every Dissent has nevertheless Members of the Majority in Assenting such to have been the President's Declaration.

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I. I likewise return my Thanks to the Board for the anxious Desire they have shewn to Step as far forward as they Legally could from their Line of Duty, in Order to find some Expedient if possible to accommodate my Claims to the Rules of the Service and to the Rights of the present Occupant. I am the more obliged to You Gentlemen for this Mark of your intended Favor as it was really altogether unsolicited on my Part. The Authorities given to me by the Company I thought fully Sufficient to enable me to fulfill the Purposes for which I was Sent out. For these Powers could petition the Board agreeably to a very Just Application of their own Words. That the Governor hath no Right or Legal Capacity to Vary Mode or change any of the Powers given by the Company by a Legal Commission of Comm.rs

A If I should Suppose that the Board could have found an Expedient Gen.l Coote would not have condescended to have acted under it —— nihil non arroget Armis. The Board thought they had found a conciliating Expedient when it was proposed and agreed that in order to prevent any interruption or inconvenience to the Service the two Commiss.rs (the Governor & Gen.l Coote) of Commander in Chief should not be brought in Question but that the Board should write Circular Letters to the Several Commandants of the Out Garrisons &c.a to make Returns to Major General Coote in the same manner as to the Governor which the General at that time agreed to and Letters were sent accordingly. The Nature of the two Commissions are very different — The Governors cannot be revoked by the Board

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in Chief according to the Board for it declares expressly
highest Power the Company that it is revocable only by
can use. and that the Presi. the Court of Directors under
dent & Council cannot autho. the Company's Seal or under
rize him to do so. And that the hands of 3 or more of the
this being the case now you Directors, but there is no
to declare those Powers or any such express Clause in Lord C.
of them suspended or abrogated Coote's Commission or the
such Declaration would be Contrary he is thereby
null & void.
Subjected to the Board.

5. It appears very myste- 5. The Mystery will
rious that the Board be revealed if Genl. Coote
in one part of their Letter would suffer himself dis-
should insist with me, that passionately to reason on
the Arrangement of Offices the whole of what the Board
I proposed was subject to lay down as the System of
their Approbation or Dis- the Service Viz. That every
approbation. and in another official Act of every Officer
Part of the same Letter, should under their Presidency is
acquaint me the Power which subject to the Controul of
the Governor, in his Appeal the Board not excepting the
to his past Conduct as Com- Acts of the Governor. Never
mander in Chief of the Troops theless whatever Acts are
declares he had exercised done by the Governor — the
with the Opinion of Brigad. General — the Colonel &c.
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"appointing, removing or proper Department — ex-
"giving Leave of Absence to officio are good Valid unto
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perienced such extraordinary or superior Power — the

Smith.

Board

Levity in the Board from my manifold Inadvertences I might be led to infer that it is the Accident of the Occupancy which in some Cases determines their Judgement.

Board is that controlling or superior Power with respect to the Acts of the Governor therefore if he had at any time named or appointed an Officer with the Advice or Opinion of General Smith it was subject to the Approbation of the Board. Every one must be sensible that Arrangements cannot be planed & made immediately at the Board. the Method always practised has been for the Governor to form the Plan of Arrangement with the Commanding Officer first & then to lay it before the Board for their Approbation — And this is all we contend for with General Coote who insists that his power of arranging and disposing of Officers is not subject to the Controul of the Board. The Conclusion of this Paragraph seems to throw a Charge of some inconsistency upon the Board. but we must leave it without Reply for we do not understand

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6. As to the bad Consequences that may arise from the Division that must as you say become evident by my Reception. That was one of the Reasons which forced me to enter my Solemn Protest in order to prove the absolute Neccessity I was under in that Respect and to point out to the Company the Persons whom I conceive to be answerable for all those Consequences. The East India Company did expressly appoint me Commander in Chief of all their Forces in India. And did direct that as Commander in Chief I should have a Voice with the Superintending Commissioners, & in their Absence with the General Council, and that for the Military Department as well as the Select & all

other

what is meant by "the Accidents of the Occurrence" "determining our Judgm.ts"

6. This Reasoning may be and we suppose is conclusive in the opinion of General Coote since it Determines him to persist in his Reception — but we do not feel the same Conviction — General Lawrence had a Commission of Commander in Chief which neither the Company himself or any one else understood to be superior to the Governor in any respect independant of the Council and yet he saw nothing to prevent his acting in his Military Capacity or as a Member of the Council And also it be resolved by a Majority, that the Governors Commission is superior to General Coote's Commission We see nothing in Reason that disqualifies Gen.l Coote from acting as Gen.l Lawrence did.

To the

other Committees. But the moment that Commission is refused to be acknowledged upon which the whole is founded I can have no further Business to sit with the Commissioners or with the Councils or Committees.

The Commander in Chief of the Forces whom you acknowledge presides at the Council, and if you and He are right the Company's Intentions are fully complied with.

7. You are pleased, Gentlemen to say that the Powers annexed to the Post of Governor are of Time immemorial and that the Post of Commander in Chief of the Forces is a necessary Appendage to the Office. Inseparable from it and yet dependent on the Court of Directors. That Responsibility & Power must go together, for it would be unjust as well as absurd to take away the latter and leave the former.

8. Without

788. The Governor (says Genl. Coote) is not responsible for the regulating disciplining or Commanding the Forces — neither has he any where contended that he is so immediately. but he is nevertheless responsible in many Instances & corresponds with all the Subordinate and Out-Garrisons and Reports his Proceedings to the Board. The Roman Governments — The Shining Feathers and all the other Words in these

Paragraphs

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Paragraphs — requiring Remark.

8. Without arking whether the Powers of Governors referred to in that Time immemorial, are those of the Roman Governors which I do acknowledge were very fuld Or at what Period of Time and under what Institutions, the Powers of the Governors of Colonies have been established and continued or altered, in the British Empire. And whether in the Governments under the East India Company the Signature of the Members of the Council is not a necessary Appendage to the Act of the Governor in his Command of the Forces. I will with great Candor allow that those Feathers shine very prettily in the Scale of Reason; But in my humble Opinion, according to my Commission the Governor is not responsible for the Regulating, Disciplining or Commanding the Forces. Which Trust is expressly reposed in me under the Restrictions

9. The

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Restrictions contained in the said Commission and the Orders relative thereto. And I do really believe that the said Commission will be found both necessary & legal fully intended by the Company to have been carried into Execution, and well adapted to their present Constitution & System.

Q. ..... The word which is said to be added by us to sustain our Argument We suppose to be the word plan Viz.: plan & Order of discipline but as it makes no manner of Alteration in the Original Sense the supposed Intention drops

We cannot discover by any Orders We have Read that Lieut. Boote's Seat with the Commissioners gives him a single Degree of Power when not Sitting with them more than he would have had without that Seat nor any Mark of Superior Distinction for even the first Commissioner & he only by the Company's express Order was to have the same Honors as

Q. ..... It is extremely unfortunate that Your Argument respecting the 11th Para: of the General Letter of the 3d. of January 1770. could not be sustained without adding a Word which is not to be found in the Original. And that in endeavouring to bring down any Commission and Powers to a level with those formerly granted to General Lawrence You have thought proper to take no Notice of the Relation any Appointment bears to that of the Superintending Commissioners, which I humbly hope may be allowed as one of the Marks of Distinction.

10. Your

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10.... Your Delicacy in not entering upon the first State of the Army, in Point of Discipline is highly meritorious. I have no Doubt that Your Ideas and mine differ widely upon that Subject. However this very Matter having been represented Home to the Court of Directors they were convinced of the Truth of it and requested a Military Committee of General Officers to form a Plan for a new Establishment which they have ordered to be put in Execution.

The Governor

10. The Establishment and the Discipline, We understand to be very different things, nor shall we here offer an Opinion of the former the Company's Order is explicit & that is enough — As to the Discipline We were unwilling to say more than we did because the Reproach thrown out repeatedly by General Coote did not as We conceived point at Us but at the Principal Officers whose Department & Office it is to direct & superintend the Discipline. We were unwilling to say even thus much in our Reply to General Coote lest it should seem as if we meant to Spirit up the Officers who are thus censured to join Us in a party Quarrel but as their Remarks are intended only for the Court of Directors to them we must say that there are but few Officers in this Service who have been remarked for their Strict Discipline. General

11. And as

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Smith who was present at the Board when the severe Censure was passed by Sir Eyre Coote and who has read his Letter to the Board must judge for himself whether it be necessary to justify himself — Col. Donabld Campbell (whose Character as a discreet Gentleman is known) knows not of the Charge nor shall we inform him for the Reasons abovementioned.

11. And I will now take upon me to say that in the present Situation of the Army, in case an Enemy should appear against You it would be full two Months before you could collect a proper Force to oppose him in the Field, even if he should know so little of his Business as to permit the necessary Junction.

11. The Station of the Troops is also a different Subject from the Discipline And with the best Discipline that can be established We believe the greatest General that ever existed would find it a difficult Matter to cover a Country of 1200 Miles in Extent accessible in a thousand Places with two Regiments of Europeans and Eighteen Battalions of Seapoys, con-cerning which we speak more at large in its proper Place.

12. I am very happy to find that the Circumstances

12. We have not said or insinuated that the Circum-

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of our Situation are so much altered for the better since I had the Honor to sit at the Board, as to induce you now to make so light of the Prospect of a War which then seemed so dreadful & alarming. Your Opinion upon that Subject as well as mine being lately marked in a Letter to Sir John Lindsay.

13. As to the Distinction between the Arrangement of the Superior or inferior Officers it is no Argument of mine. However it is fortunate that in the particular Point respecting the Superior Officers there is no Room left for Dispute. For at any Rate they are the oldest Officers & must command the Brigades according to your own Opinion on the Rules of the Service.

H. Neither

stances of our Situation are altered for the better nor do We make light of the Prospect of War We consider our Affairs in the same Dangerous Light we did But We say that if they are so it rests with Gl. Coote to consider how far he is justifiable in abandoning those Affairs upon the Grounds of his Declaration if he is. as he seems to be of Opinion that we have no other Officers capable of conducting the Military Part

13. We do not clearly comprehend what is meant by the first part of this Paragt. 'Tis no matter whose Argument it is, if it be just why is it not acknowledged? if it be inconclusive, why is it not refuted? Whether the Argument be accepted by the General or not it is certain that the Order which he produces to the Board and which he declares he declared he intended as his Order

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independant of the Board &c
include the Superior as well as
inferior Officers. And as the
General Smith & Col. Campbell
by their Rank stood next for
the Command of the Brigades
it was necessary nevertheless
that they should be formally
appointed to them and that
Appointment had not been
made by the Board I was
intended by him to have been
absolutely made by his
independant Order.

11. Neither can I conceive any Necessity for discussing this Matter further. I am of Opinion that according to my Commission I cannot admit of any Military superior Officer in India. Now say I must obey Yours.

12. Here I must let it rest for the Decision of the Honble Court of Directors.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect Gentlemen

Your most obedient and most humble Servant
Eyre Coote.

St. Thomé
3d. September 1770.

Report

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Report of the Committee of Stores and on which the following Orders are made.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr
President and Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Report of Committee of Stores with Orders thereon

Para. 1st. We have the honor to lay before you an Indent of Stores for Vellore with our Rems. on a Letter from Colonel Campbell and recommend that the Indent be complied with.

Orders thereon

1st Ordered accordingly.

2. The accompanying Indents from the Nabob for Stores for his Cavalry & Sepoys having been referred to us by your Honor &c. we recommend that he be furnished with all the Articles except the following Viz.t —

2. Three Pounders with their Appurtenances.
1 Ammunition Tumbril.
3000. Cartridge Bages.
6 Fifes out of 15 inserted for.

2d Approved.

3. The Stores from Bombay & Swiftgrab being examined We lay before You a Report thereof in

3d Ordered that a Copy of Mr. Mansons Letter be transmitted to Bombay — That the

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in a Letter from Mr. Mauvany Inspector of Stores I desire you. Orders thereon.

The Carbines be received and the Barrels & Locks of the Locks as are unserviceable be delivered to the Storekeeper as old Iron & that the Locks and stocks which are serviceable be valued.

A. An Extract of a Letter from Colonel Hart to the Governor respecting the Field Train in the Circars having been laid before us, we have considered the Same and are of Opinion that 6 Six Pounders with a proportionable Number of Shot & Grape Shott, should be sent to Masulipatam by the first Conveyance.

A. Ordered accordingly.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Joseph Smith
Geo Stratton
Butler
H. Montresor

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To the

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To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr.
President & Governor of Fort St. George.

Letter from Col. Campbell regarding sundry Stores &c at Vellour with the Remarks of the Committee & Orders of the Board thereon

Honble Sir

Para. 1st. Before I answered your Letter of the 4th Instant I chose to make myself acquainted with some Circumstances which Seem to deserve the Attention of every Well-wisher to the Service; There are I am told 18 Armourers under the Charge of the Militz Storekeeper who I find can hardly repair the Arms now in Use with the Troops Therefore very good ones with a Mistry to be appropriated for the Storehouse will I apprehend conduce greatly to the Good of the Service in repairing what Arms may be now in the Arsenal as well as others that may be received in Exchange.

Remarks of the Committee of Govs with the Orders of the Board thereon.

Para: 1st ——— The Committee are of the same Opinion and recommend that the 6 additional Armourers & Mistry be employed. ———

By the Board.

Ordered That they be employd by the Storekeeper at Vellour accordingly.

Para 2d. The Commandant of Artillery reports that most of the Carriages want some Repairs to render them fit for

Para: 2d ——— As Col. Butler acquaints the Committee that the Carriages last sent up with the four 6 Pounders had

for the Field; if other Carriages are not intended Soon for this Place it appears necessary that those should be put in the best condition for Service and if that is thought expedient I hope some good Artificers will be Sent here for I believe there are not many to be found at this Place who understand working well on Gun Carriages.

had only a temporary Repair to make them serviceable as no ones could be made having no other to send them are of Opinion that so Soon as new Carriages are made them Guns be Supplied therewith.

By the Board.

Ordered. That the Carriages mentioned, by Col Campbell be repaired & kept fit for Service as much so as can be until new ones can be made here to replace them & that a capable Mastery be Sent to Bellour to Superintend the Work.

Para: 3d. On examining the last Account Remains of Stores here I find that we are short of many Articles considering the Proportion of Troops at this Department and have therefore caused an Indent to be made out & Sent to the Presidency many Articles in which are uncomplied with tho' before indented for.

Para: 3d. We are of Opinion that the Indent be complied with except the Composition Ladles, Portfire Moulds or Drifts &c.a for Fuzes which we think cannot be necessary as Port-Fuzes fires and Tubes are Sent from hence.

By the Board

Ordered accordingly.

Para. 4th. I must beg Leave to remark that out of more than 30,000 Flints they have not

Para: 4th. Ordered that Care be taken that the Flints indented for be carefully

examined

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not been able to pick out above 5000 That are fit to be sent on Service which I have caused to be reserved for that Purpose in consequence of which I have directed that 50.000 Cartridges should be inserted in the Indent which is forwarded to the Military Storekeeper.

Para. 5 At the 1200 Stand of new Arms appears upon the Returns here yet I have desired 500 more to be required well knowing the Arms in General are so very bad that upon the Army's being ordered to the Field full that Number would be required in Exchange.

Para. 6 At the Time the Troops were Ordered in Readiness for the Field, an Indent was sent to the Presidency for the Deficiencies of Tents & Bell Tents part of which have not yet been complied with so that the present comprehends what appears requisite besides what are in Store.

Para. 7 Of the Europe Pouches which were sent up here there are

By the Board.
As proved.

Para. 5th We are of Opinion that Vellore should always have 2000 Stand of Arms in Store & recommend that 800 instead of 500 be sent thither

By the Board.
Ordered accordingly.

Para. 6. The Tents & Bell Tents formerly omitted are now recommended to be sent the Deficiency complained of would have been complied with before but there were none in Store.

By the Board.
Ordered Accordingly.

Para. 7. We recommend that 1248 Pouches be sent to

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are no less than 1288 the Holes of which are so very small that they will not take an English Musquet Cartridge & therefore not sufficient in the Wood part to make them any larger; I believe they were intended for French Cartridges.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most obd. Servt.
(Signed) Donald Campbell.

Vellour
18. August 1770.

Vellore & that the like Arms complained of be ordered either by the returning Ballock

By the Board
Ordered accordingly

A true Extract
Andrew Majendie
Clerk Com. of Stores.

To Geo. Stratton Esq.
Military Storekeeper
Sir

Letter from Mr. Mauoury regard. the Condition of the Stores received from Bombay.

The Stores received from Bombay are in a very bad Condition being so eat with Rust that 118 Carbines 17½ Pair of Pistols 100 Iron Basket Hilted Swords and 50 Sword Blades are unserviceable several of the Carbines and Pistols having holes quite thro' their Barrels, moreover there is a Deficiency of One Carbine three & half Pair of Pistols, four country hand Hatchets & Ten Country Pickaxes.

I am
Sir
Your very obd. Humble Servt.
(Signed) Isaac Mauoury
Dep. Storekeeper

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The President lays before the Board a Letter from Lieutenant Brute representing that he has been informed by Captain Bandinele that altho' he bears a Lieutenants Commission he is subject to the Command of every Ensign and desiring Redress.

Agreed that a Translation of the said Letter be sent to Mr Coleford who is to be acquainted that altho' it was Judged necessary to insert in the Commissions granted to the Officers who were received into the Foreign Legion that they should not have the Power of Command in any Fort or Place: it was nevertheless meant that when they were on Duty with other Officers, that they should take Rank and be obeyed according to the Dates of their Commissions; and in Order to avoid as far as possible giving them any Cause for Complaint. Care should be taken that they be not sent on Duty where they may be liable to be commanded by an Officer of an inferior Rank.

Read a Letter from Mr Tankoff dated 4 Instant N. 56 representing that he arrived here as a Cadet last Season but finding his Salary very insufficient to support himself & Family, he had with the Approbation of the late Governor Maynard Smith practised a Liberal Art for a Livelihood requesting Permission to resign the Service and to proceed to Bengal hoping this Step will be no hindrance to any future Favors he may expect by the Intercession of his Friends in England by whom he was persuaded to come to India and that his being entirely unacquainted on his leaving England with the Nature of the Service will be hopes plead his Excuse for this Application.

Agreed that Mr Tankoff be permitted to

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Bengal agreable to his Request and the Honble Court of Directors to again informed of the Necessity there is that all Persons coming out as Cadets should be particularly informed of the Allowances they are to receive on their Arrival in India, which is by no means sufficient to support them in the Character of Gentlemen; as they must otherwise suffer great Distress & probably involve themselves in inextricable Difficulties unless they are assisted by the Companys or Individuals; which has been the Case with many arrived this last Season.

The President informs the Board that Mr Wynch had transmitted to him a Bill for Secret Services for the five last Months amounting to Rupees 597 — which the President acquaints the Board appears very moderate which is therefore ordered to be allowed.

Jon. Du Pré
Warren Hastings
Jos. Smith
Sam. Ardley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Pyke Boisbaudran
Geo. Mackay

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Wrote this Day a Letter to the President & Council at Fort William N. 124 advising them of our Intention of sending thither 200 Recruits.

Monday 17th Sept.

At a Consultation. Present.
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
Warren Hastings
Joseph Smith. Samuel Ardley.
John Smith. George Straton.
Henry Brooke. Richd. Brickenden.
George Mackay.

Read a Letter from the President & Council at Bombay, dated 20th August 1754 enclosing Copy of another Treaty which they had transmitted to Messrs. Church & Tibbald to get executed by Hyder Ally and requesting we would exert our Influence to induce him to accede thereto: accompanying Extract of a Letter from Messrs. Church & Tibbald advising of the State of their Negociation; Import that as they may possibly be under an indispensable Necessity of taking Part in the Dispute between him & the Morattas we would inform them in the most explicit Terms how far the Company's Interest at this Presidency might be affected thereby representing also that, in case of such a Plan being adopted, it will be necessary for the two Presidencies to unite Vigorously their utmost Endeavors to promote its Success & requesting that We will furnish them with such Lights, as may tend to assist them in their Deliberations thereon

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to the Gentlemen at

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at Bombay informing them particularly of our Situation with Respect to the Marattas and Hyder Ally of their Inbred unconquerable aversion to our adopting any Measures in favor of the Latter, and of the Impossibility of our acting without him — It is also Agreed that they be advised of the Dispute We have had with General Coot & that Copies of such Papers as contain the Arguments urged on each Side be transmitted to them that they may be enabled to form their Judgement with Respect to Gen.l Coote's Commission.

Read the following Letter from Sir John Lindsay.

Josias Du Pré Esq.r Pres.t & Governor
Council &c.a Madras 11th Sept.r 1770.

Gentlemen.

Letter from Sir John Lindsay complaining of the Copiousness of the Correspondence—

& thinks a simple yes or No would have been sufficient Answer to his first Request—

When I first did myself the honor of writing to you I little expected so copious a Correspondence My first Request appeared to me to demand no more than a Simple yes or no: had you seen it in that Light and had thought proper to answer in like manner, it would have been a very great Relief to us both. The Discussion however has unfortunately led to another; perhaps like have both been disappointed.

I had the honor of receiving Your Letter of the 3.d Instant and I am happy we both agree that a permanent Peace in India would be for the Interest of the Company. Likewise I perfectly concur with you that the true meaning of the word inevitable is something which it is not in our power to avoid: But when You write that you fear all your Efforts will be insufficient to prevent a War: I confess it does not so certainly shew

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to me that you were of yourselves as averse to it as You could be. Low might mean as much. It may be owing to my Want of Comprehension.

You are so obliging as to suppose that I would not take up your Time in perswading you to what You yourselves perswade, and in demonstrating a Self evident proposition which would be a Waste of Argument; and therefore You are led to surmise that more is implied in the explanation than is expressed. In answer to which give me leave to say Your having given Assurances to Hyder Ally that you will support him if in Danger, which appears to me a most certain way of making a War with the Mahrattas inevitable was the Reason of my recommending a reconsideration of the eleventh Article of the Treaty of Paris. It was for this Reason I took the Liberty of putting you in Mind that Peace in India was the great Object of that Article, and of the engagements of the Crown to preserve it. And it was this which induced me to say that War wantonly entered into was the most Destructive Measure which could be embraced by a commercial Body.

You will forgive this Liberty Gentlemen: It is my Intention to be of use not to be of the least Prejudice to the real Interests of the Company, and I am convinced they will think so when I beg leave to give you the Strongest Assurances that if necessity has reduced their Affairs to such a Situation where the assistance of the Crown may be necessary or the Sanction of the Royal Authority of use to extricate out of Difficulties, to regain Consequence lost, to add Vigour to your Measures and weight to all your Transactions, I am ready to co-operate with

Represents that our having given Assurances to Hyder that We would assist him if in Danger was the Reason of his recommending the reconsideration of the 11th Article of the Treaty of Paris —

Expresses his Readiness to afford the Assistance of the Crown &c.

to extricate Us out of Difficulties &c.

And to cooperate with us

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with you to the utmost of my Abilities. And as you fear all your Efforts will be unable to prevent a War Don't you think this would be a proper Time to lay aside all prejudices and to accept of the Assistance of the Crown which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to offer You? Then let both You & I esteem it our greatest honor and Comfort alone our Consequence in joining our utmost Efforts to serve the Publick. After this if any Injury should happen to the common Cause from an appearance of seperate Interests, I flatter myself the world the unbiassed & unprejudiced part of mankind will do me the justice to exculpate Her Majesty's Servant. It has ever been my intention to write as plain as possible and I should be exceedingly sorry to lead you into Difficulties by any mode of expression peculiarity of word or Contrariety of Phrase you will forgive me then if I take the Liberty to say that the word Phoudar appears to me quite unnecessary though you think it a Term of the greatest precision & propriety: as I am of Opinion, we should have understood one another perfectly well by the common Appellation of Nabob: And the use of the other has unfortunately led me to misapprehend your Meaning But I confess when the Emperor of Indostan appoints Mahamed Ally Cawn Subah of the Carnatick by Royal Phirmaund and addresses him as Nabob, and when the Subah of the Decan mentions him in the same honorable manner in his Firmaun it was very natural to think you never would have denied him that Title of Courtesy especially as our Sovereign and your Constituents are pleased to grant him

Recommends our joining with him in endeavors to save the Publick —

Regarding the Word Phoudar.

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him that Mark of Distinction. I have always been taught to look upon Mahomed Ally Cawn as includes in the Definition Nabob — as lawfull Nabob of the Carnatick — And as connected with the Company as one & the same Person. The method of giving different appellations to the same Person and in the same Instant according to Place, Circumstance or Connection leads to Definitions infinitely too nice for any plain manner of thinking.

I shall not take upon me to say what was the Custom in former times, when the Empire of Indostan was in its greatest Vigour. Whether Nabobs Phoudars were Generals of Armies, Collectors of Revenues or Both. But I confess I have formed a very different Idea of a Phoudar of those Days and a Nabob. Mahomed Ally Cawn in the present who is appointed to the Subahdary of the Carnatick by all the acknowledged Authority in India. He has been Entitled of conferring Jaghires and large Revenues on the Company who in Rank & Titles & Dignity equals any Princes in the Country. And is Subject to the King alone as a Member of the Empire.

You need not be under the least apprehension of what I shall either say or shew to the Nabob. And if the Company's Servants would be pleased either in their Conduct to, or Conversation with the Nabob, to give as little Cause for exciting Jealousies as I shall, there would be no Reason for any Fears on this head.

I am sorry I find myself under a Necessity of again taking Notice of the Power with which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to honor me. Given

Taxes the Company's Servants with want of Caution in their Conversation and Conduct with the Nabob.

Regarding this Commission and his Desire of executing it for the Publick Good.

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me leave to tell You They never were meant neither shall they ever be exercised as a Ministerial Rod. The Commission is under the hand of your Sovereign & the Great Seal of Great Britain, which it is my Duty & my Business to fulfill to discharge and it shall be my Business to fulfill to the best of my Abilities. I never meant to diminish the Consequence of the Company, on the Contrary I have over & over again sought for the Concurrence of & now their Representatives And I am extremely sorry you have thought it incompatible with your Duty to comply with my repeated Solicitations.

I can see no inconsistency in the Companys accepting the Assistance of the Crown even in Negociation; Neither can I conceive how it is possible their Influence can be diminished by the Sanction of their Sovereign's Name.

I cannot recollect any one Instance wherein I have given the least Cause to complain of Discouragement. On the Contrary I think I have and I shall continue to follow the most conciliating measures. You have been pleased Gentlemen to express Yourselves with the greatest Civility and Politeness on this head for which I beg you will accept my best thanks and Acknowledgements.

Will you forgive me if I take the Liberty of mentioning that I think there is a little Impropriety in Saying such Stress on what you call an over ruling Power. Dont you think it would be time enough to complain when there is at least a Prospect of your experiencing its Effects? Besides hitherto there has been no Opportunity of Knowing whether it would

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approved or over-rule

That we need be under no Apprehensions thereupon.

Whatever Cause some may have to fear the Rod of Ministerial Power, I am convinced Gentlemen that your whole Actions have been so much directed for the publick Good, And who can stand with confidence in the Face of a Judicial Enquiry, have no Cause to be under the least apprehensions in the present instance. Though a Stranger in this Settlement & though I may be unacquainted with the Characters of Men, their Secret Purposes and Secret Resentments, yet, I shall endeavor to conduct myself with the greatest Circumspection. And it shall be my Study to deserve the good Opinion you are pleased to entertain of me. I might have been more able to discriminate Truth from all the Colourings of malevolent Falsehood, had you been pleased to favour me with your Assistance.

It is true Gentlemen your Declining to give the History of your own Transactions when requested of you and leaving it to others whom you suppose your Enemies, of whom you say have Malice & Resentment, is the strongest Proof of the Rectitude of your Conduct. However I cannot help thinking, that it would have been much to the Advantage of the common Cause to have put it out of the Power of Malevolence to have imposed upon good Intentions when you had the Means of Detection in your hands. And I have often repeated, that it would have made me exceedingly happy to have been favoured with your Advice, And I should have esteemed myself much honored by the Assistance of your Councils. I have the honor to be Gentlemen

Your most obedt & most humble Servt.

John Lindsay.

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Agreed that an Answer to the foregoing Letter be prepared.

General Coote having in his Letter of the 21st August declared his Resolution of remaining here in a private capacity untile he can receive the Sentiments of the Gentlemen at the other Presidencies with Regard to his Commission, and as the forming and regulating the Troops in which no time should be lost is thereby at a Stand General Smith is desired to resume the Command of the Troops on the Coast, and it is proposed that Directions be sent to the Several Commanding Officers, ordering them to make their Returns to him as formerly.

General Smith acquaints the Board that he has Reason to believe General Coote will in a very short time proceed to Bengal & he therefore requests that the giving out the Order may be deferred 'till his Departure and promises in the mean time to afford all the Assistance in his Power for forming and arranging the Troops except merely issuing the Orders which may be done by the Board, with which the Board acquiesce.

Resolved that Orders be sent to Colonel Donald Campbell Commanding the Second Brigade to give the necessary Directions for forming & Compleating the several Corps of which it is composed according to the new Establishment.

Read a Letter from Captain James Capper dated this Day N. 158 enclosing a Certificate from the Surgeons setting forth the Necessity of his proceeding to Europe for the Recovery of His Health, & which Captain Capper requests he may be permitted to do & that he may be recommended to the Honble The Court of Directors for Leave to Return when his Health is reestablished.

Agreed

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Agreed that Captain Cosper be permitted to proceed to England agreeable to his Request. and that the Recommn. be to the Court of Directors as a capable, diligent & good Officer.

General Smith acquaints the Board that Major Bonjour had informed him that he is capable of Field Service.

Agreed that Major Bonjour be appointed a Lieutenant Colonel to rank from the 20th Augt last.

Captain Oats who was formerly Adjutant of Artillery & Captain Kennedy who was Quarter Master of Artillery having been promoted to the Rank of Captains — Ordered that Lieutenant Bishop be appointed Adjutant & Lieutenant Lyle Quarter Master of Artillery.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Wynch had recommended to him Ensign Francis Ragg as a very diligent and good Officer. in order that he might be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant.

Agreed that Ensign Ragg be appointed a Lieutenant to rank from the 3d Lieutenant next after Lieut. Peter Bonnineaux.

The President & Council at Bengale having in their Letter to the other Department Dated the 7 Augt. advised that they purposed dispatching the Lapwing for Europe about the latter End of the Month and that they would order her to cale at this Place. It is Agreed that Copies of our Proceedings & Correspondence with Sir John Lindsay & General Coote, as also an Account of such Materials Occurrences of which it is necessary the Court of Directors

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Directors should be advised be prepared against her Arrival:

The President acquaints the Board that he has received two Letters from Mr. Botsford at Ganjam Dated 23d. & 28 Ultimo the first advising that the Imaum Snow, which had been dispatched by Mr. Carter to Coast it from Point Palmiras to Jaggannaut to look after the French Vessels said to be off Cudjung, was arrived at Ganjam, without having seen any thing of them — The other advising of the Arrival of the George Sloop at Ganjam with Mr. Crawford on board whom he had informed of the above Particulars & had recommended to him to make as exact Observations on the Coast from Ganjam to Point Palmiras (which is but little known) as his Situation would allow of.

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Jos. Du Pré
Warren Hastings
Joseph Smith
Sam. Foley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Rich. Benyon
Jed. Mackay

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Monday 21st September

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor President
Warren Hastings Joseph Smith
Samuel Ardley John Smith
Geo Stratton Henry Brooke
Richard Brickenden Geo: Mackay.

General Smith delivers in his Dissent to the Resolutions of the Board of the 20th August which is Read Entered as follows.

General Smith having Desired permission to enter his Dissent to the Resolutions of the Majority of the Board at the Consultation of the 20th of August. His Reasons are as follows.

To the first Resolution where it is ordered that the Cadets arrived this Year shall be appointed Ensigns according to the Arrival of the Ships in which they came and agreable to the Listt which they Stand transmitted by those Ships. Vide the Countany's Orders shall be received regarding them.

Dissent.

Because the List which General Coote gave in and which he Desired the Cadets might be appointed by tho the Court of Directors orders should arrive ascertaining the Rank in which they are to be appointed in the Service was in every Respect as eligible as that by which the Board Determined they should be appointed which cannot be looked upon as the Custom of the Service.

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and therefore should not have had the Preference of the List given in by the General: as it could answer no good purpose but had an Appearance as if the Board were desirous of keeping the Generals Authority over the Troops. And as it appears by the 13th Paragraph of the general Letter of January the 3d. That the Opinion, and Advice of General Coote should be taken with regard to the Merits and Abilities of such Officers as shall be appointed — by the Sense and meaning of the said Paragraph his Recommendation ought to take Place, except very cogent Reasons are given to set it aside, which does not appear to be the present Case.

On the Contrary General Coote was personally acquainted with the Characters of many of the Cadets arrived this Year and had been at the Pains to make Inquiries from the Officers how all of them had behaved which appears to me a more eligible Method of appointing those Gentlemen than taking them according to the Ship Lists from the India-House where meer chance placed them either first or last. That General Coote may have put near the Head of the List some of the Gentlemen recommended to him, and whom he wished to serve is very probable & which by the Post in the Service. The Court of Directors have appointed him to — I doubt not they would very readily admit of even tho' their own List was arrived as I have myself received Letters from several of the Directors recommending Gentlemen to me, requesting they might be placed next for Promotion during the Time I was esteemed in England the Commanding Officer of the Army.

To the Questions whether as this Arrangement

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is said to be by the Order of General Coote to be Subject to the Approbation of the Board - and whether the said Order shall be given out in Orders in this Garrison in the name of General Coote or the Governor and the Question that arose on the Discussion of the latter — That is, whether the Governor's Commission as Commander in Chief with respect to the Troops on this Establishment is superior to General Cootes Commission as Commander in Chief? To the first I dissented from the Opinion of the Majority of the Board. As the Opinion I founded on the first of these Questions is on the Supposition of General Coote being the Superior Military Officer of all the Company's Forces in India — I shall first give my Reasons on the last Question.

The Company's Commission to General Coote under their common Seal appointing him Commander in Chief of all their Forces in the East Indies, in my Opinion supercedes all other Commissions before granted to any other Person with Respect to the Chief Command of the Troops

The Governor's Commission is only over part of the Forces in India Admitting that part of his Commission relative to his Military authority was not set aside by the Subsequent appointment of General Coote but that he could avail himself of the Priority of the Date of his Commission; (which is the Point directly against him) yet it would appear to me an Absurdity that a Person appointed Commander in Chief of the whole Should be under the Orders of another who bears a Commission as Commander in Chief of a Part only In that case General Coote is not the Commanding Officer any where, On the Contrary by the Tenor of his Commission by the plain Instructions of

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the Court of Directors relative to him and by the Kings approbation of their Appointment of him as Commander in Chief of all the Forces in India, it is clearly pointed out to me, that he is, and that the Honble Court of Directors meant he Should be esteemed in every Respect Commander in Chief and that his Appointment and Instructions has set aside every order given by any former Court of Directors relative to the Commander in Chief of the Forces, And as that he is Subject to no other Controul than that of the Court of Directors and the Superintending Commissioners in India, and lastly in their absence of the respective Presidents and Councils provided that the Orders of the respective Presidents and Councils shall not be contradictory to, or incompatible with any Orders he may receive from the said Commissioners of Council appointed to superintend direct controul &c.a all the Affairs of the East India Company, Civil & Military in India with whom he is to have a Seat & Voice as Commander in Chief of all the Forces in India when he Shall be in the Same place and whose Orders for his Operations, or who's Requisitions of his Presence are at all times to be complyed with, so soon as may be. This Superintending Commission surely revokes the Order of the 19th February 1766 respecting the military Command of the Governor, and it is likewise revoked by the Seal of the Company and by the hand writing of thirteen of the Directors in General Cootes Commission & the Orders relating thereto, for otherwise no Order could be addressed by the said Commissioners to General Coote as Commander in Chief of all the Forces in India. And it would be needless in them to make a Requisition of the Presence of an inferior Military Officer, when the Governor who

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is said to be the superior Military Officer is to be found in every Presidency.

This being the Opinion I formed of General Coote's appointment I gave it that the Arrangement of the Officers intended to be given out by him was not Subject to the Discussion of the Board for the following Reasons.

Because the forming the Infantry Battalions into two Brigades had been ordered by the Court of Directors in consequence of the Advice and Opinion of a Board of General Officers of which General Coote was a Member desired by the said Court to form & adjust the Troops on this Coast on such an Establishment as they by their long Experience & eminent Abilities in Military Affairs in this Country were enabled to recommend as best calculated for the Good of the Service, which Order of the Court of Directors left nothing in the present case to be discussed by the Board even in that Respect. But as to the Posting of the different Officers to compleat the Arrangement after their Commissions were ordered surely the Board could not with propriety interfere. General Coote in that Case would be a Cypher indeed. Besides the Directors in the General Letter Paragraph the 11th sufficiently in my Opinion put it out of the manner of doubt that the sole arrangement of the Troops, shall be left to him and that the Commissioners themselves have not the Power of altering any Military Regulations he may think proper to make or direct which being transmitted through the Channel of the Superintend? Commissioners or the Governor & Council where he may be to the other Presidencies are accordingly to be put in Execution Surely therefore when he is on the Spot he may

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himself enforce such Regulations as he may find necessary.

To the last Resolution of the Board which declares that the before Resolution of the Majority of the Board does by no means abrogate or lessen the Powers granted to General Coote in the 11th Paragraph of the General Letter of the 3d of January for forming & disciplining the Troops at the Several Presidencies on one uniform Plan, and to which I dissented. I have to observe that if General Coote is subject to the Orders of the Several Governors of Fort St George, Fort William, Bombay & Fort Marlborough as Commander in Chief of those Presidencies he by no means has it in his Power at any Place to establish any kind of Regulation or Discipline, and can only at the most act as Aquitant General by waiting on the Governor with written Plans of what he recommends which if <u>approved</u> would be carried into Execution and if not <u>rejected</u>. If he was to inforce or insist on those Regulations taking Place the said Governor as his Commanding Officer might put him under Arrest for mutiny. If this is ale the End that is intended to be answered by General Cootes being sent out the Company might as well have saved the Expence of such an Appointment and the Application to His Majesty for one of his Officers.

Draft of Letter to Sir John Lindsay in Answer to his of the 11th Instant is now read & approved as retined in the

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subsequent Diary and ordered to be wrote fair.

Read a Letter from Mr. Matthew Mills who came out a Cadet this Season No. 150 requesting Leave to resign the Service and to return to Europe which is Granted.

Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Poonamalee on Ensign Ralph Ford are now laid before the Board, the Charge against whom is for positive & repeated Disobedience of Orders in the Field of Exercise, within the Battalion was under Arms on Friday the 31st of August last By the Sentence of the Court he is judged Guilty of Disobedience of Orders in refusing to go for his Arms when ordered by his Commanding Officer (but not repeated) and dismiss the Service — At the same time in Consideration of his universal Good Character & Abilities & the many alleviating Circumstances which have appeared on the Trial added to the Rigorous and harsh Treatment which he has experienced the Court do unanimously recommend him to the Board as a very proper & worthy Object of their Lenity, and which the President is desired to enforce, and which the Board reports to the Board, the President of the Court Martial had accordingly done —

The Board approves of the foregoing Sentence passed on Ensign Ralph Ford; but in Consideration of the particular Recommendation of him by the Court and which appears to have been made with great Propriety: It is therefore Ordered that Ensign Ralph Ford be restored to his Rank & Standing in the Service.

At the same Time are laid before the Board the Proceedings of the same Court Martial held on Ensign Joseph Roberts, his Character being objected to by Sundry Officers who signed

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a Paper to that Purport at Poonamalee reflecting on his Behavior as being unbecoming the Part of a Gentleman in certain Matters which happened on Board the Ship that he came Passenger in from England — of which he is Acquitted by the Court; who are nevertheless of Opinion that the Gentlemen who Signed the Remonstrance had sufficient Reason to object to Mr Roberts Character from the exagerated Misrepresentations of his Behaviour which were circulated to his Prejudice — Which Sentence the Board approve.

The President acquaints the Board that Lieutenant Colonel Butler had informed him that Capt. Little had represented Mr William Keating who was some time since appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker as being void Negligence and Inattention very unfit for that Station — The President also acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from Mr Keating desiring to be informed of the Reason of his Commission's being detained.

Agreed that Mr Wynch be directed to cause a Court of Enquiry to be held at Mooer to enquire into the Character and Conduct of Mr Keating.

General Smith acquaints the Board that he has received several Letters from Captain Robert Godfrey expressing the most earnest Contrition for his Behaviour which was the Cause of his Loss of Rank; & in which General Smith believes him to be Sincere and as he is a very Active and Good Officer General Smith requests that the Board will take his Case into Consideration and restore him to his former Rank —

Agreed that Captain Robert Godfrey be

restored

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restored to his former Rank & Standing in the Service.

An Indent for Medicines for the Garrison of Madura lais before the Board is referred to the Surgeons.

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Angus of the Lord Mansfield had consented to take on board one hundred Recruits for Bengale

Ordered that that Number be held in Readiness to embark accordingly.

Jos: Du Pré
Warren Hastings.
Joseph Smith
Sam Sydenham
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
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The following Letter to Sir John Lindsay having been
yesterday read and approved is now sent to him.

To Sir John Lindsay
Commander in Chief of
His Majestys Ships in
India

Sir

Letter to Sir John Lindsay

We hope it cannot be imputed to Us that the Correspondence on Subjects proposed by you is become voluminous. As far as appears to Us it is voluntary on your part, on Ours it is Necessity: for we are the parties called upon & you are the conniver at Liberty not to urge — But being urged we are compelled by the Nature of our Charge to a Defence. Had We replied to the first Letter you honored Us with in the Laconick Style you think might have suffice We should probably have subjected Ourselves to the Imputation of Disrespect to His Majestys Representative; and all the Reasons you offer in Support of Your Proposition might have been taken as unanswerable and as Proofs of our Continuacy. Whereas We hope & believe that when the Arguments We have Used in Support of our Conduct are candidly considered we Shall Stand fully justified in the Eyes of all impartial Men. For these Reasons however desirous we may be of ending this Correspondence We think Ourselves bound in Justice to the Cause we Support to Reply at large to the Letter you have done Us the Honor to write under Date the 11th Inst. In your Letter of the 22d August You expressed your Disapprobation of disputing about Terms and Words. Had the same Sentiment occurred in reading our

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Letter of the 3d. August, or in writing the Letter which We have now the Honor to reply to we perswade Ourselves the Sense of the Words "Effort to avoid" would have appeared to clear, that you could not have mistaken the Meaning and if they do not naturally imply an Aversion or Disinclination to an act. We confess ourselves ignorant of the Meaning — Permit us to hazard a Conjecture. You might possibly have received some Secret Informations which operated so efficaciously to the Purposes for which they were given that you thought you had discovered a concealed Meaning which never was Ours could be intended or implyed by Our Words — That you had an Intimation of this kind your next Paragraph gives ample Proof, for You there inform Us that our having given Assurances to Hyder Ally that We will support him in Danger was the Cause of Your Recommending to Us a Reconsideration of the 11th Art. of the Treaty of Paris As it was not from Us that You learnt what Assurances we had given to Hyder Ally the Information must have reached You from some other Quarter and with such Circumstances probably as obtained full Credit and induced You to impute to Us Intentions of wantonly entering into a War. As we do not think Ourselves at Liberty (for Reasons which will hereafter appear) to explain what Assurances we have given or why We have given them we shall content Ourselves with saying that perhaps the Time may come when You will be convinced that to judge upon the Evidence of an Interested Party is to judge partially — and that the Term wanton is harsh & unmerited. In this Instance however we have already Our Proof of what We suggested in a former Letter that Candour in You cannot guard us against the Effect of Misrepresentation.

You

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You are pleased to give us the strongest assurances of your Readiness to co-operate with us, should the Necessities of the Company's Affairs require the assistance of the Crown or the Sanction of the Royal authority, to extricate them out of Difficulties, to regain lost Consequence to add Vigor to our Measures and Weight to all our Transactions you appeal to us whether this is not a proper Time to lay aside all Prejudices, and to accept of the Assistance of the Crown, you invite us to Join our Efforts to Yours to Serve the Publick & you conclude with observing that if after these Declarations there should remain any Appearances of Separate Interests the unbiassed and unprejudiced part of Mankind will exculpate His Majesty's Servants.

These Declarations are so Strong and so pointed that to Persons wholly unacquainted with antecedent Facts and Circumstances we should certainly appear inexcusable were we to delay one Moment to accept with the utmost Thankfulness the Offers you now make us. But it is necessary that we should first understand what is meant by those Offers: because we must take the Liberty to say that what you have written upon this Subject is not so plain as to leave us without a Doubt as to your Intention.

In a subsequent part of the Letter before us. You use these remarkable words: "I am extremely sorry that You have "thought it incompatible with your Duty to comply with "my repeated Solicitations" — Solicitations (as the Context explains them) of our Acceptance of the Assistance of the Crown, and the Sanction of our Sovereign's Name

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Shall sensibly feel the Severity of the Charges contained in these Words and We request Sir You will shew us what part of our Correspondence Wee have repeated Solicitations appear on your Part or where We refuse to comply with them and reject the proffered Assistance of the Crown and the Sanction of our Sovereigns Name. We must use the Freedom to say that Aspertions Direct or Indirect which thus call in Question our Loyalty to our King and imply such a Disregard to the Interests of our Employers should not have been advanced unless you had Proofs to support them. If you have now wile no doubt produce them. In the mean Time to remove every Doubt of the Integrity of our present Intent[n] We Declare. We Shall always gratefully accept His Majesty's Assistance & Shall be as ready to give every Proof of our Submission to His Commands that Shall be consistent with the Duty we owe to our Constituents; and We are happy in the Conviction that He will accept such Testimonies as Proofs of our Allegiance. We have carefully read over & examined all the Letters which have past between us in Order to discover the Passages on which this Accusation may be grounded, nor can we find a Syllable that has the least Relation or Tendency to it. It is true that in your first Letter you invite us to attend you in Council His Majesty's Letter and Presents to the Nabob which he declined; and in your Letter of the 10th August you call upon us, on His Majesty's Name for a full & Succinct Account of all our Transactions with the Nabob of Arcott since the late Treaty of Paris, to assist in your Enquiry into the Causes of the late War with the Soubah of the Deccan and Hyder Alley. This too we refused not choosing to submit our Conduct and Characters to a Tribunature so most

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to Us and so foreign to our Laws; or to expose the Records of the Company to your Examination, without their Sanction. — The whole of our Correspondence is employed upon these Subjects, in Explanations of the 11th article of the Treaty of Paris and of other Matters. Misconstructions and Expressions which arose occasionally out of those Subjects, with general Assurances of Support and Protection on your Side and of Thankfulness on Ours. Your repeated Solicitations cannot certainly allude to the two Propositions beforementioned for they can hardly be quoted as Offers of Assistance or Proofs of a Desire to increase the Influence of the Company, by the Sanction of their Sovereigns Name. Those Propositions we have never considered as Offers but as Requisitions.

You are now pleased formally to offer Us His Majesty's Assistance and you have pointed out the Ends of that Assistance but not the Means by which it is to be given. These you have left to our Conjecture, and We conclude of Course that the Assistance intended, is that of your Advice, or in other Words a Junction with Us in Our Councils; because had We not in the most express manner declared our ready and willing Acceptance of every Naval Assistance You can give Us, whenever it shall be necessary, the remarkable Manner in which you have repeatedly insisted on pacific Measures leaves us no room to suppose that you mean an Offer of the Aid of His Majesty's Naval Force under Your Command, especially at this Time when there is no immediate Service that calls for it. — If this Junction in our Councils be the Intent of your present Solicitation, We are sorry to say

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that We do think it incompatible with our Duty to comply with it. But as You have been pleased to make it in such forcible terms, as seem to imply that the Existence of the Company Depends on our Acquiescence it becomes therefore necessary for our Justification that We should unfold the Real Cause of our Hesitation & then leave the unbiassed and unprejudiced part of Mankind to judge. In doing this We own ourselves under some Difficulties for want of Materials But We trust that an Appeal to your Candour will supply the Defect.

We have read in the publick News Papers and Pamphlets and in private Letters that before you left England Propositions were made by the Ministry to the Court of Directors to this Effect: That His Majesty's Commander in Chief should be invested with Plenipotentiary Powers and should have a Share in the Deliberations and Resolutions of the Company's Representatives with Regard to Peace & War. From the same kind of Information we understand that these Propositions were by the Court of Directors communicated to a Generalcourt of Proprietors and after full & mature Deliberation and Discussion were formally rejected. We acknowledge that we have not from the Court of Directors the least Intimation of these Transactions and therefore tho We do not quote Our Information as authentick but we beg Leave to appeal to Yourself whether such Transactions between the Ministry and the Company had not passed before You left England. And if it be true that they did have We not just Cause to be alarmed at the Appearance here of plenipotentiary Powers from the Crown? If the Company had entertained the least Idea that such Powers would have been sent they w.d undoubtedly

undoubtedly have given us proper Instructions for our Conduct. They might have done so with Confidence as they have the best Opportunities of consulting the ablest Professors of the Law and ascertaining the Extent of their Rights. We have no such means in India. Our own Reason alone therefore must be our Guide and Our Reason suggests to us that even if the Proposition made to the Company was merely an Application for their Opinion of the Expediency of investing you with such Powers and an Act of Condescention on the Ministry and that the Company's Assent were not necessary, nevertheless if it were the Purpose of the Ministry that you should be of the use as you are pleased to inform us and not of the least Prejudice to the real Interests of the Company and therefore to force this Measure on the Company as a real Benefit contrary to their Inclination the End might have been answered by an open Communication of the Intention to the Company than by the Secret Method adopted which, it might well have been conceived could not fail to alarm & perplex us their Uninstructed Servants. As the Case is whatever the Intention were in granting those Powers and in granting them Secretly. We experience the Effects already in the loss of our former Consequence and Influence — to regain them and to give Vigor to Our Measures you are pleased to offer us the Assistance of the Crown and the Sanction of the Royal Authority and to that End you assure us of your Readiness to co-operate with us; and invite us to join our Efforts to yours to serve the Publick. Proceeding still upon a Supposition that the Information we have quoted, of what had passed between the Ministry and the Company be true permit us to ask whether you

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think it can consist with the Duty We owe to the Company knowingly to assent to Propositions to which they refused their Assent — We beg to be understood we do not mean to controvert the Right of the Crown to grant the Powers you are invested with from the Crown — That is a Point beyond our Ability but we have no Doubt of the Companys Right to admit or not to admit the Assent of the Crown to a Share in the Deliberations and Resolutions of their Representatives, and that Proposition as we have already said having as we believe been formally made by the Ministry to the Company and as formally rejected. We conceive that we cannot consistently with Our Trust as Servants of the Company admit what they refused. And we must add that We find it difficult we to reconcile to the Ideas we have always entertained of the Honor & Dignity of Administration the Offer now made which we consider as a Requisition to be admitted to Share in our Deliberations knowing that the Company had refused the like Proposition. For if it be supposed that our Constituents had advised us thereof and of their Resolution; it must of Course be inferred that we could not assent to Your Proposition contrary thereto. And if it be supposed that the Company had not communicated those Transactions to Us as not suspecting that after what had passed in England the same would be again renewed here; Is it possible that there could exist an Intention in the Ministry to draw us inadvertently into an Acquiescence with what our Constituents had rejected? We know not. We say how to reconcile those Measures with the Dignity of Government or the Interest of the Company. We must therefore of Necessity conclude that more is intended than appears to Us. And we think that a

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cursory Review of what hath passed of late between the Nawaby and the Company may well warrant such Apprehension.

We have already in our Letter of the 7th August apprized you that we shall take the Liberty to request your Advice and Assistance the moment we shall see even a distant Prospect of the Expediency of any Marine Expedition. So far our Instructions authorize and command Us: We shall therefore on all such Occasions solicit Your Counsel & Aid. If the Assistance of the Crown which You are pleased to offer has any Object beyond this in View We know not, as We have already said: what it is unless it be the Assistance of your Advice and Opinion in Our political Deliberations; if it be so, — however desirous We might be of benefitting Ourselves by your Advice as an Individual We beg Leave to repeat that We do not think Ourselves at Liberty to admit His Majesty's Officer to share in our Deliberations as Representatives of the Company because that Proposition was, as We understand made to our Constituents in England, and by them rejected.

If we had in our Letter of the 16th August used the Word Proudar in such a Manner as to an indifferent Reader might have implied the Sense You give it which we think it cannot; yet to an impartial Reader We think the Explanation of Our Meaning given in our Letter of the 3d Instant might have removed every Doubt especially as in a prior Letter of the 7th August We speak of the Nabob as lawful Nabob of the Carnatick and say the Acknowledgement of that Title was a point which never admitted of a Doubt with Us. nevertheless you resume this Subject in a very important & serious

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Manner quote the authorities by which he derives the Title of Nabob. and tell us it was natural to think We should never have denied him that Title of Courtesy — As if We had really denied him that Title. What can We infer from this manner of wresting Our Words to purposes which they cannot by any natural Construction express or imply. but that you have unknowingly imbibed Prejudices which shew every thing We do or say thro' a false Medium. — However Sir We are willing to give you all the Advantage that the Subject can afford and We therefore acknowledge that we did Speak of the Carnatick as a Phoudary and said that by the Constitution of the Empire the Nabobs or more properly Phoudars of the Carnatick were never Sovereign & independant — That Nabob is a Title of Courtesy, and not of Office — And that the present Nabob holds his Government independant of the Decan but dependant on the Empire and that he himself acknowledges and professes that Dependance — All this we said — all this We repeat — and what quantum valere potest.

Our Conduct towards the Nabob since your Arrival has not differed from that which We held towards him before your Arrival — The Conversation of the Company's Servants is a Charge so general and so vague, as cannot admit of a particular Reply. We can however and do affirm that not a word of what you have written to Us or We to You hath been by Us or by our Means communicated to him. It would remove Our Doubts if You would do us the favor to give Us the like plain & precise Assurance on Your Part.

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You are pleased to tell Us you do
Cause again to take Notice of the Powers with which
His Majesty has honored you, and you inform Us
that they are Under Our Sovereign Hand and the
Great Seal of Great Britain. You have informed
Us it is your Intention to write as plain as possible
permit Us to do so likewise and to say that Since
We are not conscious or can discover any thing we
have said to make the Repetition of them necessary
We know not why we are told so pointedly that the
Commission is under Our Sovereigns Hand and the
Great Seal of Great Britain unless it be to Strike Terror
and restrain Us from a liberal Discussion of the Subjects
before Us — To remove even the most distant appearance
of Disrespect to Our Sovereign whom We honor & revere We
beg Leave to declare that we mean all Duty, Submission,
and Allegiance to him, and that We acknowledge in its
utmost Extent that Wise and Constitutional Axiom
The King can do no Wrong. — But we are not
so unread in the Annals of our Country as not to know
that the Minister may do wrong and that it is the Right
of the Subject to remonstrate to the Throne against such
wrong — We have said before & we repeat that if an
Opportunity had been given to the Company to instruct
Us in the Part they would have Us to take in Respect to
your Powers and the Proposition of admitting you to a
share in our Deliberations and Resolutions We should
have confined ourselves simply to our Instructions
without offering one Reason for or against. But deprived
as We are of that aid by the Secret Manner in which Your
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Powers and Instructions have been expressly lodged here in the Plans of the Company, charged with their Interests which it is at least as much our Duty to defend as it is Yours to fulfill Your Commission — It is the faithful Discharge of this our Duty which gives Us Cause to dread the Rod of Ministerial Power. For if the Ministry had not Power & Influence enough at home to awe or perswade the Company into a Compliance with their Views and therefore sought to accomplish them on the Company's uninstructed Servants abroad: may not the Disappointment draw on Us their severest Resentment? You will pardon Us if we should chance to be wrong in our Conjecture, but left as we are in the Dark we cannot perswade Ourselves that the Ministry would so far have descended from the Dignity of Government as to propose to Us (knowing Us to be uninstructed) what our Constituents have rejected without Some great but concealed Design: and when We recollect that the Questions whether the Company have a Right to hold Territorial Possession & whether their Charter has not been forfeited have been warmly agitated and left undetermined We think there is Cause enough for Apprehension that if such unequal Powers as those from the Crown and those from the Company were once joined the Stronger like Aaron's Rod would swallow up the weaker.

We have in a former Letter admitted that the Sanction and Support of the Crown would add great Weight to the Company if that Support & Sanction were given in the manner it has heretofore been given: The Power of the Crown then in India to Land

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and Naval added real Strength to the Company and yet the Officer of the Crown had not independant Powers and the Company's Representatives were allowed the Lead. The Real Strength now offered us is a Frigate and a Sloop of War, and were it still less we should willingly & respectfully accept it. If Besides this in offering us the Sanction & Support of the Crown Low mean a Participation in our Deliberations and Resolutions We have spoke to that Subject already to which We beg leave to refer.

Upon little more than a Months Experience in the Political Interests, Connexions, Views and Detentions in this Part of India you thought yourself warranted to impute to us an Intention of wantonly involving the Carnatick in War. Whilst We were conscious of intending the direct Contrary. You have also thought proper indirectly to infer that We had not the real Interests of the Company at Heart, because your Construction of the Word "acknowledge" did not appear so plain to us as to You. — Thus do we and are great Discouragements to us because they give us Room to apprehend that the like harsh Construction may be given to all our Transactions but without descending to Explanations Your independant Powers & Secret Negociations together with Our Sense of the Measures of the Ministry as herein before expressed are the greatest Discouragements that can be to us in the Course of the Duties of our Charge.

When you quote our Words so emphatically and tell us You perfectly concur with us that

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the true Meaning of the word inevitable is Something which it is not in our Power to avoid' that You are convinced that "We" whose Actions have been so much directed for the publick Good and who can stand with Confidence in "the Face" of a judicial Enquiry have no Cause to be under any Apprehensions, though in a former Letter you hint at those who will Disown the Rod of Power and every Page of your last Letter indirectly contradicts the plain & simple Meaning of this invaded Compliment; When you Indecently congratulate the happy People who live under the Direction of those who are at all times so ready chearfully to submit themselves their Lives and Fortunes to Secure the Rights and Privileges of their Fellow Subjects: forgetting that those Virtues are not peculiar to High Station. That even a Servant of the East India Company may possess them and that they are unworthy the Name of Briton who possess them not: We Say when You thus Deviate from the Gravity of your Subject We hope You will excuse Us if we do not reply in the same Style - so unsuited to the Occasion and to Our Feelings — Where you are pleased to write with that Plainness which You profess We Shall think it our Duty to answer You in as ample a manner as the Subject may require: and Shall be happy if by a liberal & ingenuous Discussion of the Points in which we differ We can any way attain to the End We Should aim at in the Restoration of that Confidence and Harmony which have hitherto reigned between the Officers of the Crown and the Company's Representatives. But you will pardon Us Sir, if we observe that Personal Reflections distant Hints and ironical Expressions can stand to no other

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purpose than to provoke Opposition and perpetuate Dif
ferences.

Although We cannot hope that this Correspondence will end here We sincerely wish it were brought to a Conclusion for besides that we may be exposed to the Danger of having every inadvertent Word construed to our Disadvantage Our other Avocations are so many and so great that we cannot give the requisite Attention to these Discussions without neglecting other Affairs of more immediate Advantage to the Company — We beg that nothing We have said may be understood to have any Personal Aim We mean only to Justify Ourselves & to support the Cause with which We are entrusted & in doing so not to deviate from that Respect which is due to You & with which We have the Honor to be

Sir.

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25th September 1770.

Your most obedient and
most Humble Servants
Jos. Du Pre
Ve.a Council

26th The following Letters were this Day wrote.

N. 122 To Alex. Wynch Esq. chief at Mahalipatam

N. 123 To Fort William advising of the Permits embarked on the Lord Mansfield.

N 124 To M.r Colsford Resident at Ganjam regarding Lieutenant Brule.

At

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Saturday 29th Sept.

At a Consultation. Present
Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor President
Warren Hastings. Joseph Smith
Samt. Sidley. John Smith.
George Stratton. Henry Brooke
Richd. Brickenden. George. Mackay

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors to go by Ship Lapwing read & signed.

ORDERED that the Packet be closed to be kept in Readiness to put on board the said Ship on her arrival.

Jos: DuPré
Warren Hastings
Joseph Smith
Sam Sydley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton.
Henry Brooke
Richd. Brickendon
Geo: Mackay

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Wrote this Day a Letter to Bombay N 125 in answer to the one received from thence Dated 20th. August.

Tuesday 2d. October.

At a Consultation. Present.
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor. President
Warren Hastings. Joseph Smith
Samuel Ardley. John Smith.
George Stratton. Henry Brooke
Richd. Brickenden. George Mackay.

Read the following Letter from Sir John Lindsay.

Josias Du Pre Esqr. Pres.dt & Gov.
Council &c.

Madrass 29th. Sept. 1770.

Gentlemen

Letter from Sir John Lindsay, in answer to the Boards of the 25th. September.

I have had the Honor of receiving Yours of the 25th. Instant And permit me to say, I should be exceedingly sorry to be concious of having given Cause for those Signs of warmth which evidently appear thro' the whole Letter. I wish above all things to avoid Personality. I thought I never had: neither do I ever mean to use a harsh Expression; nor shall the most-pointed Severity provoke me to Retaliation. If we have misunderstood one another in any Part of Expression of our former Letters it may be our Misfortune I scarce think the intentional part can with Justice be ascribed to either. And as few words are least liable to be misapplied in answering those Passages of Yours which appear to me to require it I shall endeavor to be as concise as possible.

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A Share in your Councils and to bear the smallest Part in your Deliberations I have not sought neither do I wish to have. But as I have been charged with a very important Commission from His Majesty, which both my Instructions & Inclination make me wish to make as useful to the Company as possible and that I might do this in the most effectual Manner I have over & over again repeated my Desire to be honored by the Assistance of your Councils. I do not from the least Pretensions to long Experience in the Politicks of this Country in which you must be perfectly conversant Therefore after I had acquainted you with the Power with which His Majesty had been pleased to honor me I wished you to communicate your Ideas of its Political State to assist me in executing this important Commission in such a Manner as might best serve the Interests of your Constituents: and I was ready to conform to your Opinion as far as possible consistent with my Duty. It would have made me happy to have gained your Confidence, and your Concurrence in any Attempt of mine to be useful might have been of such real Advantage that I repeated my Solicitations for this Purpose. I acknowledge from the very first Time of my mentioning the Subject I perceived that I had very little reason to expect what I so much desired. This naturally led me to suppose that you might think it incompatible with your Duty to grant it: and it gave me great Concern. But to enforce my Argument in my last Letter I took the Liberty to say that I could see no inconsistency in the Company's accepting the Assistance of the Crown even in Negociation

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...mission.

Cannot conceive how the Company's Influence can be diminished by the Sanction of the King's Name.

neither could I conceive how it was possible their influence could be diminished by the Sanction of their Sovereign's Name.

Forgive me Gentlemen I wish at this time particularly to Speak with the greatest Delicacy, when I tell you that before I left England the Affairs of the East India Company were by no means thought to be in a prosperous way. It was for this Reason the Proprietors judged a superintending Commission necessary. And His Majesty from an earnest Desire to protect His Subjects and to do justice to his Allies in every part of the World likewise thought proper to appoint a particular Commission to enquire how far the Eleventh Article of the Treaty of Paris had been complied with in India according to the Stipulations he had entered into with other European Powers: And when Princes bind themselves by solemn Treaties and when Crowned Heads enter into mutual Engagements for the respective Interests and good of their People: Enquiries how far these are complied with I humbly apprehend come with great Propriety from the Throne.

Urges the Propriety of the Crown's interfering in Matters regarding the 11th Article of the Treaty of Paris.

Long before I came to Madras The Treaty you had concluded with Hyder Ally wherein you promised mutual Assistance in Case the Countrys of either should be attacked was no Secret to me and Since that time also before my arrival here I had incontestable Proofs of your promising him Assistance if in Danger. Now will forgive me Gentlemen That I did not appear to me to prove that you had Used every Effort to avoid a War with the Morattas This also may serve to clear up another point: That the Suspicions you are pleased to

Conceives that by our having promised Assistance to Hyder if in Danger he had not used our utmost Endeavors to avoid a War.

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expreſs of the Secret Informations and miſrepreſentations of malevolent perſons with the Effect they have had upon me are equally unjuſt.

Your Treaty with Nizam Ally Cawn to aſſiſt him on certain Conditions. And the Claims the Marattas have made for the like Purpoſes, joined to this new Alliance made me ſuppoſe that there was a Poſſibility of your affairs having been in ſuch a Situation where even the moſt neceſſary Meaſures might have led you into Difficulties; eſpecially as I thought theſe different Intereſts could ſcarce ever be united except againſt the Carnatick & the Company. This I acknowledge may be owing to my being unacquainted with the Political Intereſts, Views, Connexions, and Diſputions in this Part of India. However as I thought that the Sanction of your Sovereigns Name and the Weight of his Authority might be of ſome Uſe to you even in Negociation It was my Duty to offer it; and I repeat it again that if you think the concurrence of the Crown can be of the leaſt Service to You I am ready to exert the Powers I am entruſted with to ſerve the Company or to aſſiſt you their Repreſentatives to the Utmoſt of my Abilities.

offers the ſanction of the Crown to promote the Company's Intereſts.

With Reſpect to the Conſequence and Influence you have loſt ſince I came here I know nothing of the Matter. The Conſequence & Influence of the Company, which I thought the Countenance of the Crown might be uſeful in regaining, was ſuppoſed to be greatly diminiſhed, long before I left England. And indeed ſince I came to India and even before I came to Madraſs, I have had ſeveral Reaſons to be of that Opinion.

apprehends that the Company had loſt great Part of their Influence before his Arrival

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When I said War wantonly entered into was one of the most destructive measures which could be embraced by a commercial Body: It was no part of my Intention to make the Application personal And I flatter myself it will never be made to your with Justice. Nevertheless the Axiom is just and if you think of it abstractly you will allow it.

In the course of our Correspondence you have been pleased to mention Secret Powers, Inquisitorial Powers, overruling Power Ministerial Rod &c. For these Reasons I thought it necessary to mention them again to tell you directly what those Powers were: That they were by your Sovereigns Authority and under the great Seal of the Nation not designed nor ever to be applied as a ministerial Rod.

The revealing them to you and my soliciting your Concurrence in the Execution proves that it was no Intention of mine to make them Secrets neither does it shew an Inclination to over-rule, and Surely when the Enquiries were immediately made to yourselves you will allow the mode of Application to be generous.

I never called in Question your Loyalty to your Sovereign neither have I said you disregarded the Interests of your Employers. Look over my Letters again Gentlemen coolly if you please and adhere to the plain direct & obvious Signification of the words and let them be applied to the Purposes which they really express I flatter myself you will then make a different Application.

As I have plainly told you that it is no part of my Intention either to ask for a Share in your

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your Deliberations or a Seat in your Councils the whole Reasoning on this Subject is answered. Therefore as I have no Business with, I beg Leave to decline entering into any Disputes that might have been or may be between Administration & the Company. And as I have said enough to convince You that Your Conjectures are not always right; You will forgive me if I take no Notice of them for the future: especially as they might lead to disagreable Altercations which I chuse to avoid.

Declines answering the Question regarding the Application of the Ministry in England.

To bring our Argument to a Conclusion as soon as possible and that my meaning & Intention may be no longer a Doubt give me Leave to sum up the whole in a few words. You were Apprehensive of a War. I wished for Peace as I knew it was the Intention of Government to preserve it: And we both Agreed that it would be for the real Interests of the Company. You were afraid that your utmost Efforts would be insufficient to prevent a War. Suffer me then Gentlemen to put this plain simple Question to you. Do you think that the Sanction of His Majesty's Name can have any Influence or be of any Advantage in negociating with the Powers of this Country, in order to bring about so desirable an End? This is the Assistance I have taken the Liberty to offer: and from the high Notions the People here have of the power of the Prince & consequently I thought it might be of some Use. Surely when the King lends his Name to give Sanction to a Negociation or Treaty it never can diminish the Influence of the Party whose Interests he espouses. Therefore I beg Leave to repeat it again

That

Whether we think the Sanction of the Crown will be of any Use in our Negociations.

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that I have His Majesty's Authority and plenipotentiary Powers from the Crown to execute any Treaty with the Powers of this Country which may be judged necessary to preserve Peace in India: which is the great object of the eleventh Article of the Definitive Treaty – And if you will be pleased to lend me your Assistance that these Powers may be applied to the best Advantage I shall be much obliged to You.

I hope there is no Occasion to apologize for any Expression in my Letter as I am conscious no part of it has a personal Aim – I have studied to be civil, I wish to be polite and it is my desire to convince you with what Respect I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant.
John Lindsay

Agreed that an Answer to the foregoing Letter be prepared: and that a Copy of the Correspondence that may pass before the Arrival of the Lapwing be made to be sent in a Seperate Packet to the Court of Directors.

The Proceedings of the Court Martial held at Poonamalee on the following Persons are now read Viz.t

Prisoners	Crimes	Sentence
Samuel Hinton Private	Desertion	Death – but recommended to Mercy
John Haigh Ensign	Unbecoming Gentlemanlike Behaviour	Dismissed the Service
Henry Fowke Ensign	D.o	Acquitted honorably
Peter Chollett Cadet	D.o	Dismissed but recomn.d
John Adams Private	Desertion	500 Lashes

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The Board approve of the foregoing Sentences: but in consideration of the Recommendation of the Court in favor of Samuel Kenton. It is Agreed that he be pardoned. It is also Resolved that Mr Peter Chollett who is recommended by the Court be put last on the List of Cadets of this Season, and that he be not promoted or restored to his former Standing untill by his Behavior he shall appear Deserving thereof.

It appearing to the Board by the Proceedings held on Mr. Peter Chollett that the Behavior of Mr. Thomlinson Chief Mate of the Stafford was very unbecoming in having horse-whipped and otherways ill treated Mr. Chollett on board, since if Mr Chollett's Conduct were improper it was by no means the Business of Mr Thomlinson to chastise him for it but that he ought to have made Complaint to the Captain. It is therefore Agreed that Captain Lisle be directed to reprimand Mr. Thomlinson publickly on the Quarter Deck for such his Behavior.

Agreed that Mr. John Haigh be allowed eight Pagodas Pr. Month for Subsistance & House Rent untile an Opportunity offers of sending him to England.

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from Mr Dawson at Cuddalore advising that Lieutenant Charles Watt died there the 30th Ult.

As most of the Officers and Cadets appointed from England are now arrived and the List from the Court of Directors setting forth the Order in which they are to take Rank being received the following Statement of the Establishment is now made out and the following Appointments are made to compleat the same, And Commissions are

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are ordered to be made out accordingly.

Statement of the Establishment of European Infantry & Topoys.

	Capt.	Lieut.	Ens.
At present on the List	12	88	68
Arrived and expected from England	22	36	1
	61	124	69
Establishment will require	51	138	151
There will then be above the Establishment	10	—	—
Wanting to compleat	"	14	85
To be appointed in consequence	5	14	99

		Date of Rank
o Nicholas Weller	Captain of Infantry	26th June 1770
o William Douglas	Do.	27th Do.
o Charles Fraser	Do.	28th Do.
o John Mc. Dougal	Do.	29th Do.
o Arthur Lysaght	Do.	30th Do.
o Robert Wood	Do.	1st July 1770.
o William Russell	Do.	2d Do.
o George Tolland	Do.	4th Do.
o Charles Bassett	Do.	5th Do.
o Robert Chisholme	Do.	6th Do.
Robert Gibbings	Do.	7 Do.
o William Aitton	Do.	8 Do.
Patrick Barclay	Do.	9 Do.
o Patrick Buchan	Do.	10 Do.
o Thomas Bridges	Do.	11 Do.
Timothy Mackarell	Do.	12 Do.
o Herman Peter Smith	Do.	13 Do.
o Robert Long	Do.	14 Do.

o James

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o James Dingtown	Captain of Infantry		15th July 1770.
John Wolfe	do		16th do.
James Johnstone	do		17th do.
William Dayy	Lieut. of Infantry		29th June 1770
o George Philip Hooke	do		30th do.
Samuel Hoare	do		1st July 1770
o William Prosper Popple	do		2d do.
o John Barry	do		3d do.
o Abernethy Cargil	do		4th do.
o John Fletcher	do		5 do
o George Campbell	do		7th do
o John Barber	do		8 do
o William Peart	do		9 do.
John Christopher	do		10 do
Luke Hudson	do		11 do.
o Roger Browne	do		12 do.
o George Clarke	do		13 do.
o David Ross	do		14 do.
o Robert Temple	do		15 do.
William Fleming	do		16 do.
John Walker	do		17 do.
o James Phillips	do		18 do.
o Thomas Riard	do		19 do.
o Henry Watson	do		20 do.
o James Coutts	do		21 do.
o Henry Hearst	do		22 do.
o John Daniell	do		23 do.
o Primrose Thompson	do		24 do.
Spencer Cotgrave	do		25 do.

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o Bart

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	o Basil. Monteith	Lieut. of Infantry	26th. July 1770
	o Harcourt Woodhouse	do	27th. do
	o Richard Tolson	do	28th. do
	o Frederick Desaguliers	do	29th. do
	Samuel Jeffreys	do	30th. do
	John Dupont	do	31st. do
	o James O'Hara	do	1st. August 1770.
	o Clotworthy Thompson	do	2d. do
	o Hugh Montgomery	do	3d. do
	o John Cuppage	do	4th. do
Lieuts	Benton Sedgwicke	do	24th. September 1770
	Robt Spearman Bate	do	25 do
	Archer Arnold Langley	do	26 do
	David McClintock	do	27 do
	James Darke	do	28 do
	Humphry Harding	do	29 do
	Eugene O. Neal	do	30th. do
	William Champneys	do	1st. October 1770
	George Powell	do	2 do
	Ralph John Campbell	do	3 Do
	James Lye	do	4 Do
	William Este	do	5 Do
	Donald Campbell	do	6 do
	Arthur Owen	do	7 do
	James Seaman	Ensign	28th. August 1770
	o Ralph Ford	do	29 do
	o Robert Doyle	do	30th. do
	o Noble Samuel Wright Abbot	do	1st. Sept. 1770
	o Richard Brokes	do	2d. do
	o John Watkins	do	3d. do

o John

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o John Mc. Mahon	Ensign	1st Sept. 1770
o Richd. Delafield	do.	5 Sept. do.
o John North	do	6th do
o Robt. Scott	do	7th do
o Thomas Cotton	do	8 do
o Charles Stephens	do	9 do
o Henry Locke	do	10 do
o Thomas Mack	do	11 do
o Alexander Sutherland	do	12 do
o Richd. Clementson	do	13 do
o Edward Carey	do	14 do
o Walter Douglas	do	16th do
o Joseph Roberts	do	17 do
o John Palk	do	18 do
o John Snelling	do	19 do
o John Redhead	do	20 do
o Joseph Warborne	do	21 do
o Henry Lucin	do	22 do
o William Patterson	do	23 do
o Alexander Montgomery	do	24 do
o Henry Speke	do	25 do
Arthur Duncan	do	26 do
o Samuel Stanton Junr.	do	27 do
o Arthur Crawford	do	28 do
o Peter Vidal	do	29 do
o William Flint	do	30 do
o James Frail	do	1st Oct. 1770
o John Bellis	do	2d do
o James David Mallock	do	3 do
o George Browne Taylor	do	4 do

o John

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o John Clarke	Ensign	5th Oct. 1770
Robert Todd	do	6 Do.
o William Goddard	do	7 do.
o Tho.s Townsend	do	8. do
William Johnstone	do	9 do.
o Robert Hecan	do	10 do.
Thomas Robinson	do	11 do.
Mark Shuells	do	12 do.
o Tho. Dunwoody	do	13 do.
Daniel Mc. Neale	do	14 do.
o William Douglas	do	15 do.
o Robert Crooker	do	16 do.
Lauchlin Mackinnon	do	17 do.
_____ Cunningham	do	18 do.
o Chas. Hatfield	do	19 do.
o Thomas Cragg	do	20 do.
o Robert Mc. Neale	do	21 do.
o Thomas Douglas	do	22 do.
o Archibald Malcolm	do	24 do.
o Alexander Moire	do	25 do.
o Patrick Kirwin	do	26 do.
Robert Forbes	do	27 do.
Chas. Laston Woodhouse	do	28 do.
o William Read	do	29 do.
o Ambrose Conyne	do	30 do.
o George Fotheringham	do	31 do.
o John Scanlan	do	1st Novr. 1770.
o Hamilton Harmean	do	2d do.
o Thomas Knox	do	3d do.
o Stephen Towns	do	4th do.

o Samuel

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o	Samuel Rogers	Ensign	5th	Novr 1770.
	Mervin Matthews	Dr	6	Do.
o	John Bomford	Dr	7	Dr
o	John Cox	Dr	8	Dr
o	George Wahab	Dr	9	Do.
o	Archibald Cagle	Dr	10	Do.
o	Robert Hope	Dr	11	Dr
	George Waight	Dr	12	Do.
o	Arthur Stuart	Dr	13	Dr
o	Nathaniel Dawes	Dr	14	Do.
	John Mulock	Dr	15	Dr
o	Chas. Darke	Dr	16	Do.
o	Dugald Campbell	Dr	17	Dr
	Harrison	Dr	18	Do.
	John Stewart	Dr	19	Dr
o	George Binney	Dr	20	Dr
o	Thomas Leighton	Do	21	Dr
o	James Oliver	Dr	22	Dr
o	Richd Gibbons	Dr	23	Do.
o	Samuel Sparkes	Dr	24	Dr
o	Richardson Gibbons	Dr	25	Do.
o	Richard Eastland	Dr	26	Dr
	James Ruffell	Dr	27	Do.
o	Alexr Ferrier	Dr	28	Dr
	James Burn	Dr	29	Do.
	Peter Richd Pease	Dr	30	Dr
o	Edward Pearce	Dr	1st	Decr 1770
	Charles Barnes	Dr	2d	Dr
	William Hodgson	Dr	3	Dr
	Richd Graves	Dr	4	Do.

Francis

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Francis Kempson	Ensign	5th Dec. 1770
o Benjamin Sandell	d°.	6 d°.
o John Pringle	d°.	7 d°.
Graves	d°.	8 d°.

N.B. Those marked thus o are arrived in India.

Engineering Corps

		Date of Rank
Patrick Ross	Principal & Lieut Colonel	15th Sept. 1770
Archibald Mitchell	Director & Major	15 Sept. 1770
Philip Pittman	Sub Director & Captain	
William Campbell	d°.	d°.
John Lewis Whitever	Sub Engineer & Lieut.	15th Sept. 1770 next before dient. Crampton Hamilton
George Maule	Pract. Engineer & Ensign	31 August 1770

Artillery

Macnamara Davis	1st Lieutenant	3d July 1770.
Richard Ferne	Lieut. Fireworker	15th Sept. 1770.

The Secretary acquaints the Board that Mr. Willm Henry Brisbane whose Name is inserted in the List of Cadets appointed to come out on the Lord Mansfield is not mentioned on the General List.

As the above Omission must have been owing to a Mistake It is Agreed that Mr. Brisband be put last on the List of Cadets until the Company's Orders can be received

Letter from John Andrews Esq. Chief at Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam read dated the 19 Septem.r N 160 read enclosing the Proceedings of a General Sepoy Court Martial held at Chicacole on Shaik Metaw Sepoy for Murder of which he is convicted and Sentenced to be hanged — Which the Board approve.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lang Commanding at Trichinopoly N 161 advising of his having apprehended six of Hyder Ally's People endeavoring to Seduce some Sepoys from that Garrison 8 of which they had been convicted beyond a Possibility of Doubt; Desiring therefore Orders regarding them and requesting to be informed what Reward (if any) shall be given to the Sepoys who detected and informed against them. Colonel Lang also represents that he is well assured there are Emissaries dispersed thro all Parts of the Carnatic upon the same Errand.

As it is of the utmost Consequence to the Service that an immediate Stop should be put to Practices of this Nature & for which purpose it is necessary that a most severe Example should be made of the Offenders: It is resolved that Colonel Lang be directed to cause them to be blown from the Mouths of Guns, if he is fully & clearly convinced of their Guilt — And as an Encouragement to the Sepoys who detected and informed against them and to induce others to do the like, It is Resolved that a Reward of ten Pagodas be given to each of them unless there are so many as to make the Sum amount to upwards of one hundred Pagodas, in which case it is agreed that one hundred Pagodas be divided amongst them in such Proportion

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as Colonel Lang may think proper.

Jov. DuPré
Warren Hastings.
Joseph Smith
Sam. Ardley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Pith. Parker Resident
Gal. Mackay

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters.

N 126 To John Andrews Chief at Vizagapatam

N 127 To Lieut. Col. Laing commanding at Trichinopoly.

5th Wrote the following Letter to Sir John Lindsay.

To Sir John Lindsay
Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships in India

Sir.

We are honored by the Receit of your Letter of the 29th. of last Month.

There is a certain Degree of warmth which is Laudable in supporting an important Trust, so much and no more we felt in addressing to you our Letter of the 25th. Ult.o — It is difficult in this Case to draw a precise line perhaps impossible: since what may appear to one an Excess to another may seem a Deficiency. If in our Endeavor to treat the interesting Subjects which were before Us with that force of Argument and energy of expression which they required, We have in your Judgment exceeded that Line We beg you to excuse it — It was not intended nor are We sensible of any Instance in which We have done so.

This Correspondence would Swell into Volumes were We to reply or rejoin upon every point that admits of enlargement & further Explanation. We Shall therefore beg Leave to pass over in Silence or with very brief Remarks Such as do not immediately require a further Discussion and particularly the Question whether We have endeavored to Cause or to avoid a War; having explained that Subject so clearly to our Constituents as

We

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We hope will satisfy them of our good Intentions and enable them if necessary to Vindicate our Conduct in Parliament.

In Speaking of your Powers as Secret We did not mean that they were a Secret in India after you had Declared them altho' many of their Effects may yet be a Secret to us but we meant as We explained in many places that they were a Secret to our Constituents and We have dwelt much on that Circumstance because from thence arise all our Difficulties and Perplexities since We are thereby precluded from knowing their Instructions on Subjects so important as those with which you are charged.

The parts of your Letter to which it seems proper that We should Reply if We understand them rightly may be reduced to these two Propositions.

1st That you have his Majesty's Authority and plenipotentiary Powers from the Crown to execute any Treaty with the Princes of this Country which may be judged necessary to preserve Peace in India and to this End you desire the Assistance of our Counsel.

2d That you offer us the Sanction of our Sovereign's Name and the Weight of his Authority in Our Negotiations.

We have already Delivered our Sentiments at large on the matter & substance of these Propositions as they occurred in the Course of the Correspondence blended together nevertheless that We may be clearly understood We beg Leave to Answer to them in the form in which

they

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they now Stand distinct from each other.

To the first Proposition

That we do not nor shall at any time refuse or decline but on the Contrary that we shall be ready and willing to give you our best Counsel whenever & upon whatever Subject you shall think proper to Require it. So far as we are at Liberty consistently with our Oath & Covenants to the Company.

To the Second Proposition

That We shall readily willingly and thankfully Accept of your Counsel & Aid upon all such Occasions as We are instructed, commanded or authorized by our Constituents to receive or Solicit them. And that We shall accept the Sanction of our most gracious Sovereign's Approbation to every Act of our Lives with grateful Acknowledgment, profound Respect, & true Allegiance

We have the honor to be with Respect.

Fort St. George
5th. October. 1770.

Sir
Your most obedient and
most humble Servants
Josias DuPré

Vc. Council

Saturday 6th Oct.

At a Consultation. Present.
Josias DuPré Esqr. Governor. President
Warren Hastings, Joseph. Smith
Samuel. Ardley, John. Smith
Henry Brooke
Richd. Brickenden. George. Mackay
Mr. Stratton indisposed.

Read

Ans^d Fort St. George 6th Oct. 1770.

Read the following Letter from Major General Coote

To the Honorable Josias Du Pre Esq^r
President &c^a Council of
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Letter from General Coote desiring to proceed to Bengall & that his Staff may accompany him.

It You have been fully informed by the Honorable the Court of Directors of Their Commiss^n of Commander in Chief of all their Forces in India with which they have been pleased to invest me, and of the Powers that Commission gives me: as also of every Restriction I am subject to. And these Points being already discussed: It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate them.

But You having thought proper by Your Resolutions to render it impossible for me to execute in this Presidency any of the Services which the Court of Directors declare they expect in Consequence of the Trust reposed in me. And the President & Council of Fort William having informed me by their Letter of the 28th. of July that they have acknowledged and published my Commission of Commander in Chief I have therefore the Power of Acting in that Character there which I have not here.

Yet Notwithstanding your Resolutions regarding my Appointment as I am determined invariably to adhere to every Restriction that the Honble the Court of Directors have thought proper to lay me under: I therefore make Application to You for Your Consent

for

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for myself and Staff to proceed without Delay to Bengale.

I am with great Respect.

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and

most humble Servant

Eyre Coote

St. Thome

5th. Oct. 1770:

The President acquaints the Board that the 20th. August after General Coote had declared his Resolution at the Board of sitting no more in Council, He Desired that all Military Honors to him, might be Discontinued, that the President told him that he hoped he would suffer the usual Compliments to be paid him as his Difference in Opinion with the Board would be made known by his resigning them — That about 6 o'Clock in the Evening the Town Major came to the President and acquainted him that he had been sent for by General Coote who had desired him to wait on the Governor with his Compliments & to desire he would give Orders for recalling the Centrys placed at his the Generals House as also his Orderly Serjeants from thence as He did not know on what Business they should continue any longer there — In Consequence of which the President ordered the Town Major to return to General Coote & to acquaint him that he did not chuse to give the above Orders unless the General insisted on it; that untill the General had declared his Sentiments in writing to the Board he the President could not think of taking away any of the Honors hitherto paid him: and that in case the General should decline acting any

longer

longer while he remained here. that He the Governor would wish to have paid him all Every Military Mark of Respect that had hitherto been Shewn him — In Reply to which General Coote acquainted the Town Major that he had sent for the Minutes of that Days Consultation, & would shortly after he had got them declare his Sentiments to the Board in writing; that in the mean time when he considered the Opinion of the Board that Day he could not think of the Centrys remaining at his House any longer unless they were placed there as over a Prisoner and in which Light he should look upon them if any longer continued there — In Consequence of which Message he the Governor ordered the Town Major to withdraw the Centrys & Orderly Serjeants placed at General Coote's House and at the Same time directed that the Same Honors should be continued to be paid the General from the Guards as before.

The President further acquaints the Board that on Monday last in the Morning General Coote called upon him and acquainted him with his Intentions of proceeding to Bengall when the President desired he would acquaint him with the Day on which he proposed embarking, that Orders might be given for paying him all due Honors on his going on board; but which the General declined desiring —

The President reports regarding Lieutenant Thomson &c.

That a few Days ago Lieutenants Primrose Thompson, Darell & Ensign Towns left the following Card at his the Presidents Apartments in the Fort — Viz.

Lieu.t Thomson

Lieu.t Darell

Ensign Towns — Gentlemen of General Coote's Family —

To ask the Governor's Commands for Bengall.

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Upon the Receipt of which Cald He the President
ordered the Town Major to acquaint the above Gentlemen
that they had neither obtained his nor the Board's Permission
for proceeding to Bengall — That Mr. Thomson soon after
came to him & apologized for his having left the said Card
and for not having delivered it himself: that the President
acquainted him that was a Matter of very little Consequence
but that they ought first to have obtained the Leave of the
Board to go to Bengall before they had asked his Commands:
in Reply to which Mr. Thomson informed the President
that the General as Commander in Chief thought he had
a Right to take his Family with him wherever he went.

The following Letter is now wrote to General
Coote in Answer to the foregoing from him.

To Major General Eyre Coote

Sir

Lat. last night your Letter of the 5th
Instant addressed to Us was delivered to the President at
the Garden House.

We do by no means admit that our
Resolutions render it impossible for you to execute in
this Presidency the Trust reposed in You by the Court of
Directors, on the Contrary We have offered to support you
as effectually as it may be in our power in the Execution
of that Trust your Secession from the Council & Refusal to act
under the Powers & Controul of this Government is therefore
voluntary on your part. And as you declared to the Board
in your Letter of 21st August that you desired to remain

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here in a private Capacity, and as you have refused the Military Honors which have been offered to You We consider you here according to your own Declaration As in a private Character, as such We have no Objection to your removing to Bengall. But respecting the military Character with which the Company have invested You and in which We have offered to support You We think it proper to Declare that We are of Opinion that may shortly be more active Service on this Coast than in Bengal.

The Application you make for your Staff to proceed with You to Bengall is so indeterminate that We know not how to return a direct and precise Answer the only Person appointed by the Court of Directors as your Staff is Major Grant your Secretary, he has already had Permission to proceed to Bengal and is there. The Company have not said one word to Us about any other Staff, General Lawrence had only one Secretary and no Aid du Camp except on Actual Service and these had the Sanction & Approbation of the Board. You have not yet thought proper to name to Us the Persons whom you recommend to be appointed as your Staff now to ask our Assent to such Staff; it is true that in forming an Estimate of our Expences We desired your Opinion of the Staff for the whole Establishment. and We find that you have therein set down 2 Secretarys & two Aids du Camp for yourself & altho' it is essentially necessary to the due Exercise of the Powers of this Government that all publick Offices should have the Sanction of our Approbation yet We declined any Question on this Subject. but as your present Application implies a Right in You to appoint a Staff independant of & not subject to the

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contrary of the Board and as Mr. Thomson informed the Governor in your Name that you thought you had a Right to take your Family (meaning as we suppose your Staff) with you wherever you went: We think it proper to Declare that We do not admit or Acknowledge any such right in either case.

We have the Honor to be

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Sir

Your most obedt. humble Servants

Josias DuPré

&c. Council.

General Smith desires Leave to enter his Dissent to the foregoing Letter.

Letter from the Nabob ordering the Money sent for his Creditors may be carried to their Credit in the Pagoda Account.

Read a Letter from the Nabob dated 30th. September as entered in Country Correspondence N 163 setting forth that there being due to the Company to the End of September the Sum of one Lack & two Thousand Pagodas, viz. one Lack on Account of Trespasses &c. & two Thousand on Account of Poonamale That on the 5th. April last he sent to the President with a Letter the Sum of Pags 37751.27.8 for the Creditors where it has remained ever since, requesting therefore that his Account may be Credited for the Same which with Pagodas 6128.18.16.32 sent in Money makes up the Amount of the first Due for Trespasses & Poonamale & Representing the Orders that had been given during the Governments of Messrs. Pigot Palk & Bourchier forbidding all Persons lending Money to the Amildars and Inhabitants & that Messrs. Smith Monckton & Co. had notwithstanding lent Money to the Amildars of the Jaguire at a very heavy

Complaints of Messrs. Smith Monckton & Co. having lent Money to the Amildars &c. at an exorbitant Interest.

Interest

Interest for which they had taken Bonds, that after two or three Months they added the Interest to the Principal & took fresh Bonds by which Calculate of Interest upon Interest &c.a it turns out annually to more than fifty four ℘Cent by which the Inhabitants were involved in inextricable Difficulties — Setting forth that he had acquainted the President & Mr. Hastings therewith that in Consideration of the Presidents recommending Messrs. Smith & Monckton &c.a to him the Nabob had taken the Inhabitants Bonds from those Gentlemen & instead thereof had given them his own — That on finding afterwards that the Payment of the Kist of the Companys Jaghire & Mr. Smiths Debt fell on the same Day and as this is not the Time for receiving the Revenues of the Country & as the Nabob would find it difficult to discharge them both on one Day & the Payment of the Company's Kist was the most necessary, He had desired the President to recommend it to Messrs. Smith & Monckton &c.a to wait a few Days longer which the President did, but that those Gentlemen would not agree to it — That the Nabob had therefore sent to Mr. Smith the Sum of Pags. 32332 . 25 . 30 of which He had thought it necessary to advise the President that he has no Equivalent in his Hands from the Jaghire for this Money, & that by such Losses he sustains great Detriment — Representing that the Brammins at Arny were raising Troops & fighting with each other Contrary to the Engagements entered into at the Time of settling the Jaghire of Arny on the family of Tremalrow & enclosing a Letter from Gullam Ally to Akbena Punt giving an Account of the Same.

Expences Disturbances committed by the Brammins at Arny

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Observations thereon.

The Transaction relative to the Sum of Pagodas 37751.27.8 sent by the Nabob for the Payment of the Interest to his Creditors having been particularly set forth & explained in the Minutes of the Select Committee of 6. April & in the President's Letters to the Nabob of 9th. April. 21. May. & 19 July. the Board think it unnecessary to make any further Remarks thereon. It is however to be observed that as this Money was sent by the Nabob for his Creditors We may subject ourselves to Litigations with them by receiving it into the Company's Cash and which appears to be the Nabob's Intention, by the Vague manner in which he has expressed himself regarding it. Nevertheless as we might be responsible to the Company were we to refuse to receive it into their Cash in case the Shroff in whose Custody it has remained should fail or make away with it. It is Resolved that it be received from the Shroff & carried to the Nabob's Credit.

With regard to the Complaint respecting Messieurs Smith. Monckton & Co. it would require much time to explain the same in a full and particular Manner together with Reasons why it has not appeared on our Proceedings & which the Hurry of the present Dispatch will not admit of our doing. It is therefore AGREED that a Copy of the said Letter be transmitted in the Packet by the Lapwing to the Court of Directors, & that they be requested to Suspend their Judgement thereon untill We can furnish them with all the particular Circumstances regarding the same.

The Secretary laid before the Board a

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Capt Lisle promises to Reprimand his Chief Mate.

Letter from Captain Lisle of the Stafford 1162 Acknowledging the Receipt of the Orders of the of the Board for reprimanding Mr. Thomlinson his Chief Mate for his Behaviour to Mr. Chollet & promising to comply therewith

Jno. Du Bré
Warren Hastings
Joseph Smith
Sam. Foley
John Smith
Henry Brooke
Rich. Benyon

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Monday 8 October.

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esq.r Governor President
Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith
Samuel Ardley. John Smith.
Henry Brooke.
Richard Brickenden, Geo.: Mackay
M.r Stratton indisposed.

The President acquaints the Board that Lieut.t Col. Ross having desired that some Regulations might be made regarding the Engineering Corps He the President had desired him to set forth in writing the Matters on which he desired Information whom they should be laid before the Board, & Cabals obtained thereon: that Colonel Ross had accordingly done so; and they are now entered with the Resolutions thereon as follow.

Queries proposed by Lieuten.t Colonel Ross regarding the Corps of Engineers & on which he requests the Orders of the Board.

Queries.

1.st Whether Major Mitchell should not be detached immediately as the Monsoon will set in soon when it will be impracticable to transport his Baggage by Sea.

Answers

1.st Resolved that Major Mitchell be appointed to the Northern Department and that he do proceed as soon as may be convenient to him.

2.d Do

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2d. Is he to superintend all the works that are to be carried on in the Circars? or only at the immediate Place of his Residence? or to what District is his Authority confined?—

2d. He is to superintend the Works at all the Northern Settlements & at the several Forts in the Northern Circars.

3d. Where is the Place of his Residence to be? or is it to be left to him to determine it as the Exigency of the Service may require?

3d. He is to follow the Orders of the Chief and Council where he may be, representing to them from Time to Time what he may think may say for the Service who is to report the Same to the Board and Receive their Orders.

4th. Are not the Engineers by the Rank given them by their Commissions entitled to Command in those Places where no Superior Officer is resident?

4th. As the Department of the Corps of Engineers is a distinct Province the Execution of which will require the whole of their Time & Attention the Board think it will be proper to appoint Commandants in the several Garrisons otherwise the Engineers would no Doubt command by Virtue of their Commissions according to their respective Ranks.

5th. What is the Establishment of Engineers who are acting in that Department? in what Manner

5th. Ordered that the Establishment as Settled by the Honble Court of Directors be delivered to

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Manner are they to be
Detached.

to Lieut. Coll. Ross. The
Engineers are to be Detached
by the Orders of the Board or
of the Chief & Council where
they may reside

6th As the Duty of Engineers
at the Head of the Departm.ts
will require their frequent
Attendance in different
Parts: Will it not be thought
reasonable that an additional
allowance for Travelling char
ges (exclusive of the half
Batta paid to Troops resid.t
in interior Garrisons) be
granted them as an Equiva
lent to the Extra Expence at-
tending such Journeys?

6th In Garrisons where the
Military receive half Batta
the Engineers will have the
same And upon Service in
the Field or when travelling
they will receive full Batta.

7 What is that Allowance
to be?

7 According to their Rank
agreeable to the Military
Regulations.

8 To whom are the Engi-
neers to make their Reports
& receive their Orders? If the
Governor & Council through
the Chief Engineer? or to
the Chief & Council of the
District where they are resi-
dent

8th — At the Presidency
all Orders are to be given
from the Board or from the
Committee of Works (in such
Instances as shall be hereinafter
explained) to the Chief Engineer
there Resident; and the Chief
Engineer is to report to the
Board. In the Northern

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Department the principal Engineer there is to receive Orders from the Chief & Council under whose Authority he shall reside & report to them as also to the Engineer in Chief.

9th Are they in the Execution of their Duty as Engineers subject to the Controul of the Military Commandant where they reside? or are they to be answerable Solely to the Governor & Council or the Chief & Council of the District where they are in.

9th They are to be subject only to the Controul of the President & Council at the Presidency; and to the Chief & Council at any Subordinate Factory. But with the Army in the Field or in Cantonmts or in a Military Garrison to the Superiour Commanding Officer under Such particular Instructions and Exemptions as Shall be Issued by the President & Council in particular Cases but not to the Commandant of any Subordinate Factory as Such.

When it Shall happen that such Works are wanted at a Military Garrison as may require the Presence of an Engineer Superior in Rank to the Officer commanding in that Garrison, such Engineer

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is to be limited by his Instruct.
to confine himself to the Work
to be carried on, and not to
interfere in the Command of
the Garrison; and if it can
conveniently be done such
superior Engineer having
found a Plan of the necessary
Works, is to be withdrawn
& an Engineer of inferior
Rank to the Commanding
Officer is to be sent to execute
them.

The Board having answered the foregoing Quæries
think it necessary to establish the following Regulations
Viz.t

1st At the Presidency the Chief Engineer will make
Indents to the Committee of Works, of which he is a Mem-
ber for all Materials that may be wanted from time
to time which are to be provided by the Committee. All
all Artificers are to be employed in such manner as he
shall think the Service requires. They are to be reported
every Night from the Chief Engineers Department to the
Paymaster who shall muster & pay them and the
Engineers Report together with the Paymasters Muster
shall be entered in a Book apart, which Book duly
certified by the Paymaster and Chief Engineer shall be
subject to the Inspection of the Committee of Works
whenever the Committee shall require the same.

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The Committee of Works are nevertheless empowered to take under their Consideration the Requests of the Inhabitants to be assisted with Materials and Artificers for executing their necessary Buildings or Repairs and to allott such a Proportion out of the whole from time to time for that Purpose as they shall think fit. The Inhabitants are at liberty to employ foreign Artificers that is to say Artificers who are not constant Inhabitants or resident in the Settlement - which foreign Artificers having proper Vouchers of their being so, shall not be liable to be pressed for the publick Works.

All Works or Repairs under the estimated Value of Pags 100 are to be performed by the Direction of the Committee without Application to the Board: all above that estimated Value, by Order of the Board.

The Establishment of Engineers as directed by the Honble Court of Directors of 23d. March last consists of

1 Chief Engineer with the Rank of Lieut. Colonel
1 Director ---- Do. ---- Major
3 Sub. Directors ---- Do. ---- Captains
2 Sub Engineers -- Do. ---- Lieutenants
2 Pract. Engineers -- Do. ---- Ensigns

But Mr. Montresor having before the Orders for forming the Establishment been appointed a Sub - Director & Captain of Engineers there will be one Supernumerary Sub Director.

Resolved That untile the Circumstances of the Service shall require a Different Arangement the Corps be divided as follows.

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The Chief Engineer
2 Sub. Directors
1 Sub. Engineer
1 Practr. Engineer
} To remain at the Presidency

The Director of Engineers
2 Sub Directors
1 Sub Engineer
1 Practitioner Engineer
} To proceed to act under the Northern Department.

And Col. Ross is desired to recommend to the Board the Persons to be appointed to each Department except Major Mitchell already appointed as Above.

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Capper who has had Permission to proceed to England for the Recovery of his Health, had represented that as there was little Probability of his being able to obtain a Passage before the Monsoon, he was apprehensive that his Health must Suffer greatly if he remained here during the Rains. He had therefore requested Leave to go round to Bombay in order to procure a Passage from thence, which the President had granted him.

Agreed that Captain Rout be appointed to the Company of Artillery vacant by the Departure of Captain Capper — And there being a Vacancy for a Captain Lieutenant of Artillery and Lieutenant George Davis who is the next for Promotion being thought unworthy, as having since he was restored to his former Rank in the Service been broke by the Sentence of a General Court Martial, and obtained Pardon and as Col. Butler declares he cannot recommend him It is Resolved that

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He be not promoted untile by his Behaviour he Shall appear Deserving thereof — And it is further Resolved that Lieutenant Rigault be appointed a Captain Lieutenant of Artillery to Rank from this Day.

The President informs the Board that the Nabob having represented in a Letter Dated 30 June last entered on the Proceedings of the Select Committee of 6 July, that an European on Horseback had endeavoured to force his Way into the Fort of Ginjee. He the President had desired the Nabob in a Letter of the 9th July entered also on the Committee Proceedings to inform him of the Name of ye Person complained of when proper Enquiry should be made into the Affair. The President further acquaints the Board that on the 22d July he received the following Letter from Lieut. Dalton at Cuddalore

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
Governor & President of Fort St. George

Honoured Sir

By Order of Colonel Donald Campbell and the Opinion of Doctor Orton I had Liberty to go to Cuddalore for the Recovery of my health, and upon going to Pattepatt within 4 Miles of Ginjee I dispatched the Sepoy I had from Colonel Campbell at the same time I Sate down to Dinner there with my Compliments to the Killedor of Ginjee to acquaint him I was going Sick to Cuddalore by Order of Colonel Donald Campbell and that I would be glad to Stop in the Fort of Ginjee

that

that Night if he had no Objection I arrived there the 25th
of June about 6 O'Clock in the Evening at which time I
sent the Jemadar I met at the Gate with my compliments
to him to acquaint him I was arrived and would be
obliged to him for the Keys of the House where the Euro-
pean Officers always Slept in when at Ginga, and
would be also obliged to him if he would order the
Hamilder to procure me 3 Bundles of Grass 2 of Straw
6 Measures of Gram, Wood, Pots &c and to send me a
Bill of what they amounted to and that I would
immediately discharge it. I likewise sent to him to
acquaint him That neither I nor any of my Servants
should make the least Trouble with him or any of his
People, and that I intended to proceed to Cuddalore at
Gun Fire, and the answer I received was to send my
Dubash, not having a Dubash with me sent my
Housekeeper to him with the above Message who Spoke
moors & English very well his Answer was to my
housekeeper to tell me that he would Sent a Party of
Seapoys & put me Prisoner and that he would have
me as well bound with Ropes as ever a Man was. I
then sent back the Housekeeper and the Sepoy to know
by whose Orders he would do so, whether by the Gov.
General, or Colonel Campbell's Orders he sent me an
Answer that it was none of their Orders. I then sent
to know if it was the Nabob's Orders he then sent me
Word it was not & that he had nothing to do with
any of their Orders in a very insolent manner, and
that it was his own Orders and that I should find it
so I then went to the Stable where my horse was with

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an Intent to go to the Cutwalls Choultry in the Pettah as I imagined by the Message I received that it was disagreeable to him my staying in the Fort upon my turning about in the Stable to come out I saw the Place surrounded with a Parcel of Sepoys Polagars & Mavangies and the Sepoys with their Bayonets fixed upon which I sent up to the Jemadar and asked him what he was about or going to do, his Answer was that I was his Prisoner, I immediately asked him by whose Orders, his Answer was by the Killedors and desired I would immediately come away I made Use of all the prevailing Arguments I could for the Jemadar to go on before me to the Cutwals Choultry & that I would immediately follow him his Answer was NO but that I must immediately come with him, but at length prevailed on him by a great many Persuasions to go on before me which he did but took care to leave a Guard in the Rear upon my Arrival at the Choultry I Sate Down and in a little time I got up to the Door and upon looking out I see four Guards of Sepoys posted opposite the Door and a Chain of Centrys all round the Choultry I immediately went up to the Guards & asked them what they were doing there and by whose Orders their Answer was that it was by the Killedors Orders they were posted there & that I was their Prisoner and that they had received orders not to let me nor any Servant go from that Choultry without his Orders. I immediately sent to him to know what my Crime was, his answer was for going into the Fort without

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his Liberty upon which I immediately sent to him to know why there was not Orders posted upon the Gate or else some Person left at the Gate to forbid Europeans going in, his answer was that it was his Pleasure, I immediately then sent back my Compliments to him and that I never knew any of the Company's Officers was ever hindered from going into any of the Nabob's Forts as I always looked upon the Nabob's Forts to be Solely protected by the Company and at the time I went in did not look upon it to be any Crime as I never heard an Instance of any European Officers being hindered when going Sick into any of the Nabobs Forts, now upon my first Entrance of the Outward Barrier the Centinel that was at the Gate Saluted to me and then rested and asked me how I was ever since I left the Command of Gingee and if I was coming to command there again and how happy they were when I commanded there that they never had their Pay so punctually paid as it was then, I told them I was not coming to command there but was going Sick to Cuddalore and intended to Set out at Gun-Fire in the Morning, the Gates of the other Gates and the main Guard turned out to me and rested as I entered the Fort Gate and expressed the Same as the above Centinel did, with a great Deal of Concern that I was not come to remain there, my horse during this Time was detained in the Fort and at the Expiration of 2 Days I then enquired if my horse had Grass or Water of my Horsekeeper his Answer was

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that he would not be let to take him out of the Gates
to give him Water, I then sent to him in as compla-
sant a manner as I could to let me See my Master and
to let him be carried to Water his Answer was that
I should not See him nor he should not be carried
to Water. he then ordered his Centinels not to let
my People or any others go with any Message from
me to him and not to let my Servants go past them
without his Orders, I by a Great Deal of Persuations
got the Centinel to let a Man go with my compliments
to him & acquaint him I looked upon it Sufficient
to have me Prisoner and not my Servants and that
I had bun at that Time two Days & two Nights
without any thing to eat, as my Servants would
not be permitted to pass to the Bazar and that I
thought it very hard to be Prisoner along with some
Pollagars who was then in the Stocks in the Same
Choultry his Answer to me was that it was his
Orders, and it should be So the Linguester of the Fort
and the Killedar's Writer came in to See me and I
intreated of them to endeavour to get me my Sepoy
to pass the Gates to procure me Some Fowls as I
told them I had nothing to eat nor nothing to
Drink but the Stinking Water out of the Ditch, they
accordingly got Liberty for the Sepoy to pass, but
strict Orders was given not to let me have, Pen, Ink
or Paper and Search my Sepoy that he carried no Letters
out but notwithstanding I gave him a Letter to
Colonel Donald Campbell in which I certified the
Ill treatment I met with till that time, but now

certify

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certify the Ill treatment I met with during the Time I was Prisoner, upon the Return of the Sepoys I received a Letter from the Colonel with a Passport and a Letter inclosed for the Killidar and immediately sent it to the Killidar with the passport to Shew him, his Answer was "Jow" and that in an insolent manner which meant I might go about my Business. — Youle be pleased to observe that this is not The Killidar that was there the time I commanded at Gingee.

I can declare upon my Word that this is the Truth and nothing but the the truth which my Servants can Assert

I remain with the greatest Respect
Honoured Sir
Your most Obd. Humble
Servant &c.
Geo. Dalton

Cuddalore
13th July 1770.

On the Receipt of which Letter the President transmitted the same to Mr. Dawson, with Directions to examine Mr. Daltons Servants and others regarding the Affair and on the 5 August he received a Letter from Mr. Dawson accompanying the Depositions of Persons respecting the same which are read as follow.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq.
President and Governor of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

I have received your Letter inclosing

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inclosing one to you from Lieut. Dalton upon the Subject of his Ill treatment at Gingee, desiring me to examine whatever Witnesses Mr. Dalton may have of that Affair The two Sepoys who attended him being returned to Vellore and him being no other Evidence than his Housekeeper Grass Cutter & Dammar Boy. I have examined them only, the two other People deposing the same; I also enquired of them, if they had heard or knew the Cause of the Killedari Displeasure, they said it was for going into the Fort; and I am the more inclined to think it was for that at first; it also seems probable to me that what Lieut. Dalton might have said during his Confinement & threatening to complain of it, may have provoked the Killadar to act as he did; especially as he was the first to make the Complaint Lieut. Dalton assures me that being aware of the malicious Representation which the Killadar might make to the Nabob in case of the least Reason, or Resistance, he was determined to Submit patiently to whatever treatment he met with & told his People so. I know it is natural for Men to be out of Temper on such occasions which made me at first suspect Lieut. Dalton had been imprudent but from the Plausibility of his Story & the Character he bears of being a truly brave Man of excellent Principles I am since inclined to think he has not merited the Usage he met with, but that the Killadar endeavord to provoke him, in order to give just cause of Complaint. I am sorry to say, I have heard of other Instances of the like Nature and that I fear the Ill-Behavior of the Nabobs

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Affairs is a growing Evil which is likely to meet with too many Provocations from inconsiderate Men; for which Reason I am very careful not to suffer People to wander from this Garrison or Sepoys being employed in the Nabob's Country. It is with great Difficulty we can procure Provisions: my Method is to address the Amildars in the most civil terms & hitherto I have Succeeded tho' Sparingly and that is, I am informed from the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country.

Inclosed is Lieut. Dalton's Letter the Returns of the Troops at this Settlement, State of the Hospital & Bills for secret Intelligence for last Month.

The Pensioners whom you were pleased to order from Chingleput & Poonamalee are arrived here & lodged in their new Barracks. I am very respectfully

Honble Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servant

Geo. Dawson

Cuddalore
3d. August 1770.

Cuddalore 2d. of August 1770.

The Deposition of Combaconum alias Gallus Housekeeper of Lieut. Dalton.

Deposeth that he attended his Master Lieutenant Dalton from Vellore to Gingee & passed thro' Army Chatelput, & Thattapetta which last place being near Gingee Lieut. Dalton halted there one Day & at 1. o'Clock in the Afternoon sent one of the two Seapoys, who attended him with his Compliments to the Killedar of Gingee desiring him to provide 6 Measures of Horse Gram 3 Bundles of Grass & 2 Bundles of Straw for his Use promising to pay him

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for the same but the Seapoy not returning with an Answer from the Killeydar till 8 oClock in the Afternoon Lieut. Dalton rode to Gingee & went as usual into the Fort without being stopt by any of the Seapoys, who were posted at the Gate but whom expressid great Joy in seeing him return to Gingee. Lieut. Dalton intended to lodge that Night in the Commandants Quarters, where he formerly dwelt & ordered his Horse to the Stable adjacent. — Finding the Door of the House locked & a Seapoy watching it he demanded of him the Key if in his Possession which Seapoy replied was in the Custody of the Killeydar in the Pettah at the same time a Seapoy or an Havildar belonging to the Killeydar came to Lieut. Dalton & desired him to send his Dubash to the said Killeydar, Lieut. Dalton having no Dubash sent this Deponent to the Killeydar who asked him by whose Authority Lieut. Dalton went into the Fort this Deponent replied, that the Seapoy which Lieut. Dalton dispatched to him with his Compliments from Thattapita not returning with an answer till 8 Oclock and as the Guard at the Gate did not forbid him to go into the Fort he went as usual without any Suspicion of doing Wrong then this Deponent desired the Killeydar to let Lieut. Dalton have the Keys of the Commandants Lodging which was refused but was bid to tell Lieut. Dalton to remain in the Fort till further Orders — Lieut. Dalton then ordered this Deponent to bring in his Baggage but the Subidar of the Seapoys prevented this Deponents going out of the Fort & said that the said Gentleman ought to be Shot for going into the Fort without Permission. Soon after Lieut: Dalton was carried Prisoner to the Cutwalls Choultry in the Pettah by 30 or 40 Seapoys

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in which Plan Lieut. Dalton was confined for 3 Days under the Charge of four Seapoys. This Deponent further Declareth that at the time Lieut. Dalton was carried Prisoner to the Cutwalls Choultry, he saw the Seapoy who was sent to the Kellydar for Provisions waiting in the Choultry with them.

The Deposition of Moolan Syads Cutter & Farmer Dammer man of Lieutenant Dalton is to the same Purpose.

The President further acquaints the Board that in Consequence thereof he had caused an Account of the Affair as related by Lieut. Dalton & his Servants to be delivered to the Nabob, from whom a Letter is now read & entered in Country Correspondence. N° 82 enclosing the Declaration of Sundry Persons at Sponge & Vested by the Cauzy relative thereto — Which being found to differ very widely from the Account given by Lieutenant Dalton. It is

Ordered that a Copy of the same be transmitted to Lieutenant Dalton.

The President acquaints the Board that two Deserters had been taken up near Attamparra.

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Ordered that they be tried by a General Court Martial.

Ar. Du Pré
Warren Hastings.
Joseph Smith
Sam Ibbetson
John Smith
Henry Brooke
Rich. Benyon
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 9th octob. Josias Du Pré Esq. Governor President
Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith
Samuel Ardley, John Smith
Henry Brooke
Richard Brickenden, George Mackay

Mr. Stratton indisposed.

Letter from Major General Coote read as follows —

To the Honorable Josias Du Pré Esq.
President &c. Council of Fort St. George

Gentlemen

The Trust reposed in me by the Honorable the Court of Directors was that of Commander in Chief of all their Forces in India. I bear no other Commission from the East India company. And it will appear by your Resolutions, and Letters, and Orders, and above all by your Letter of the 6th. of October in what Manner you have supported my Endeavour to execute that Trust.

Your Assertion that I have refused to act under the Powers & Controul of this Government I do absolutely deny. And it is fully contradicted by every Circumstance of my Conduct, as well as by the Correspondence that has passed. My Argument has uniformly

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uniformly been that according to my Commission I cannot obey any Superior Military Officer in India. And I repeat it again: that while I remain invested with that Commission I never will admit of any.

Had You thought proper to acknowledge the said Commission, and the Orders relative to it, I may venture to affirm without any Partiality to myself that no Man could be more ready or Zealous to undertake, and to exert himself to the utmost on the Military Conduct of any active Service that may happen on this Coast concerning the Prospect of which You now appear to be returned to Your first Opinion.

And in Case such an Event was to happen I beg to know from what Authority I could derive my Right of Commanding. Whether from His Majesty's Commission to me as Major General of His Forces or from the Company's Commission as Commander in Chief of Theirs?

You are pleased Gentlemen to say that it is essentially necessary to the due Exercise of the Powers of this Government that all Publick Officers should have the Sanction of Your Approbation for their Appointment. I had long been at a Loss to account for the Motives of Your Conduct respecting me. But I now find every Doubt cleared up in my Misfortune of not meeting with your Approbation. However I have only to submit to my own unhappy fate, Leaving this Argument to the Decision of the Court of Directors who are the proper Judges, how far Your Disapprobation ought to set aside their Will.

I Am

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An adequate Staff is the necessary Appendage to the Office of Commander in Chief. to enable him to perform the Duties of his Station and to appear with a becoming Dignity. For this Reason I would not even leave England without that Assistance. The Number was allowed by the Court of Directors to consist of two Secretaries and two Aids de Camp. The Appointmt was of Course left with me, and the least Attention to the Nature of such Service must evince. that no other Power should interfere in it. These Gentlemen after my Appointment of them were introduced by me to the Court of Directors as my Staff when I had the Honor of commanding the Army here before. the only a Lieutenant Colonel in the Service I had two Aids de camp & one Secretary allowed me. All of whom were of my own Appointment.

Mr. Grant was as much appointed by me as any of the other Gentlemen. and the Reason why he is named in the General Letter is. that upon my Recommendation of him to the Court of Directors and their Sense of his Merit & Services they have been pleased to distinguish him with a Brevet of the Rank of Major with the Allowances annexed to that Station while I remain in India. And this is signified in the very Terms I requested. in Order to avoid giving unnecessary Umbrage to any Officers who might otherwise have conceived themselves superceded.

Major Grant certainly went to Bengal with Permission. He had mine. As I sent him there on the public Service. My other Secretary is here with me in the Charge of my public & private Papers.

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A Gentleman in that Trust & Confidence who has studied my Plans and Ideas, I cannot be deprived of without Injury to the Service. Neither can the Duty of the Commander in Chief of all the Forces in India be executed with a due Respect to the Company's Commissn. if the Officer in that Station, in moving from one Presidency to another which is within the Limits of his Command, should appear divested of the necessary Appendages of his Office.

And therefore if you do not allow Mrs. Coote Gentlemen to proceed with me to Bengal I have no other Alternative than to Return without Delay to Europe.

I am with great Respect.

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

Eyre Coote

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To which the following Answer is now wrote.

To Major General Eyre Coote

Sir

A very few words may suffice as an Answer to your Letter of this Day.

Letter to General Coote in Answer

As you have read the Letter from the Court of Directors we presume you cannot but know as well as we do that they contain no Directions about the

Staff

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Staff private Conversations are no Authority for us.

We do not give our Assent to so vague a Proposition as that your Staff may proceed with you to Bengal without knowing of what Persons that Staff consists neither should we consent to their going if we knew their Names as a Staff appointed by you independt. of us. When you shall name them for our Approbation we shall return a precise Answer.

We have the Honor to be

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Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Josias Du Pre
&c. Council

To which General Smith desires leave to enter his Dissent.

Read a Letter from Alexander Wynch Esqr.
dated the 1st. Instant N 163 advising that Capt. Augus
of the Lord Mansfield had represented to him that the
Troops sent from hence for Bengal had been very
turbulent & mutinous on board & which he imputed to
the want of Officers to command them: That He & Mr.
Wynch had therefore ordered Captain Baget &
Lieutenant Walker to proceed with them to Calcutta
and had requested Mr. Cartier to return them by the
first Conveyance advising also of his having moved
a Court of Enquiry on Mr. Keating which the Board
approves.

General Smith acquaints the
Board

Angus

Captain Baget & Lieutt. Walker with the Troops on the Lord Mansfield to Bengall.

Court of Enquiry on Mr Keating.

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The usual Number of Puckalls, Bettys & Fifers to be allowed to the Sepoy Battalions

Board that he has considered the Letter from Colonel Campbell of the 23d. August regarding the Number of Puckalls, Bettys, Fifers & Trumpeters to be allowed to each Battalion of Seapoys & is of Opinion that the Seapoys cannot possibly do without the Puckalls and Bettys formerly allowed that a Fifer should be allowed to each Grenadier Company; but that the Trumpeters may be discharged as they are unnecessary — which is approved, and a Letter is now wrote in Consequence to Colonel Campbell, 8 128 — And General Smith is desired to issue the like Orders to the several Battalions belonging to his Brigade.

The Trumpeters to be discharged.

Jon. Duncan
Warren Hastings.
Jo. Wheatley
Sam. Foley
John Smith
Henry Brooke
Rich. Barwell
Jas. Mackay

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At a Consultation. Present

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor. President

Warren Hastings. Joseph Smith

Samuel Ardley. John Smith.

Geo Stratton Henry Brooke

Richard Brickenden. Geo: Mackay

The Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at this Place on the following Prisoners are now read Viz.t

Prisoners.	Crimes.	Sentence
Frances Whelan Private	Desertion	Death
James Robb Do	Do	500 Lashes

The Board approve of the foregoing Sentences & Ordered that they be carried into Execution.

Read the following Letter from Sir John Lindsay

Josias Du Pre Esqr.

Governor & President &c

Council &c

Madrass 10th Oct. 1770

Gentlemen

General Coote having applied to me for the Hawke Sloop to carry him to Bussorah I have ordered her for that Service: And I am now to acquaint you that if you have any Commands that way I shall take Care to give such Directions that

You

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you may depend on their being Duely & faithfully executed

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

and most humble Servt.

John Lindsay

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to the Court of Directors to be sent in Cypher over Land, advising them in General of our Situation, and requesting they will suspend their Judgment on our Correspondence with Sir John Lindsay and General Coote untile the Arrival of the Lapwing by which they will receive all necessary Papers.

Read the following Petition of Lieutenant Primerose Thomson

To the Honorable Josias Du Pré Esqr.
President &c. Council of
Fort St. George

The Petition of Lieutenant
Primerose Thomson

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner before he left England was appointed by Major General Coote as one of his Secretaries.

That this was the real Inducement for him to accept of a Lieutenants Commission in the Service of the Honorable the East India Company.

That

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That as he finds himself disappointed in every Expectation he had formed, he humbly hopes you will be pleased to permit him with the utmost Respect to your Board & to the Service to resign that Commiss.n which would now prove Ruinous to his affairs & to his future Prospects.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Primerose Thomson

Agreed that Lieutenant Primerose Thomson be permitted to resign the Service

Read a Letter from Major Thomas Fitzgerald N.o 162 requesting Permission to proceed to England to settle some Family affairs which is Granted.

Jo.s Du Pré

Warren Hastings

Sam.l Bradley

John Smith

Geo. Stratton

Henry Brooke

Rich.d Benchcroft

Geo. Mackay

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Arrived this Morning the Lapwing Packet from Bengale.

Friday 12th Octo. 5 o'Clock P.M.

At a Consultation, Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor, President
Warren Hastings.
Samuel Ardley. John Smith.
George Braddon. Henry Brooke.
Richd. Brickenden, George Mackay.
General Smith absent.

Additional General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors dated this Day to go by the Lapwing read & Signed, Ordered that the Packet be closed

A Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors dated this Day to be forwarded by the Hawke Sloop to Bussorah, is also now Signed, & put under Cover to Henry Moore Esqr. Resident at that Place to whom a Letter is now wrote. 1129 — Which Packet is ordered to be delivered to Sir John Lindsay with the following Letter

To Sir John Lindsay, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir,

Yesterday we received the Honor of your Letter dated the 10th informing us of your Intention to dispatch the Hawke Sloop to Bussorah. We beg Leave to return You our thanks for the Intimation & to request that the accompanying Letter to Mr. Moore the Company's Resident at Bussorah may be conveyed to him.

Our

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Our President informs us that you had signified to him your Desire that Mr Elphinstone one of your Officers might have Passage in the Lapwing being charged with your Dispatches the Commander of the Lapwing is therefore Ordered to receive & accommodate him on board Accordingly.

Our Dispatches for England are ready and the Sailing Orders to the Commander of the Lapwing shall be delivered the Moment you shall be pleased to signify to us that Mr Elphinstone is ready to embark with yours. We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t & most humble Servant

Josiah DuPré

Cr. Council

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Ordered that the Dispatches be delivered to the Captain so soon as Sir John Lindsay shall acquaint us that his are ready.

Jos. DuPré

Warren Hastings

Jos. Smith

Sam.l Bradley

John Smith

Geo. Stratton

Henry Brooke

Rich.d Benyon

Geo. Mackay

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Received the following Letter from Major General Coote.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr.
President &c. Council of
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Letter from General Coote advising of his intention of embarking this Day on board the Hawke Sloop for Bussorah & to proceed from thence to England.

It has been with infinite Concern that I have found myself Engaged almost ever since my Arrival, in a Dispute with you very foreign to the Purpose of my coming to India. I intend this Day to embark on Board His Majesty's Sloop Hawke which Sir John Lindsay has been pleased to order to carry me to Bussora from whence I shall proceed to England, to submit my Conduct to the Judgement of those who employed me. And of the Appointment of a Military Commander in Chief under a due Subordination to the Civil Authority shall be deemed inconsistent with the Interest of the Company, I will resign it with great Satisfaction as my last Wish shall be poured forth for Their Welfare & Success.

I have the honor to be with great Respect.

Gentlemen

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant.
Eyre Coote

St. Thome
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To the Court of Directors

A Copy of the above Letter was transmitted under Cover to Mr. Secretary Michell.

General Coote embarked this Evening about 6 o'clock on board the Hawke Sloop.

A.P.

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At a Consultation Present

Josias Du. Pre Esqr. Governor. President.
Warren Hastings. Joseph Smith.
Samuel Ardley. John Smith.
George Stratton. Henry Brooke
Richd. Brickenden. George Mackay

Monday 15th Oct.

Read a Letter from W. Edwd Cotsford Resident at Ganjam Dated 22d. Septemr. 1766 containing his Reasons for deferring to take any Measures with Respect to the Zemindar of Goorsur's recommending that the Chiguthy & Daracoota Zemindars be immediately compelled to discharge the Ballances due from them — advising of Ensign Moorcrofts having set out for Madras — & of the Copies of the Letters from him to Captain Cammow having been forwarded to the President.

The Reasons urged by Mr. Cotsford against taking any immediate Measures against the Goorsur Zemindar appear very Satisfactory, and We much approve of the Steps he proposes taking to compel the Zemindars of Chiguthy & Daracoota to make good their Ballances and which it is to be recommended to him to carry into Execution without Loss of time.

The President lays before the Board the Copies of the Letters wrote by Ensign Moorcrofts to Captain Cammow wherein he confesses his Crime, and asks Leave to come to Madras to resign his Commission, rather than stand a Court Martial.

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Mr. Slocomb demands a court-Martial.

The President acquaints the Board that on Colonel Butler's Application to Mr. Slocomb for his Commission He declined delivering it alledging that he only made use of the Pretext of asking to resign his Commission in order to get to Madras & therefore requesting a court-Martial.

Dismissed the Service.

As Mr. Slocomb has acknowledged the Crime of which he is accused viz.t of behaving in a disrespectful and mutinous manner towards Captain Casamaire and at the Pretext used by him in order to get to Madras was very unbecoming and Generals Smith being of Opinion that his Behaviour was exceedingly improper It is Resolved that he be dismissed the Service.

Proceedings of Court of Enquiry on Lt. Fire Worker Keating sent in.

Letter from Alexander Wynch Esq.r Chief at Manalipatam read dated 9 Instant N 168 enclosing the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held at Allow on Lieutenant Fire Worker William Keating by which it appears that He had for some time been very remiss in his Duty but that he has of late paid proper Attention to the Discharge thereof & has behaved to the Satisfaction of his commanding Officer — It is therefore Agreed that his Appointment be confirmed and that his Commission be forwarded to him.

His Appointment confirmed.

Mr. Andrews represents the want of more Officer's Barracks at Chicacole & Jelmore and Orders Mr. Barclay to build them.

Letter from John Andrews Esq.r Chief at Vizagapatam read dated 3.d Instant N 169 representing that the Increase of Officers to the Sepoy Battalions in the Chicacole Circar had rendered an additional Number of Quarters at Chicacole & Jelmore necessary & which he had therefore given Mr. Barclay orders to erect which the Board approve.

Approved.

Read

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Capt. Fletcher
remits a Plan &
Estimate for build-
ing additional Of-
ficers Quarters at
Ongole

Read a Letter from Captain Fletcher Com-
manding at Ongole Dated 7th Instant. 1770 enclosing
a Plan and Estimate of the Expence of building Quarters for
nine Additional Officers appointed to his Battalion the
charge of which will amount to about 700 M. Pagodas.

Resolved that the said Plan & Estimate be referred to
the Engineer for his Opinion thereon.

referred to the
Engineer

Lieut. Clotworthy
Thompson's Applica-
tion for the Difference
between the Allowance
made to Officers and
Cadets coming to
India.

Read a Letter from Lieut. Clotworthy Thompson
dated 15th representing that he was appointed a Lieutenant
by the Company soon after his leaving England, and
requesting Therefore that the Difference between the
Allowance made the Officers for their Passage to India
& what he received as a Cadet may be made up to him.

Not granted.

As Mr. Thompson arrived here in the Capaci-
ty of a Cadet and he had no Notification of his being
appointed a Lieutenant till the Arrival of the Lord
Mansfield Agreed that his Request be not complied
with.

Memorial of Lieut.
Wm. Ede regarding his
Rank.

Read the following Memorial of
Lieutenant William Ede.

Memorial of William Ede Lieutenant in the Honble Company's Service

Mr. Ede having been appointed a
Volunteer by Governor Bourchier in June 1768 took the
Field as such in July following at Vellore waiting there
with the Army for Military Stores in order to proceed
with it against Bengalore.

The Day after the Battle of Malvan-
gal the Army joined Colonel Wood who applied to Coll.
Smith the Commander in Chief for Officers in Consequence
whereof

whereof among many other Cadets Mr. Este was appointed to do Duty as Ensign in October 1768.

In January 1769 Colonel Smith sent his List of Officers appointed by him to the President & Council for Approbation but having omitted therein Lieut Lee & Mr. Este Colonel Smith wrote a private Letter to the Governor which was unluckily mislaid & forgot — The Commissions & Office List for England were made out before the Mistake was known when upon Application for Redress Governor Bourchier observed that the only Remedy was from home promising to represent their hard Case to the Honble Court of Directors and offering Mr. Este at the same Time a Certificate of his good Behavior from July 1768 to May 1769 (when the Army quitted the Field) if he chose rather to leave the Service than wait an Answer from the Company.

Mr. Este has been informed that in the last Letters from home it was ordered that Himself & Lieut. Lee should take Rank according to the intended Appointment.

Whereas Mr. Este humbly begs Leave to represent that by the last Promotion of Officers which took Place this Month he has been actually superceded by Lieutenants Powell, Campbell & Lee — And more this Memorialist saith not. Respectfully submitting the Determination of Redress to the Consideration & Justice of his Superiors.

William Este.

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To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
President & Governor &c.a Council of Fort St. George.

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"withdraw themselves from the Nabob. The French in this
"Respect will conform themselves to what other European
"Nations have practised or do now practise." On the
other hand he proposes that such as withdraw themselves
from the French shall if reclaimed be delivered up.

Mr. Bellin who was sent to the Nabob from
Mr. Law & carried to Mr. Law the Nabobs Proposals
returned to the Nabob with Mr. Law's Proposals Vid.
19 March 1765 Letter from Mr. Russell Dated at Cadras
16 March /

It does not appear to us what Arguments
were used by Mr. Law or the Nabob in support of the
Articles proposed by each or why they were altered but
the Articles actually Settled agreed to & Signed are differt.
from both, and express'd 15 April 1765 Art 1st /

"The Nabob on his side promises not to protect or
"give Sanctuary to any of the Dependants of the
"French whether Servants or Soldiers, either Natives
"or Europeans or any others who may seek Refuge
"in his Country."

Upon which we are of Opinion
that according to the words of the Treaty the Nabob is not
obliged to Deliver them up but he should order them to
depart his Country leaving them at Liberty to go where
they please to the Dutch Danes, English Settlem or any
where else — And in the Present times we think it should
be strongly recommended to the Nabob not to Deliver
them up. But as the Case is having just Cause to believe
that Designs are formed to thwart all our Proceedings to
Purposes not advantageous to ourselves or the Company

and

and to find some Colour to impute to Us whatever Misunderstandings may arise on the Carnatec: We are therefore of Opinion that the Answer to the Nabob should be simply this, Viz.t

Purport of an Answer to be returned to the Nabob.

"It does not appear to Us by the Words of "the Treaty concluded between the Nabob and the "French in 1763 that either Party is obliged to deliver "up to the other the Dependants &c.a who may fly "from either but only that Protection and "Sanctuary be not afforded to Such — The "Nabob is himself the proper Judge how "far his own Dignity, Honor & Interest will "be affected by complying or not complying "with Mr. Laws Requisition — And for the "rest leave the Nabob to do as he pleases; "without recommending one thing or another."

Lieutenant Colonel Ross

Lieut. Colo. Ross a Member of the Comm.e of Works —

as Chief Engineer being a Member of the Committee of Works — It is Resolved that Captain Montresor who has for a considerable Time past had Charge of the Works at this Place be also continued a

Mr. Montresor also continued a Member

Member of the said Committee.

Read a Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 168 requesting that as he has some Matters of Importance to communicate that either Mr. Andrews or Mr. Stratton may be sent to him — To which a Draught of an Answer is prepared as entered in Country

Letter from Hyder Ally

Desires Mr. Andrews or Mr. Stratton may be sent to him.

Answer thereto prepared.

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N 131 To Mr. Colsford Resident at Ganjam.

N 132 To Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Chief at Vizagapatam

N 133 To John Andrews Esq.r Chief at Vizagapatam

19th Wrote this Day a Letter to Bombay N 134 inclosing Copy of Letter from Messrs. Church Sibbald & Co.s 30th September advising of their having concluded the Treaty with Hyder Ally which had been sent from Bombay advising of General Wootes Departure for England

Monday 22d. October

At a Consultation Present.

Josias Du Pre Esq.r Governor President.

Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith,

Samuel Peploy, John Smith,

George Stratton, Henry Brooke,

Rich.d Bracken den George Mackay

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross Dated 16th Instant N 171. representing that he thinks Captain Fletcher's Proposals for building Officers Quarters at Ongole very reasonable but recommending the building them in a more durable Manner as temporary Works are always more expensive in the End.

The Board entirely agree with Colonel Ross that temporary Works are always most expensive in the End nevertheless as Ongole belongs to the Nabob & the Fort Staff it is a very indifferent State We are of Opinion that it would not be advisable to expend any considerable Sum for Buildings especially when our Demands for Money are so great. It is therefore Resolved that Captain Fletcher be directed to cause the Quarters to be built in the Manner

and

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and on the Terms he proposed.

Letter from Messrs. Church & Sibbald dated 30th Septr. N 172 read advising of their having concluded the Treaty with Hyder Ally transmitted from Bombay: and imputing his Readiness to suffer them to depart to a Letter wrote by the Vaquil from hence by direction of the President representing the Impropriety of Hyder Ally's Behaviour in detaining them after he had rejected the former Treaty: and advising of their Intention of leaving Hyder Ally in a short Time.

The President acquaints the Board that he did represent to the Vaquil, by distant hints the Impropriety of his Master's Conduct in detaining Messrs. Church & Sibbald with a view that he should write his Master thereon; but that he did not desire him to do so as it was probable he would not have wrote had he been desired.

Read a Letter from Alexander Wynch Esqr. Chief at Madapollam dated 13th Instant N 173 advising of his having sent Jemmadar Pantaloo to Polaveram to enquire from the Brahmins of Bradachellum whether they with their Images were forcibly detained there and enclosing a Copy of the Representation of the said Priests whereby it appears, that no compulsive Measures have been taken to oblige them to remain at Polaveram but that they chose to reside there on Account of Bradachellum being under the Moorish Government.

Read a Letter from Mr. Andrew Ross dated 19th Instant N 174 setting forth that an Advertisement had been published for a Dividend of five ₱ Cent to be made by the Nabob on his Debt to his private Creditors & that in Consequence thereof for the greatest Part of the

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The Creditors have received their Dividends, and that he also in this Instance applies for the Permission of the Board to receive his Proportion.

Although Mr. Rose is one of the Creditors who have refused to Submit to the Company's Orders or to accept of their Protection in the Recovery of their Debt & who have rejected the Nabobs Proposals of paying them the Interest on their several Demands untill the Company's Debt should be cleared, nevertheless as Mr. Rose has in this Instance applied for our Permission to receive his Proportion of the Dividend now working, It is Agreed that it be granted him: provided his Application is only meant with respect to his own Demand without any Reference or Relation to what has or may be done by others which from the word also in the latter Part of his Letter he seems to allude to.

Letter from the Chief & Council at Mahadjpatam dated the 17th Instant: 3 Pcls inclosing Sundry Depositions and Papers regarding the Intrigues carrying on by Jaffier Beg Cawn with the French; advising that they can discover no foundation for the Accusation against said Nabaset Cawn who was thought to have been privy thereto — That they had sent Orders to the Head People in the Jaguire proposed by Jaffier beg Cawn & in the Mustaphanagar Havelly Villages not to obey any Directions they may receive from him; & purposing to appoint a Tannadar to take Charge of those Lands — Representing also the Impropriety of the Conduct of the French Resident in endeavouring to Sedure the Affections of the Inhabitants from the Government to which they are Subject.

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The President lays before the Board sundry Letters from Mr. Wynch on the above Subject the Purport of which is as follows, viz.t

Mr. Wynch in a Letter Dated 1st. October represents his Apprehensions that the Reports spread by the French by means of their Dubashes of the large Force they had at the Islands, which would soon be brought into Action, had gained too much Credit & Influence — That Jaffier beg Cawn had lately had several private Meetings with Mr. Mangin the French Resident at Mahmulpattam, at which Hyder Jung & his Brother in Law Yaoroob Cawn were present — / B. Jaffier Beg Cawn is the Person who had a Jaguire given him in the Communat Circar for having delivered up that Fort to us and Hyder Jung is the Son of Hyder Jung who was Duan to Mr. Bussy / That Mr. Mangin had sailed for Pondicherry the 28th. September & the Evening before his Departure Jaffier Beg Cawn had a long Interview with him at his Garden at French Pet — The only Intelligence Mr. Wynch could procure for some Time was from one Ally Nakie who had it from the Servants / which was that Mr. Mangin had given very lofty Descriptions of the French Force expected in India & had represented that all those who were desirous of cultivating their Friendship ought to begin to give In Names of their Inclinations, before it should appear that they were influenced by Fear or Necessity — That Jaffier Beg Cawn had shewn great Attention to Mr. Mangin & had desired to be taken under the Protection of the French Nation & had requested Mr. Mangin to recommend him

him to the Governor of Pondicherry — That a Disagreement between Hyder Jung and Yaacoob Cawn and some Misunderstanding between those two and Jaffier Beg Cawn had afforded the Means of gaining more particular Information — That Hyder Jung had acknowledged to Jogue Puntaloo that the above Conversation between M. Mangin & Jaffier Beg had actually passed — That Jaffier Beg had sent a Letter to M. Law and had granted a Note to M. Mangin promising him 2000 Rupees in case he procured a favorable Answer to the said Letter — That Yaacoob Cawn had confirmed the said Information, and added that the Letter from Jaffier Beg to M. Law contained only Professions of his Attachment to the French & his Desire of being employed by them; that the Note had been left in the Hands of Hyder Jung, which Yaacoob Cawn had procured from him & Delivered to Jogue Puntaloo — The Translation of the Note is as follows —

Translate of a Copy of a Note said to be under the Seal of Sulphraus Khan Jung & Dated to be conformable to the Original by Boochuna Pundit the Company's Persian Moonshy, at Mazulipatam

By Gods Blessing whenever Monsieur Mangin the Captain of the Sea Port of Mazulipatam shall procure & deliver to me from Pondichery, that is to say, from the French Company, Letters summoning me * & four Orders likewise, for a Thousand or two Thousand Horse & Three or four Thousand Seapoys — the Sum of two Thousand Rupees shall be given him as a Present.

In a Letter dated 8 October M. Wynch says

* "to that Place" it is imagined is of meaning tho' not expressed

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says there is no Doubt of the Authenticity of the Note and Sends a Copy of the Note wrote by Taffier Beg to Mr. Law, which had also been procured by Jacob Lawn and Delivered to Togue Pantaloo — The Translation of the Letter is as follows —

Copy of a Letter from Taffier Beg Lawn

I write this to inform ayou that Monsieur Majam Captain or Chief of Mazulipatam gave me a verbal Account of all Matters in full. Ever I was attached to the French Company's Interest for a long Time, I returned my thanks to the Almighty God who may again shew me that Day (meaning the Day of prosperity of that Nation) that I may exert my Endeavours in the Affairs of the Company to dispatch the Business of the Country & Army as much as ayou may want. There is no manner of Distinction between me & Nabob Wyder Jung Bahader but Union or Harmony Subsists between Us from the time of the deceased Nabob. the French Company lay under an Obligation to the said Nabob Wyder Jung's Bahader's Services wherefore We jointly with each other and in every Respect Remain seeking after the Day of Good & Prosperity of the French Company whenever ayou may order we are ready to collect a Thousand or two Thousand Horse or 3or 4000 Seapoys in a few Days and appear wherever ayou may direct — Make yourself easy with Regard to the Regulations of these Circars. for by the Blessing of God all the Zamindars of

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The Circars are in Friendship with us. For a full Account of other Matters I refer you to the Verbal Account of Mons: Majan de Mahefret. Raza brother to Latcheemen Raza an old Dubash to the Company — You will believe me to be the Company's Friend and wellwisher in the same Manner you believe the Said Nabob Hyder Jung Bahader because there is no manner of Distinction between us.

Mary Hastings always a Friend to

What can I say more?

a True Copy from the Original

Batchelor Saunt

Secretary.

Mr. Wynch further advises that Jaffeir Beg had been with Togee Pundaloo, I had represented to him that there were several Persons in Mazulipatam who were not well wishers to the Company and particularly pointed at Hyder Jung & Yacoob Cawn who he alledged held a Correspondence with the French & were always representing their great Power & the Probability there was that they would soon regain their former Possessions and Influence in this Country & had recommended to him to solicit their favor and Protection. Which Information Mr. Wynch imputes to Jaffeir Beg's having got some Intimation of his Correspondence being discovered, or to his Fears that it may be. Mr. Wynch also apprehends that some others will be discovered to be concerned in the Affair,

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That Yaccoob Cawn and Hyder Jung had accused one Nazafet Cawn a Man of Reputation and a Dependant of Hussain Allys of being privy thereto.

Mr. Wynch in a Letter of the 10th. October advises that in the Evening of the 7th. Jaffier Beg had sent Mahomed Em Beg a Friend of his to Mr. L'Entier the Second of the French Factory to desire he would endeavor to prevail on Yaccoob Cawn to deliver up some Papers he had of his — That Mr. L'Entier had gone to Hyder Jung's & had Sent for Yaccoob Cawn, but he not coming Mr. L'Entier went away without seeing him — The next Morning Mahomed Em Beg went to Hussain Ally and desired that he would procure from Yaccoob Cawn & Hyder Jung Some Papers they had in their Possession belonging to Jaffier Beg: that Hussain Ally had sent for them and they informed him that they had some Papers in their Possession belonging to Jaffier Beg that one was a Note to the French Resident, and the other was a Copy of a Letter wrote by Jaffier Beg to the Governor of Pondicherry; upon which Hussain Ally said that as they were Papers of such a Nature he would have nothing to do in the Affair — Mahomed Em Beg and the other two then entered into very warm Altercations and Mahomed Em Beg drew his Dagger on Yaccoob Cawn but Hussain Ally interposed — That the Affair by this means became publick; and as Mr. Wynch was apprehensive that Jaffier Beg would fly to Tripatore Pass, and as he is a bold enterprising Man & well acquainted with that Part of the Country: He Mr. Wynch had ordered him to be Secured — Mr. Wynch further advises

That

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That he had sent for Jaffier Beg & acquainted him with what he was accused who alledged that the Intercourse he had with the French was only to find out their Views — He acknowledged the Note to Mr. Mangin & confessed to have wrote to Mr. Law, but said the Copy of the Letter produced was not a just one.

It is Agreed to defer coming to any Determination on this Matter untill the Depositions & other Papers Received with the Letter from Mahmulsalam are translated — In the mean time the Board much approve of Mr. Wynch's having secured Jaffier Beg's Person and of the Measures taken by the Gentlemen therewith regard to his Zaguire and Havally Lands.

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N. 168 requesting that as he is in want of Officers for his Cavalry that Lieutenants Muirhead & Grant & Lieutenant Gordon & Monkhouse may be spared him —

Agreed that the said Letter be referred to the Select Committee

The President acquaints the Board that Ensign Richard Clementson died here the 17th Instant

The President acquaints the Board that one of the Invalids at Chingleput had been confined for attempting to Gab. Lieuten. Running, and that two Deserters had been taken up.

Ordered that they be tried by a General Court Martial to be held here for that Purpose.

Geo: Mackay

Jon. DuPré
Warren Hastings.
Joseph Smith.
Jam. Sibley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton

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Pursuant to the Resolutions of last Consultation the following Letters were wrote.

N. 135 to Captain Fletcher Commanding at Cuddalore

N. 136 To Mr. Andrew Ross

N. 137 To George Dawson Esq.r Chief at Cuddalore

At a Consultation, Present

Josias Du Pré Esq.r Governor President

Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith

Samuel Ardley, John Smith.

George Stratton, Henry Brooke

Rich.d Brickenden, George Mackay

Monday 29th Oct.r

The Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at this Place the 25 Instant on the following Prisoners are now laid before the Board —

Prisoners	Crimes	Sentences
Will.m Gunn, Invalid	{Mutiny — in attempting to assassinate Lieut. Rumley}	Death
Tho.s M.Donald Corporal	Desertion	reduced — 500 Lashes
Ja.s Tilley, Gunner	D.o	Acquitted
Edw.d Pearce Ensign	{for refusing & breaking his Arrest — Quarrels.m Behav.r}	Cashiered

The Board approve of the foregoing Sentences — and it appearing by the Proceedings that Ensigns Leighton & Brookes did not use their Endeavors to prevent Mr. Pearce's going out to fight Messrs. Cooper & Yeats which they might have done, General Smith is desired to Reprimand them severely for their Behavior.

Letter from Colonel Donald Campbell Commanding at Vellour dated 21st Instant N. 178. read accompanying the

Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Sepoy Court Martial held on Mirmah & Mahomid Cloph Sepoys for Desertion, who are sentenced to suffer Death — Colonel Campbell also represents that altho a severe Example is absolutely necessary, he had deferred carrying the Sentence of the Court Martial into Execution untill he could obtain the Opinion of the Board thereon —

Agreed that it be recommended to Col. Campbell to approve the said Sentences, but as we hope the making an Example of one of them will have the desired Effect It is to be recommended to him to cause them to throw the Die for their Lives, & that only one of them do suffer.

Report of Committee of Accounts read as follows

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George —

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of the Out Garrisons for the months of July & August, and have no Remarks to offer to your Honor &c.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Saml. Ardley
John Smith
George Stratton
Richd. Brickenden
Franl. Joardan
C B Dent

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Wm. Petrie

Memorial

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Memorial of Mr. Martin read setting forth that he was appointed Surgeon to the Foreign Legion; but that Mr. Cotsford had informed him as that Corps is reformed he might remain at Ganjam & act under the Orders of Mr. Bowen or that he might proceed & take Care of the Sick at Vizianagram & that he should be supplied with Medicines by Mr. Bowen —

As Mr. Martin was appointed Surgeon to the Corps of Foreignert, which is now reformed, the Board are of Opinion that he is entitled to the same Indulgences with other Surgeons of his Rank in the Service — Mr. Cotsford is therefore to be informed of the Purport of his Representation and acquainted that if Mr. Martin's Services are wanted at Ganjam, he must be contented to act under Mr. Bowen as the Senior Surgeon but in Case he is detached to Vizianagram or any other Place, it is but reasonable he should have the Management of the Hospitals on the same Terms with other Surgeons.

Read a Letter from Mr. Andrew Majendie N. 80 requesting Permission to receive his Proportion of the Devidend of five pCent now making by the Nabob to his private Creditors — Which is granted —

Read a Letter from Messrs. Church & Sibbald Dated at Seringapatam the 10. Instant N. 179 — Advising that Hyder Ally had earnestly represented to them the Necessity of our assisting him, that the Morattas would hearken to no Terms of Peace — & requesting they would represent the same to us — Advising that he had given out his Intentions of proceeding to Bengalure but that they rather think he will remain where he is & endeavor to make a stand against

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The Morattas have three or four parts of the Bidenore Country from whence they can draw sufficient Supplies of Provisions.

Letter from Lieut. Colonel Lang commanding at Trichinopoly Dated 23 Oct. N 184 advising of his having deferred carrying the Orders of the Board regarding Wyatt Emissaries into Execution having had the Affair again enquired into by Captains Cook & Rooney; and is happy to find they are not all so guilty as at first imagined from the Report before made him; that he waited the Arrival of Mr. Barretto, who, from his perfect Knowledge of the Language will probably be able to come at the whole Truth.

The Board much approve of the Caution used by Colonel Lang in this Affair & of which the President is desired to acquaint him.

An Indent for Medicines for the Garrison of Vellour being laid before the Board, is referred to the Surgeons to be complied with.

The President lays before the Board a Draft of a Letter proposed by the Nabob to be wrote by him to Mr. Law on the Subject of the French Deserters as entered in Country Correspondence N 473 which is ordered to be returned to the Nabob with the alterations now proposed to be made therein.

Jos. Du Pré
Warren Hastings.

Saml. Ardley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Gd. Mackay

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Wrote this Day a Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Fod commanding at Poonamale N. 138, directing him to send 100 Europeans to Madras.

31st. Pursuant to the Resolutions of last Consultation the follow[ing] Letters were wrote.

N. 139. To Colonel Donald Campbell Commanding at Vellore

N 140 To Mr. Edward Cotsford Resident at Ganjam

Novr. 3. Wrote this Day a Letter to Captain Pascal commanding at Chinglepet N. 141 ordering the Execution of William Gunn for Mutiny. —

At a Consultation Present.

Monday 5th Novem.

Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor President
Warren Hastings. Joseph Smith.
Samuel Ardley. John Smith.
George Stratton. Henry Brooke.
Richd. Brickenden. George Mackay —

The Minutes of the Select Committee on the Nabobs Application for four Officers & the Subjects proposed to be discussed with him communicated to the Board —

The Select Committee communicate to the Board their Minutes of the 30 & 31 Ultimo relative to the Nabobs Application for four Officers together with what passed in the Conference with the Nabob, on the several Subjects proposed to have been discussed with him: But on which he declined to deliberate with the Committee —

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General Smith lays before the Board the following Letter containing his Sentiments on the Measures necessary to be taken — which is now read, & on which the Board proceed to make the following Observations and Orders

To

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To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr
President & Governor &c. &c. Council
of Fort St George.

Letter from General Smith on the Measures necessary to be taken with the Observations & Orders of the Board thereon

Observations & Orders thereon

Honble Sir & Sirs

1 The Departure of General Coote for England gives me the honor of being once more at the Head of their Troops on this Coast. And as there is the greatest Probability of their being employd on active Service I think it proper to lay before You what occurs to me in that Character and Department, and altho' many of the most material Subjects have already been before the Board, and as a Member I am not ignorant of the Steps that have already been taken and of the Difficulties that occur nevertheless I am induced to mention them here that when Your Honor &c. shall proceed further in your Deliberation thereon, all the necessary materials may be before You and being myself present with you, we may be the better enabled to determine upon the whole.

2. It is

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Letter

2. It is now beyond a Doubt that the Morattoes are determined (when the Season permits) to return with a very numerous Army to the Southward, and in Conjunction with the Troops already in the Mysore Country to prosecute the Reduction of it with all the Vigor they are capable of and from their Contiguity, & the Threats they have thrown out (tho' not in a direct manner) we have every Reason to fear their Views will not be solely confined to the Balleguat, but that they will carry their Arms into the Carnatick unless we comply with Demands, w.h I must ever look upon as incompatible with the real Interest of the Company, and the future Welfare of this Country, therefore as it is impossible at present to foresee in what manner Mahaderow will conduct himself towards us it ought to be our peculiar Care not to lose a moment to make every necessary

Observations & Orders thereon

2. It seems very probable that it is their Intention to endeavor to Subdue the Mysore Country — if this be granted it is not probable that they will at the same Time invade the Carnatick with an Intention either to Subdue it or to levy Contribution on it since the natural Consequence of such a Step must be our taking up Arms against them and once routed we shall then be compelled by their own indiscretion into the very measures they seem most to fear that is the supporting of Hyder for whether we Join him or not if they divide their Force to attack us they weaken themselves in the Balaghaut & may provoke us to assist Hyder at in one common Cause — It seems probable nevertheless that they will send some Force into the Carnatick but with a different View — encouraged probably to hope that such a Step will compel us — not to

take

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Sir

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any preparation for the equipment of the Troops that they may be in Readiness to take the Field, and to act as Circumstances may require.

take up Arms against them but to join them against Hyder which would probably ensure the Conquest they aim at. — That has been our uniform Opinion in which G. Smith has concurred and still concurs.

3. To equip any considerable Force properly is not the Business of a Day or a Month, I need not therefore mention to Your Honor &c. the Impropriety and Danger of the absolute Necessity there is for immediately setting about this important Work.

3. That is a very just and very prudent Recommendation as coming from the General of the Army Supposed to be acquainted with the Powers of the Government and Speaking in his distinct Character as General — But as a Member of the Board & of the Select Committee General Smith agrees with us that these Preparations do not depend entirely on us, for in the first Place — We have no other Resources for defraying our current Expences but our rising Revenues and what we may receive from the Nabob — We are in Suspence respecting the Last but We have all Reason to believe that the Nabob does not intend to pay

J. A. Wynn

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Letter

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Ds any part of the Establishd
be engaged to pay from June
1770 to June 1771. — That tho'
our present Ballance & Current
Charges it is not probable we
shall have half a Lack of Pagodas
remaining in the Treasury at
the end of Decem.r and if the
Mahrattas come into the Coun-
try with the View suggested
in Art. 2. It is not probable
We Shall receive any Benefit
from the Rents of the Jaug-
hire — in the State We now
stand it thus appears that We
want the first Principle for
equipping an Army, which
when equipped for aught We
know or have Cause to believe
We Shall not have the means
of paying them One Day's Bat
ta in the Field — We must de-
pend Solely on the Nabob
but is it probable the Nabob
will assist Us? Let Us recollect
his Declaration — Viz.t "
"He will Join Us with 2000
"Horse & 3000 Sepoys but he will
"not answer for their Pay longer
"than

J. Wheeler

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Letter.

Observations & Orders thereon —

"than whilst the Country remain in Peace."

We know his Plan at least Proclamation to support the Mahrattas — can he then do found on any Assistance from him against them hereafter? Something he may do just to save Appearances — but ought we to think of taking the Field on so precarious a Footing?

If we have Cause to believe the Nabob desires to support the Mahrattas — If his Conduct towards us is unconfidential not to say adverse — If he refuses to deliberate with us — Sub Comm: 31 Oct — If we have no certain Means of our own for Field Operations and if all the Resources and Means, Provision and Money are in the Nabob Can we in this State of Debility and uncertainty think of taking the Field? — It was no longer ago than the 31st Oct. that the Select Committee went to Deliberate with him he declined deliberating —

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A. When —

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Instead therefore of equipping
an Army for the Field the previous
Measures which our Circumstan-
ces require seem to be these —
1. — To demand in Writing
(since the Nabob refuses to delibe-
rate personally) a Categorical
Answer from the Nabob to the
following Propositions.
1. In Case the Moratas should
enter this Province is it your In-
tention & Desire that they shd.
be opposed?
2. Is it your Desire that Prepa-
rations should now be made
for taking the Field that we
may be ready in Case they shd.
enter the Province?
3 — Will you undertake to bear
the whole Charge of preparing
the Army for the Field and
the whole Charge when they
are in the Field — or what
part will you bear?
4. In what Manner — at what
Periods — & with what Speci-
fick Sums will you undertake
to supply us to defray the
Charges of the Army?
5. What means have you of

entering

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ensuring Supplies of Provision to the Army in the Field in Whatever Part of the Province they may pursue the Enemy?

If the Nabob will undertake all this — then We may at once as the Violence of the Rains are over assemble the Army — If he will not undertake this & give Us such Assurances as We may depend on — then there remain but two Alternatives.

1st. To leave in Trichinopoly & Vellore sufficient Garrisons, draw down towards the Sea shore a Respectable Force and remain upon the Defensive there — Or,

2d. That We proceed to Extremities — Seize by Force the Country and Resources, establish the Company's Government and defend it without Consulting the Nabob —

This is so utterly repugnant to the Sense of the Company & of the Administration at home and therefore so pregnant of Danger, Mischief & Ruin that it cannot admit of a Thought and it is only mentioned here

to

A. Wheen

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1st When once the Inhabitants of this Country are alarmed with the News of an Enemy's approach, they will entirely desert the open Countries and fly to the Woods and Mountains for Safety carrying with them their Cattle and Effects. and I am certain if ample Supplies of Grain & other Provisions are not collected very soon & kept in the several Forts &c. Shall be done to the greatest Distresses. Slaughter Cattle — Sheep and large Quantities of Straw &c. also be provided with a sufficient Number of Gunny Bags to transport Grain, from our Magazines to the Army. Its with the utmost Difficulty the Troops at Vellour can even now procure Provisions. and most of the other Garrisons labor under the same Hardships — What then are we to expect when the Carnatick is over run with Cavalry?

to reject it absolutely & totally 1st — It is not by any timely Care or Prudence of Ours that the Difficulties mentioned in this Paragraph can be prevented — Some Years ago it might, in those times the Gov.r & Council had some Controul, & they were supported by the Court of Directors — Now the Nabob encouraged & powerfully supported from home shews little Regard to the Company's Government — refuses his Assent to any Act of Ours in his Country, may objects even to individuals passing without his Dustuck, tho' he does not stop them by open force — how then are we to make these Provisions? — Unless as We suggested in the Alternative 2. We use force — but if that alternative be rejected — as it must be — We must depend absolutely and entirely on the Nabob — and if the Enemy's Cavalry be numerous as it was in 1767 there is no doubt but the Difficulties and Distresses will be numberless — and neither the General of the

This

Army

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5. This being the Case surely We ought to seize the present Opportunity to make a timely Provision against an event we have so much Reason to expect for when it happens all our Efforts would then be vain & fruitless — even the Nabob himself could yield very little Assistance — however well inclined he might be to do it I speak from experience of the numberless Difficulties the Army labored under in the Year 1767 — tho in the very heart of our own Country which we may again feel, if by timely care & Prudence it is not prevented — None of the Offices Commanding the Nabobs Forts have the least Idea of the Quantity of Grain or other Provisions kept in them. The Nabobs Servants have the intire Management of his Stores & are not to be depended on in Time of Danger it is therefore highly proper the Offices

command[ed]

Army nor the Gov.t & Council can prevent them —

5. This is very Just — it was proposd in Committee the 30th Ultimo, & proposd by the Committee to the Nabob the 31st — his Answer was that if We would deliver to him in Writing an Account of all the Necessaries & Stores of every Kind We should want — he would provide them & our Offices should inspect — It is therefore agreed to write to him now and to desire

1st That he will inform us what Quantity of Provisions of every Kind he has laid up in the several Forts in the several Parts of the Country.

2. That our Officers in Trichinopoly & Vellour may inspect into the Provisions there & take an Account of them & that none be issued without their Knowledge & Consent.

6. Ordered

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commanding Trichinopoly Dal-
tour &c. should be impowered
to make a Strict Examination
into the Provisions laid up in
his Excellency's Magazines: and
after taking an Account of the
whole not suffer any part to be
sold or carried away without
their Knowledge & Consent.
Should his Excellency object to
this (which its most probable he
will) We must then insist on
a Three Months Stock of Provi-
sions being immediately delivered
over to the Comanding Officers
of the Several Forts or whomsoever
Your Honor &c. may be pleased to
appoint: making them account
able for the same. Unless this is
complied with no Officer can
be answerable for the Defence of
any Place committed to his Care.

6. I beg Leave also to recommend that the Regiments & Battalions of Seapoys may be compleated with Tents, and other requisite for Field Service.

6. Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Stores.

7. Draught & Carriage Bullocks is a very essential Article and as they require time to make

7. — This depends on the Nabob's Answer to our Letter of 3d September and to the 2d Question before

make them bearable for either of those Uses they should be collected long before the Troops are put in motion & packed on the Yoke Cattle as they will be exceedingly troublesome on the Line of March.

before mentioned to be proposed to them. We long ago resolved on one Post to provide Bullocks & employ them on the various Services of the Establishment. 200 have actually been purchased — but We can obtain no answer from the Malabar to whether he will bear any Part of the Charge.

8. Light Carriages & Tumbrils for the Field are much wanted. The Stores Ammunition &c contracted for them — those Carriages &c ought to be thorough Mov'd must be surveyed again by inspected and a report made they were surveyed some time to your Honor &c. that every Deficiency may be supplied. to be repaired.

8 The Board upon the Report of the Committee of Stores have contracted for them — those in use must be surveyed again & a report made they were surveyed some time ago and the repairable ordered to be repaired.

9. A general Review of the Troops should be made annually or oftener if possible for all the Officers commanding different Corps may give every Attention in their Power to the Discipline and good order of the Men under them, yet the same Emulation does not exist as when each Corps is certain of being reviewed seperately & proper Notice taken of their Merit or Demerit, with-

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10. Very proper & very useful but he must first come to some Conclusion with Pondicherry which Time Gen.l Smith cannot set out?

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I am with Respect.

Vippery Gardens
5th. November 1770.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
Josiah Smith

Letter to the Nabob in Contingence —

Pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions a Letter is now wrote to the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 176 requesting his Answer to the several Points proposd

Letter from Mr. Hynck advising of Proposals made by Sahib Beg Cawn for our holding a Treaty to join the Soubah —

Read a Letter from Mad.r Wynch Esq.r Chief at Mazulipatam Dated 19 Oct.r N.o 177 enclosing Copies of Letters from Sahib Beg Cawn to Hein D'Jogue Paintator as entered in Country Correspondence N.os 168 & 172 expressing his Concern that what he wrote with respect to the Images of Brodrachellum should have occasioned any Doubts or Suspicions regarding his Intentions, that he has always Studied to promote the Friendship between the Soubah & the Company & recommending as a Means to strengthen it

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That a Small Force of Europeans & Sepoys be appointed to remain with the Soubah who will on that Case always be ready to assist the Company with a Body of Horse when they may require it and referring to his Vaquil sent to Mr. Wynch for further particulars for an Explanation of which particulars Mr. Wynch refers to the Letter wrote by Mr. John Lewen Smith to the Board under Date 19 Janry 1769 - Mr. Wynch further advises that as Fazil Beg Cawn had promised Security to the Chiefs of Bradachellum he had desired they would inform him what Security they expected.

Refers to the Letter wrote by Mr. J. L. Smith on the Subject of our acting in Conjunction with the Soubah against Madarasso

Upon Reference to Mr. Smiths Letter of 18 Janry 1769 (not the 19th) it appears that Fazel beg Cawn had by means of his Vaquil represented to him the very distressed State of the Soubah's Affairs, the Advantages arising from a firm & open Friendship between him & the Company that the Treaty which had been concluded was the Result of Necessity on the part of the Soubah & that therefore little Dependance could be placed therein, & proposing that they should heartily and mutually exert their endeavors against the Morattas & Hyder Ally, the former of whom had left the Soubah little more than an empty Name & in Conjunction with the latter aimed at the Conquest of all the Countries dependant on the Decan. The Plan he proposed was that the Company & the Soubah should join Jannoje against Madarasso endeavor to place Ragoba in the Government of Poonah or if that should fail to compel Madarasso to submit to such Terms as Sh. be imposed on him — By this Means the Soubah hoped to recover the Country that had been usurped from him. & promised to assist the Company in the Reduction of Mysore for themselves, as soon as the Operations against Madarasso

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Your most obedient Servant

Josp.h Smith

Vippery Gardens
5th. November 1770.

Letter to the Nabob in Contingence —

Letter from Mr. Munro advising of Proposals made by Sadik Beg for our building a small Fort to join the Boat at —

Pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions a Letter is now wrote to the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 176 requesting his Answer to the several Points proposed

Read a Letter from Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Chief at Masulipatam dated 19 Oct.r N.o 177 enclosing Copies of Letters from Sadik Beg Cawn to him & Jogun Pantalu as entered in Country Correspondence N.os 1671 & 1672 expressing his Concern that what he wrote with respect to the Ravages of Brodrachellum should have occasioned any Doubts or Suspicions regarding his Intentions, that he has always studied to promote the Friendship between the Soubah & the Company & recommending as a Means to strengthen

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That a Small Force of Europeans & Sepoys be appointed to remain with the Soubah who will in that Case always be ready to assist the Company with a Body of Horse when they may require it and referring to his Vaquil sent to Mr Wynch for further particulars for an Explanation of which particulars Mr Wynch refers to the Letter wrote by Mr John Lewen Smith to the Board under Date 19 Janry 1769 — Mr Wynch further advises that as Fazil Beg Cawn had promised Security to the Purport of Bradachellum he had desired they would inform him what Security they expected.

Refers to the Letter wrote by Mr J. L. Smith on the Subject of our acting in Conjunction with the Soubah against Madarasno.

Upon Reference to Mr Smith's Letter of 18 Janry 1769 (not the 19th) it appears that Fazel beg Cawn had by means of his Vaquil represented to him the very distressed State of the Soubah's Affairs, the Advantages arising from a firm & open Friendship between him & the Company that the Treaty which had been concluded was the Result of Necessity on the part of the Soubah & that therefore little Dependance could be placed therein, & proposing that they should heartily and mutually exert their endeavors against the Morattas & Hyder Ally, the former of whom had left the Soubah little more than an empty Name & in Conjunction with the latter aimed at the Conquest of all the Countries dependant on the Decan. The Plan he proposed was that the Company & the Soubah should join Jannoje against Madarow & endeavor to place Ragoba in the Government of Poonah or if that should fail to compel Madararow to Submit to such Terms as shd be imposed on him — By this Means the Soubah hoped to recover the Country that had been usurped from him, & promised to assist the Company in the Reduction of Mysore for themselves, as soon as the Operations against Madarow

would

would admit of it.

Agreed that Mr. Wynch in Answer to the Letter from Fazil beg Cawn be directed to acquaint him that we are well pleased at the Assurances he gives us of his Attachment to the Company and his Desire of promoting the Friendship between them & the Soubah — That our Inclination will always lead us to Strengthen that Friendship & to support the Soubah's Dignity & Authority by every Means in our Power — But as to the Proposal made by the Vaquid & for which Mr. Wynch refers us to Mr. Smith's Letter of the 18th Janry 1769 Mr. Wynch must acquaint the Vaquil Verbally that it is by no Means consistent with our Policy in any Matter or Power to enter into such vague general Expressions Measures — That the sending the Small Force recommended by Fazil Beg to the Soubah would be of no Service to him and would only be the Means of obliging us in the End to send further Reinforcements for its Support ——

The President acquaints the Board that Hyder Ally's Vaquils had particularly requested that an Answer might be returned to the Letter received from Messrs. Church and Sibbald.

Reports Vaquils desire that an Answer may be sent to the Ltr from Messrs Church & Sibbald

Orders thereon

As the giving Hyder Ally Assurances that we will not assist the Morattas may induce him to oppose their Attempts with more Vigor & Resolution a Draft of a Letter to Messrs. Church & Sibbald N. 182 is now prepared accordingly — and lest Messrs. Church & Sibbald should have left him before the said Letter reaches them It is agreed that a Copy thereof be transmitted to the Gentlemen at Bombay, who are to be requested to give Hyder Ally the like Assurances — A Draft of a Letter to Bombay N. 183 is therefore now prepared.

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Letter from Select Committee at Bengal inclosing Mr Crauford's Account of Cudjeung—

The Select Committee lay before the Board a Letter from the Select Committee at Fort William dated 25th September N. 182 inclosing Copy of Letter from Mr Henry Crawford with an Account of the Situation of Cudjeung, a Description of the Bay & of the adjacent Coast.

Letter from Mr Dawson advising of the death of Lieutenant Dalton—

Letter from George Dawson Esq. Chief at Cuddalore read Dated 29 October N 183 advising that a Copy of the Declaration signed by the People at Gingee had been delivered to Lieutenant Dalton and that the scandalous Accusation against him contained therein had so much affected his Spirits that he became delerious and expired on the Night of the 28th in great Agonies.

The President also lays before the Board a Letter from Mr Dawson advising that Lieutenant Dalton at the time the Declaration was sent to him was in a Course of Mercury and being unable in that Situation to make a Reply thereto or to take any Measures to vindicate his Character it had such an Effect upon his Spirits, particularly the Accusation of his being Drunk at the Time, as to cause the fatal Catastrophe above mentioned.

Observations thereon

The Board are much concerned at this melancholy Event, particularly as Lieutenant Dalton bore the Character of a very sober brave & good Officer; and We cannot avoid saying that from the above Circumstance We are induced to believe that this Transaction was very much misrepresented by the Nabob's People.

Letter from Captain Fletcher commanding at Dingolee N. 184 advising of his having given Directions for the Officers Quarters to be set about agreeable to the Orders of the

Letter from Captain Fletcher — orders the Barracks to be built

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Letter from the President & Council of Fort William
read Dated 26 September N 185 acknowledging the Receipt of
our Letters of the 17 & 28 August and enclosing Copy of their
Letter to General Coote on the Subject of our Disputes with him
as also an Extract from the Company's Letter to that Presidency
Dated 30 June 1769 regarding the Power of their Governors over
the Military and adviseing that they purpose transmitting
to the Court of Directors Copies of our Correspondence with Sir
Johns Lindsay & General Coote by the first Ship that sails from
thence.

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Company Orders regard
the Dispute between
Stratton & Gen. Richd.
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We are well pleased to find that the Sentiments
of the Gentlemen at Bengal entirely concur with ours on
the Subject of our Disputes with General Coote and in which
we are entirely confirmed by the Extract of the Company's Or-
ders to that Presidency. We are much obliged to them for
their Intention of transmitting to the Court of Directors Copies
of our Correspondence with Sir John Lindsay & General Coote
and ordered that a Copy of our Correspondence with those Gentle-
men which has passed since be forwarded to be transmitted
in like Manner. And as it is probable considering the
present State of our Affairs & our Situation with Respect to
the Nabob that we may have Advices of the greatest Im-
portance to transmit to the Company before the Departure
of our January Ship It is Agreed that the Gentlemen at
Bengall be requested to order the first Ship they may
dispatch from thence after the Receipt of our Letter to call
here and that they be assured She shall not be detained twenty
four Hours.

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Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in

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Country Correspondence N. 175 advising of his having sent Pagodas 12.152 47½ Annas agreable to his Engagements with Mr. Monckton & which he requests may be paid to that Gentleman & his Bond taken up and sent to him.

The President acquaints the Board that he received the above Letter late on Saturday Night & immediately sent it to Mr. Stracey to be translated who came & acquainted him with its Contents, & that he thereupon ordered the Money to be deposited with the Sheroffs until he could obtain the Opinion of the Board regarding the same.

Opinions of the several Members thereon

The Board having deliberated on the above-mentioned Request of the Nabob for paying the Money to Mr. Monckton the several Members proceed to give their Opinions thereon as follows.

Mr. Mackay's Opinion

It must I think appear very extraordinary that the Board should give their Sanction to the Nabob's paying Money to Individuals who have lent it in Contradiction to the Company's positive Orders and at the same Time prevent him from paying his legal Creditors. — I am therefore of Opinion that the Money intended by the Nabob for Mr. Monckton should either be kept as a Deposit or sent back.

Mr. Brickenden's Opinion

In Regard to the Debts of Messrs. Smith & Monckton with the Nabob the former of which having received the Amount in Part but by a different Mode I think Mr. Monckton's Money might remain some little time as a Deposit till the Nabob probably may choose to convey it to him in the same Manner.

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Mr Brooke's Opinion

I am of Opinion this Matter has no Connection with the Affair of the General Creditors & therefore cannot in any Manner be controuled by it — I am of opinion that should Messrs S. & M be found culpable the Board can only act by Suspension Dismission &c That being the Mode prescribed the Board cannot therefore by their Act, affect in any Manner the Property of the Parties. I am of Opinion that the Board having cut off all other Channels of Intercourse with the Nabob but themselves, they cannot with any Degree of Conformity to their own Rules, especially when the Nabob himself desires it refuse to act in the present case and which being subsequent to the loan to which they were neither privy nor consenting and in which the Criminality rests no Fault can be found with their conduct in ordering the Money to be sent immediately to Mr Monckton & directing him to give a Discharge for the same. I am of Opinion the Board here are the proper Guardians of the People's Rights & it is incumbent on them to aid the Individuals in recovering their just Claims.

Mr Stratton concurs in the opinion of Mr Hastings entered hereafter.

W. Smith's Opinion

As I understand the Governor & Council have acquiesced in the Nabob paying Mr Smith's Money so I am of opinion they ought in paying Mr Monckton & if the Nabob could be prevailed on to pay it himself. I think it would be much the best Method as I am apprehensive if the Payment is made for him by the Governor it will give the

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Nabob a Bill to pay the Dft. as in the same manner which I think ought not to be allowed in Prejudice to the rest of his Creditors, the Governor & Council I imagine don't know any thing of the Dft. as Transactions for my Part I do not, If the Nabob will not pay Mr. Monckton himself the Money he has sent the Governor for that Purpose, I think should remain deposited in his Hands untill a further Resolution can be taken regarding it.

Mr. Hadley's Opinion

The Transaction between the Nabob & Messrs. Smith, Monckton &c.a having been represented to the Board the 6th. October — just before the Departure of the Lapwing to England, by which We have told the Company that it would take time to investigate the Circumstances of it on which We should when able fully to explain them give our Sentiments at Large, the Matter Seems to me thus to remain so much in Suspence that it would in my Judgement be too much expressing an Approbation of the Business were we now to interfere in the Payment of the Sum deposited by the Nabob for that Purpose. Before We can Shew that the Particulars of the Case may justify our Indulgence in the Present Instance — I therefore think there would be great Impropriety in our paying the said Sum to Mr. Monckton tho' I have no Objection to the Money remaining deposited untill the Nabob will assume and pay it himself, untill Messrs. Smiths & Monckton's remarks on the Nabobs Representation which has been sent them may enable Us to come to some conclusive Determination.

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Time that they received our Opinion upon it. Though the
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it in that Light only the Board must condemn it. What
Sentence we shall pass upon it, it will be the Time to con-
sider when that Matter comes formally before us; nor can
any thing We may do in the present Case preclude us from
inflicting the severest Penalties enjoined by the Company should
the Circumstances of the Transaction require it.

We are neither commanded nor warranted by
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My Opinion therefore is clearly that Mr. Monckton has a Right to the Payment of this Debt, and that the Board may consistently pass it out to him. It remains only to be considered whether it should be immediately paid him, or whether it would not be doing an Injury to the Nabob's other Creditors to allow of the Discharge of this Debt while the large Sums due to them are withheld from them.

This might have been a Question of Difficulty some Time ago when the Nabob conformed himself to the Arrangement of the Company and acted or appeared to act by the Dictates of the Board. But at present We know that he pays no Regard to that Arrangement further than as it suits his own Interests since he has lately paid his Creditors a Part of their Debt without the Consent of the Board, & contrary to that Arrangement, and I will venture to speak it as the Opinion of every Member of the Board that it is not from any Scrupulous Regard to his Engagements with them that he is withheld from discharging the Rest. —— But the Truth is that this is not a Debt of the Nabob's. It was contracted with his Annuitants at a very high Interest & for a short Time. He has taken it upon himself, reduced the Interest and agreed to a new Term of Payment which is elapsed. It is therefore as much incumbent on him to pay this Money now as it would be to pay for occasional Advances of Money or any other of the current Transactions of his Government

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since this is no other than a Purchase of a Transfer of a Debt voluntary made on his Part if not on the Creditors on certain Terms one of which is the Stipulated Time of Payment.

The President's Opinion—

I am of Opinion that the Money ought to be sent to M.r Monckton according to the Nabob's Desire I decline now to enter into a Discussion of the Subject reserving my Reasonings upon the general Merits until the Answer of Messrs. Smith & Monckton (which has been required of them) shall bring the Case before us at large at present therefore I shall only say that altho' I have from the Beginning disapproved of & condemned the original Transaction yet as the Matter now stands I think we cannot with Propriety refuse to pass the Money to M.r Monckton because by the general Prohibition of Intercourse between the Individuals of the Colony & the Nabob he is regular in sending the Money in this Mode, it is true he does not observe the Injunction upon other Occasions or on any Occasions but when that suit his own Purpose nevertheless when he chuses to observe it we ought not to refuse without sufficient Reasons and I see no sufficient Reasons in the present Case for supposing both M.r Smith & M.r Monckton to appear upon full Enquiry to be culpable in the highest Degree— What is to say of a premeditated Breach of the Company's Order without alleviating Circumstances —Whatever the Penalties are ordered by the Company to inflict? to suspend them I send them home. not to seize or confiscate their money or to arrest the Payment— but since the Nabob cannot pay it according to the Injunction which he chuses

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in this Instance to observe) without our Permission or this it is which amounts to the same thing to refuse to pass the Money or to refuse our Permission to Mr. Monckton to receive it is to arrest the Payment. I shall only further observe that altho' the Nabob's Complaint against them was for lending at an exorbitant Interest yet the Accounts I am informed were adjusted between them at 9 p Cent & the Complaint now is for not assenting to a Proposal made by the Nabob to defer the Term of Payment.

Ordered in Consequence

The Majority of the Board being of Opinion that the Money should be paid to Mr. Monckton agreable to the Nabob's Request: It is Ordered to be sent to him accordingly & the Nabob's Bond received from him & sent to the Nabob.

Jo. Du Pré
Warren Hastings.
Jos. Joseph Sumner
Sam. Ridley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Geo. Mackay

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Pursuant to the Resolution of last Consultation a Letter was
this Day wrote to the Resident Vennet at Fort William N. 1111

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Received advice this Day that Trimbuck Row with a Body
of about 5000 Morattas has arrived at Tripetty the 8th Instant
In Consequence of which Letters were wrote to the Officers commanding
at Ongole, Chungleput, Ponamale Tripassour & Conjeveram,
directing them to be on their Guard.

At a Consultation Present
Monday
November

Josias Du Pré Esq.r Governor President
Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith
Samuel Ardley, John Smith,
George Stratton, Henry Brooke
, George Mackay

Mr. Brickenden indisposed.

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Trimbuck Row

Read a Letter from the Nabob at entered in Country
Correspondence N.179 enclosing Intelligence regarding Trimbuck
Row's Arrival at Tripetty & Draft of a Letter proposed by the
Nabob to be wrote to him & requesting we would make such
Alterations therein as we may think proper.

tions made

The Board having read & considered the said
Letter proposed to be wrote by the Nabob to Trimbuck Row,
such Alterations are made therein as appear necessary & which
with the said Draught is now returned to the Nabob with a
Letter N. 180.

We are concerned to observe that the Nabob
has not yet returned any Answer to the several Points proposed
to him in the President's Letter of the 5th Instant as without
it we cannot determine on the Measures to be taken — And

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altho' We are of Opinion that Trimbeck Row will not venture at present to commit any Acts of Hostility against us, yet it is necessary to be on our Guard & until the Nabob shall informs us of his Resolution with Regard to the several Matters recommended to him in the abovementioned Letter to take all the Precautions in our power for the Security of the Country — It is therefore resolved that two Battalions of Sepoys from Vellour & one from Trichinopoly be ordered to Conjeveram — And as it will be necessary in case We are obliged to bring any Europeans into the Field, that those Men who have been some time in the Country should be ordered on that Service; Colonel Campbell is to be directed to order the first Battalion of Europeans of his Brigade to be properly equipped for the Field & to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest Notice; & in which Case the Battalion now at Ponamalé may be ordered to do Duty in Vellour — Colonel Campbell is also to be directed to cause the Field Artillery to be carefully examined & to be put in as good a Condition as possible.

Two Battalions of Sepoys from Vellour & one from Trichinopoly ordered to Conjeveram

1st Batt. of Europeans at Vellour to hold themselves in Readiness —

The Field Artillery there to be put in as good order as possible

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

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs —

Orders in Consequence —

Report of Committee of Stores with orders thereon —

Para. 1st. We have carefully examined the Stores arrived from England this Season; on which we beg Leave to make the following Remarks. —

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2. The 24 & 18 Pr. Iron Guns are much too heavy: the 24 Prs. are from 49 to 51 Cwt. the 18 Prs. from 40 to 41 Cwt. Whereas those intended for the Year 1770 were recommended to be of the lightest Construction.

2d. As this Matter has already been represented repeatedly to the Company & their Opinion and Resolution obtained thereon It is ordered that Extracts from the Letters wrote on the Subject be laid before the Committee after a Perusal of them any further Reasons can be given for recommending it again that the Committee do set them forth.

3. The lock Work of the Touchocks is not well-tempered from whence arises the Brittleness of the Locks Wch & is the Cause of their breaking so frequently: the Sights are also but slightly Stuck on instead of being Sunked Dovetailed.

3. Agreed that it be recommended to the Company to cause these Defects to be rectified.

4. All the Flair Dusters are worn & unfit for Service, proceeding from their being improperly packed: We recommend that in future the Boxes be put up Dry & packed Separate from the Hoops & kept in a Dry part of the Ship.

4th. Agreed that this method be recommended to the Company.

5. In Respect to the Ironwork for Gun Carriages received last Year and this we find a great Part of it quite useless & also great Deficiencies

5. Ordered that as many Sets as can be completed be delivered to the Contractors for making Gun Carriages, & that such parts as are entirely

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Deficiences an Account of which we have now the Honor to lay before you; We therefore recommend that as many Setts be compleated as can be & that all the Rest be sent to Europe; as being entirely useless.

6. The Holes of most of the Cartridge Pouches are too small to contain the Cartridges.

6. Agreed that this Matter be represented to the Company & a Muster with Holes of the proper Size be sent home.

7. The Flints are very bad not a fifth part of them prime.

7. Agreed that this be represented to the Company.

8. We have now the Honor to lay before you an account of Tents necessary for the Army according to the new Establishment & the Number wanting to compleat the same those for the Circar Battalions excepted; And We beg leave to refer it to your Honors &c. Consideration whether it may not be necessary to have the whole Number compleated for at least sufficient for one Brigade to be kept in Store at the different Garrisons where the Battalions are stationed in Order to prevent any Delay on that Score when Occasion may have occasion to take the Field.

9. Ordered that a copy of this Paragraph be sent to Masulipatam & Ganjam & that Monthly Returns of Stores at those Places & in the Circars be regularly transmitted to the President.

9. No Returns of Stores having been received for some Months from the Northward We request that your Honors &c. will order them to be sent monthly.

We have the Honor to be with great Respect Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most obedient & very humble Servants

Fort St George.
12. Nov. 1770.

Joseph Smith
Geo. Stratton
J. Butler
Patrick Ross
Hen. Z. Montresor
Comm. of Stores

An Account of the useless Iron Carriage Work

	Chain Bolts	Cap Squares	Plates for Pumps	Carriage Bolts	Screw Bolts	Linch Pins	Pump Plates	Bolt Heads	Bolt Nuts	Jam Plates	Jam Nuts	Cap Square Bolts	Bolts	Prong Plates	Pump Ho	Linch Pins	Hinges
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13 Essex	1	2	1	1	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	3	1	2	.	.	.	.
23 York	.	1	1	.	8	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.
9 Granville	.	.	.	1	10	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
8 Granville	1	1	.	.	6	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	1	.	2	.	.	.	.
9 Ashburnham	.	1	.	1	8	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
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8 Ashburnham	.	2	1	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
6 Granville	.	2	1	1	8	.	.	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	12	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
10 Ashburnham	.	2	.	1	8	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
7 Devonshire	.	1	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	1	.	.	.
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20 York	.	1	.	.	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
5 Ashburnham	.	2	.	.	7	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
4 D°	.	2	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	11	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
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13 D°	.	1	1	1	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
1 Devonshire	.	1	.	1	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
3 York	.	.	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	11	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
3 Essex	.	3	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
10 D°	1	1	.	.	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	1	2	1	.	.	.
7 Ashburnham	1	2	.	1	8	.	.	1	5	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
9 Essex	1	1	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
1 Ashburnham	.	.	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	1	1	1	1	12	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
21 York	.	.	1	2	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.
15 Essex	.	2	1	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
14 Hawke	.	.	.	.	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
5 Granville	.	2	.	.	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
4 York	1	2	1	.	6	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
12 Essex	2	2	.	1	9	.	.	1	2	.	.	1	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
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10 Granville	.	1	.	.	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
22 York	.	1	.	1	8	.	.	1	2	.	1	.	1	1	11	1	.	2	.	.	.	.
6 Hawk	1	2	.	.	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	1	.	.	.
8 D°	1	3	1	.	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	1	2	1	.	.	.
11 Ashburnham	.	3	1	1	8	.	.	1	2	.	.	1	1	1	11	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
6 Hawk	.	3	.	.	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	12	1	.	2	.	.	.	.
7 D°	.	3	1	2	8	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	1	2	1	.	.	.
9 D°	.	2	.	1	8	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
12 Devonshire	.	3	1	.	9	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	11	1	.	2	.	.	.	.
10 Hawk	.	2	1	.	7	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	12	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
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7 Essex	.	3	1	.	8	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	12	.	1	2	1	.	.	.
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now in the Military Stores &c.ª

		Main Bolts	Cap Squares	Plates for Pintles	Carriage Bolts	Bolster bands Hoops	Locking Plates	Bed Plate Chocks	Cascabel Washers	Trail Hooks	Square Hoops	Long Bolts	Axle plates	Side plates	Naves Hoops	Cap Square Bolts	Boxes for Trail Plates	Pintle Plates	Bolster Plates
3 Bounders	N. 16 Grafton	2	7	1	2		1	1	12		1								
3 D°	18 D°	2	8	1	2		1	1	12		1								
12 D°	1 D°	2	8	1	3		1		12		2	2							
6 D°	15 D°	1	8	1	2		1	1	12		1	2							
3 D°	21 D°	2	8	1	1		1		11		1								
6 D°	A Hawk			1	8		1	1			1		12		2				
6 D°	13 Grafton	2	1	8		1	3			1			12		2				
3 D°	12 Hawk	1		8		1	2			1	1	11			2				
12 D°	5 Essex				8		1	2			1		12		2				
12 D°	1 Granville		1	1	8		1	2			1		12		2				
12 D°	2 D°		1	1	8		1				1		11	1	2				
12 D°	A Essex				8		1	1					12	2	2				
12 D°	5 Chesterfield	1	Deficient 3				1				1		11						
Deficient 5ª mark on the Plank					7		1	1			1		11	3	2				
12	15 York		1		7		1	A	1				12		2			1	
12	1 Hawk				8		1				1		12		2		1		
12	2 D°		1		7		1	1			1		12		2				
12	3 D°		1		8		1	1			1		12	1	2				
12	17 Chatham				8		1	1			1		12		2				
12	16 Devonshire				8		1	1			1		11		2				
12	16 Ashburnham		A		8		1	3	1				11	1	2				
12	15 Devonshire		1		8		1				1		10		2				
12	14 D°				8		1				1		12		2				
12	14 Ashburnham		2		8		1				1		12		2				
12	5 D°		2		8		1						11		2				1
12	14 York		1		8		1	1			1		12	1	2				
12	17 Grafton		1		8		1	2			1	1	12		1				
3	3 D°				8		1				1		12		2				
12	4 D°				8		1	2			1		12		2				
6	2 D°		1		8		1	2					12		2				
12	19 D°				8		1	1			1	1	12		2				
3	8 D°				8		1	3			1		12	1					
6	23 D°				7		1	2			1	1	12		2	1			
3	20 D°		1		6		1	3					12		2				
3	11 D°		1		8		1	3			1	1	12		2				
6	22 D°				8		1	2				1	12		2				
3	11 D°	1			7		1				1		12	3	1				
6	5 D°				7		1	1			1		12	3	1				
6	9 D°		1		6		1				1	1	12	1	2				
6	21 D°				7		1	3			1	1	12		1				
3	5 D°				8		1	2			1	1	12	1	2				
6	12 D°				8		1	2			1		12		2				
6	25 D°				7		1	1				1	12		2				
3	10 Duke D°				1		2					1			1				
6	A Grafton	1	1		8		1		Bolsters Damper Spring Bracket			1	10						
6	17 Devonshire		3	1	8		1	A	1	2		1	12		2				
Howe's	17 Ashburnham		2	1	8		1	A	1	2		1	12		2				
	18 D°		1		8		2	A	1	2		1	12		2				

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A List of Ironwork deficient in Different Boxes.

			Par	
44	Pintle	Grafton	3	1
	Crop Bolts			3
3	Pintle	Grafton	12	1
	Cap Square Bolts			3
	Garnish D°			1
	Crop D°			1
7	Boxes		6	6
	Cap Square Bolts			3
	Crop Square D°			2
	Pintle			1
2	Pintle		12	1
	Crop Bolts			1
	Boxes			1
19	Box		3	1
	Cap Square Bolts			3
	Garnish D°			1
	Crop D°			3
	Pintle			1
10	Cap Square Bolts	Duke of Grafton	6	1
	Crop Bolt			1
	Pintle			1
12	Crop Bolts	Grafton	6	3
	Cap Square D°			1
	Wheel hoop			1
21	Boxes	Grafton	3	2
	Crop Bolts			1
6	Crop Bolts		6	1
11	D°		6	1

Garnish

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	Garnish			1
	Cap Square			1
11	Wheel Boxes	Grafton	6	2
	Cross Bolt			1
20	Do	Do	3	1
23	Boxes	Do	6	1
	Cap Squares			1
	Cross Bolts			1
	Garnish Do			1
8	Boxes	Do	6	2
	Cross Bolts			1
	Wheel hoops			2
	Cross Bolt			1
5	Do		12	5
13	Boxes	Devonshire	6	1
	Cap Squares			1
	Garnish Bolt			1
	Cross Bolts			1
	Washers			5
	Small hooks			5
	Side Plate			1

Geo. Stratton
Mil. Storekr.

Tents

At Fort St. George 12th Novr 1770.

Tents necessary for 2 Brigades according to the new Establishment Viz.

	For the Staff	Officers Marquees	Marquees	Private Tents	Bell Tents
1	General	2			
1	Secretary		1		
1	Aid de Camp		1		
1	Quarter Master General	1			
2	Brigade Majors		2		
1	Field Officer of Engineers	1			
2	Captains Do		2		
2	Subalterns Do		2		
	Hospital		1		
		1	12		
	Cavalry				
1	Captain		1		
2	Subalterns		1		
	Private			6	1
		2	6	1	
	Artillery				
2	Field Officers	2			
1	Captains	}	8		
1	Captain Lieutenants				
28	Lieutenants		28		
2	Commissaries of Stores		2		
2	Surgeons		2		
1	Conductors		2		
	Laboratory		2		
	Hospital		2		
	Stores		2		
	Serjeants, Corporals, Matrosses			61	20
		2	48	61	20

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Infantry

		Lt. Officers Marques	Marques	Private Tents	Bell Tents
2	Colonels		1		
1	Lieut. Colonels		1		
1	Majors		1		
36	Captains			36	
112	Subalterns			56	
1	Adjutants			1	
1	Quarter Masters			1	
1	Surgeons			1	
12	Mates			6	
	Serjeants, Corporals & Private			200	80
		12	110	200	80

Seapoys

12	Captains		12	
120	Subalterns		60	
	Serjeants, Quarter Guard &c.a		21	261
		72	21	261

Abstract of Tents necessary for the Army and the Number wanted to compliat.

	Marques	Private	Bell
Staff	16		
Cavalry	2	6	1
Artillery	30	61	20
Infantry	122	200	80
Seapoys	72	21	261
Total Necessary	262	291	368
In Store at Different Garisons	65	182	156
Wanting to compliat	197	112	212

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Andrew Majendie
Clerk to the Committee of Stores

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Read a Letter from Colonel Donald Campbell, Com-
manding at Vellour. N. 186 representing the Necessity of
having another Puckall to each of the Battalions of Seapoys
by reason of additional Number of Officers & the great
Distance from whence the Water is brought.

Agreed for the Reasons given by Colonel Campbell
that an additional Puckall be allowed to each Battalion of
Seapoys Stationed at Vellour but which are not to be look'd
on as attached to the Battalions, but as belonging to the Garrison
in the Accounts of which they are to be charged.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from
Captain Orton containing a Certificate from Capt Faizan
that Money was advanced by Captain Orton to the Soldiers
Prisoners with Hyder Ally as also a Receipt from Derbash
Mahomed one of the Nabob's Subadars for 100 Porto Novo
Pagodas advanced him by Captain Orton, and representing
that the Repairs done to the Fort of Carvor were in consequence
of the Orders of the Nabob's Son.

Agreed that Captain Orton be repaid the Sum
of Pagodas 150 alledged by him to have been advanced to the
Men who were Prisoners with Hyder Ally & that the Nabob be
applied to regarding the Money advanced to the Subadar & for
the Repairs of Carvor.

An Indent from the Nabob for 60.000 English
shotted Cartridges being laid before the Board is ordered to be
complied.

Application being made to the Board on Behalf
of the Sepoys of Captain Hopkins' Battalion for some
Allowance for the Use of their Tents for upwards of Six
Months, while they were encamped at the Mount & near

Madras

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Madras. — It is ordered that 500 Rupees be allowed them on that account.

All the remaining Cadets promoted to Ensigns

As many of the Cadets arrived on the Mansfield are higher on the List than several of those who in consequence of the Recommendation of General Coote were given out in Cadets to do Duty as Ensigns, some of whom are last upon the List — And as by Reason of the Non-Arrival of many of the Officers Cadets appointed this Season the Establishment is far from being compleat; It is AGREED, that all the remaining Cadets be promoted to Ensigns, & appointed to the different Corps.

Ensign David Ross promoted to Lieutenant

There being a Vacancy for a Lieutenant in the Room of Lieutenant Dalton deceased Ensign David Ross is appointed to fill up the same.

Jon. Pye
Warren Hastings
Joseph Smith
Sam. Ardley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Geo. Mackay

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Pursuant to the Resolutions of this Day the following Letters were wrote.

N. 116 To Coll. Campbell commanding at Vellore.

N. 117 To Mr. Neale Storehouse Paymaster at Vellore.

N. 118 To Lieut. Coll. Laing Commanding at Trichinopoly

At a Consultation Present

Monday Nov. 12th 1770

Josias Du. Pré Esq. Governor President

Warren Hastings.

Samuel Ludley. John Smith.

George Stratton. Henry Brooke

George. Mackay.

General Smith absent

Mr. Brickenden indisposed.

Read the following Extract from the President & Council at Bombay

Extract of a General Letter from the President & Council of Bombay dated 13th October 1770.

We enclose Copy of a Paragraph of our Honble Masters Commands to Us by the above Ship for your Notice and as Ensign White one of the Officers mentioned therein belongs to your Establishment, think it necessary to acquaint you that in consequence of the Latitude therein given for restoring the young Officers in Consequence of Mess.rs Campbell & McNeill their having ever since behaved themselves to our Satisfaction We have restored them to the Service.

We

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Credit this Presidency for the advance made the Sepoys on board the Swift Ketch

We have duely credited your Honor &c. for your Supplies to the Swift Ketch which we dispatched to Balambangan with Stores for the Success Ketch Stationed at that Island on to replace her in Case, as we had some reasons to fear, any Accident had happened to her. We cannot help expressing our Surprize at the Remark your Honor &c. are pleased to make on the Subject of this Vessels Destination and in answer thereto have only to refer you to our Letters of the 26th. March last & 4th July 1769 in which we gave you every information in our Power, and enclosed Copies of such Papers as we had received on the Subject of the Expedition to Balambangan.

Our Treaty with Hyder Ally we have reason to believe by Advices from Mess.rs Church & Gibbard was executed by him on the 18th. Ultimo.

We request your Honor &c.a will deliver the accompanying Letter to Major General Coote.

A true Extract

W.m Goodlad
Secry

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Copy of the 113th. Paragraph of the Honble the Court of Directors Their Comm.s under the 6th. April 1770 Recvd the 11th. September following &c. Northumberland.

Extract from the Company's Letter regarding the Officers at Mangalor

It is also our Opinion that the Officers who composed the Council of War ought to have been tried for evacuating the Fort of Mangalore & We observe with Displeasure that Mr.g Jervis' Motion & reasons for this Measure were overruled. Those also who quitted the Salamander namely Lieutenants Sheffier, Roberts, M.cNeil, Paxton & Ensign de Rite if they were blameable for their Conduct deserved Punishment & we do not however find them censured but reported by the Governor not answerable to a Court Martial, because they had no formal Order to

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take the Troops on board, under their Command and therefore they were not to be tried unless they requested it. From these and other Circumstances, we are induced to think that the Charges & proceedings against the Delinquents, have not been made and carried on in such a Manner, & to such Extent as they ought to have been. We have directed our Commissioners to examine strictly into these Matters and to suspend degrade dismiss, or otherwise punish any Person or Persons Civil or Military who may have failed in Duty to the Company by rendering Enquiries too superficial, in any or all of the above Premises if any such shall be found at our Presidency of Bombay; and We direct that You dismiss from our Service Captain John Henderson Lieut. George Scheffler, Lieut. William Roberts, Lieut. Joseph Ireland, James Panton, John Campbell and Richard White Ensigns, & James M.Neil Assistant Engineer for signing an Opinion that Mangulore was not tenable, and for evacuating that Fort; and especially Scheffler, Roberts, M.Neil, Panton & White. Deserve this Punishment who also quitted the Salamander, and whom you have deemed not amenable to a Court Martial because they had no Order to take the Troops on board, under their Command. Nevertheless we permit You to restore the young Ensigns should their Behavior on other Occasions have rendered them in your Opinion proper Objects of our Compassion and they appear duely impressed with a Sense of their Defection from their Duty.

A true Copy

Andrew Ramsay

Secry —

As Ensign White who belongs to this Establishment was but just arrived in the Country when the Expedition against

White to continue the Service —

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against Mangelow took place and as his Conduct has been irreproachable since he has done Duty on this Coast the Board are of Opinion that he comes within the Latitude given by the Court of Directors, and it is therefore Agreed that he be restored to the Service.

Read the following Representation of several of the Captains arrived this Season.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr.
President and Govr. &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Representation of the Captains of this Season requesting to share in the Off reckonings.

Sorry as we are at this Time to interrupt your Attention from Objects of much greater Importance Yet in Justice to ourselves we cannot longer avoid laying before you a Representation of the Hardship we feel in being deprived of the Off reckonings for the Companies we command by the Field Officers receiving their Shares of this Fund as Captains although no longer in the Command of Companies, there being taken from them by an Order of the Court of Directors.

It is not our Intention to trouble you with many Arguments in Support of our present Claim, perfectly convinced that this Representation will be alone sufficient to induce you, influenced by motives of Justice and Equity to afford us that Redress which we have only to expect from your impartial Decision — The case of Colonel Fox and Major Donalson appears to us so parallel to the Field Officers ours that we cannot avoid quoting it on this Occation, Being

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Supernumeraries on their arrival they were denied all Pretensions to Off reckonings until Companies became vacant for them in this they acquiesced Doubtless convinced that the Command of Companies could only intitle them to a Share in this Fund — Circumstances have not varied so much as to prevent the same Argument being now made Use of, but apprehend without losing any of its Force Permit us further to observe that when our Honble Masters thought proper to take the Companies from the Field officers they granted them a Gratuity as an Equivalent for the loss they might sustain by this Alteration in the Establishment which if not a positive is at least we apprehend a very strong Presumptive Proof that the Off reckonings were considered as an Emolument affixed to the Command of Companies

Before We conclude We beg Leave to inform your Honours &c of the Considerable Expence we have incurred by supplying our Companies with Necessaries to which We were induced by the Desire of General Coote in a Letter to Captain Fraser assuring him at the same time that the Captains might depend upon receiving Off reckonings for their Companies. We have the Honor to be with perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient & most faithfull humble Servants

Arthur Sysaght

Robert Wood

Geo. Jolland

Robert Chrystyre

Patrick Buchan

Tho. Bridges

Agreed

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To lie on the Table — Agreed that this Same do lie on the Table till General Smith is present.

Resolution regarding Jaffier Beg Cawn — The several Depositions & Papers regarding Jaffier Beg Cawn transmitted with the Letter from Maſulipatam of the 17th Oct.r having been translated are now read: from which there is not the least room to doubt of the Truth of the Charge alledged against Jaffier Beg Cawn in having carried on a secret Correſpondence with the French to the Prejudice of the Company's Interests, and which in his Declaration he does not deny but only alledges that his views in the Correſpondence he held were to discover the Designs of the French, which is by no means probable since the Correſpondence by his own Account commenced about 5 Months before the Discovery thereof during which Time he never intimated to Mr. Wynch or any other Perſon what was going forward —

The Board are therefore of Opinion that he has juſtly forfeited the Jaguire which had been ſettled on him — It is therefore ordered that the ſame be taken Poſſeſſion of for the Company and the Revenues thereof collected in the moſt expedient manner untile Mr. Wynch ſhall have ſettled with the Zamindars when it it is to be converted into Havally Lands It is alſo ordered that the Havally Lands rented by him be taken out of his Hands — And if the Gentlemen at Maſulipatam ſhould think there may be any Danger in ſuffering him at Liberty as Mr. Wynch repreſents him to be an enterprizing Man & one who is well acquainted with that Part of the Country they muſt order him to be kept confined for the preſent, but treated with Lenity; and in which Caſe ſuch an Allowance muſt be made to his Family as may be neceſſary for their ſupport.

Two Battalions march from Amboor to Conjeveram — Read a Letter from Colonel Donald Campbell commanding

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commanding at Vellour Dated 15th Instant N.190 advising that the 11 & 12 Battalions of Sepoys had marched that Morning for Conjeveram & that the first Battalion of Europeans of his Brigade were ordered to be in Readiness for marching).

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from Captain Baillie advising of the arrival of the two Battalions at Conjeveram.

The President also lays before the Board an Intelligence Paper advising that Trimbick Row was gone back from Vijeydry to his Camp and that it was said his Intention was to proceed to Bengalore or to enter the Baramall by the Pungamoor Pass.

As Trimbick Row is returned the Board are of Opinion that the two Battalions of Sepoys from Vellour may be ordered to return, but that the Battalion from Trichinopoly may come on to Conjeveram & remain there where they will be at hand to assist in forming a Body of Troops in Case it shall be necessary to do so. It is however Agreed to defer giving the Orders for that purpose until we can have General Smiths Sentiments thereon.

Read a Letter from Lieutenant Robert Fowler N.188 representing that his ill State of Health since he has been in the Service had obliged him to desire Leave to resign the same & to proceed to England by the first Ship & requesting that he may be permitted to come to Madras immediately — which is Granted.

Letter from Lieutenant George Davis of the Artillery N.189 Setting forth the Hardship he labors under in having been superseded by Captain Lieutenant Rogault.

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Orders in Consequence

As this Matter was fully discussed in Consultat.
the 8th October when Lieutenant Davis was ordered to be dispers
sed the Board see no Cause to alter their Resolution then taken.

The Nabob informed of Captain Ortons Repre sentation

The President acquaints the Board that in Conse-
quence of the Minute of Consultation of the 12th Instant upon
the Remonstrance of Capt. Orton he had sent Mr. Stracey to the
Nabob to inform him of the same & to request his Answer —
That he had also desired Mr. Stracey to inform the Nabob of
the Orders given for two Battalions of Seapoys from Vellore and
one from Trichinopoly to march to Conjeveram & to request that
he would issue Orders that they might be supplied with Provi-
sions on the March and at Conjeveram after their Arrival —
also to inform the Nabob that the Board were very anxious for
the Receipt of his Answer to their Letter of the 5th Instant respe-
cially on the Subject of Money as the Company's Affairs remain-
ed in Suspence on that Account & that the Committee must again
shortly request to wait on him if he should not think proper
to give them an Answer in Writing — To all which Mr. Stracey
reports that the Nabob made the following Answers —

The Orders given for the March of the Sepoys to Conjeveram & Desired to furnish them with Provisions

and requested to return an Answer to the Letter of the 5th Instant —

× The Nabobs Answer to the foregoing —

Respecting Captain Ortons Demand of
Pagodas 150 for Repairs made to the Fort of Carroor by Mudaur-
ul Moleks Order — The Nabob said if Captain Orton could
shew any Authority for such Repairs under Mudaur ul Moleks
hand the same should be discharged, but if not as a Man of Right
he must beg to be excused if the Governor however desired it he was
ready to make him a Present of 100 or 200 Pags. — Mudaur ul
Molek being sent for by the Nabob, required the written Author-
ity as the Nabob had done, observing also that he did not remem-
ber having given any Order for that Purpose & a remark was made

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at the same time that Captain Orton had already been paid once or twice I forget which, for Repairs made at that Place.

Respecting Capt Ortons Demand of Rs Pags 100 advanced by him to Dervaishe Mahomed — the Nabob said that he understood the Man had been a Subadar in his Service but was now dismissed — that it was reasonable to suppose he had been paid his full Arrears from the Circar before such his Dismission but if the Man would prove that the Circar was in his Debt so much, he (the Nabob) would discharge the same if not Captain Orton must have recourse to the Subadar for the Amount? — he then requested that the Governor would issue Orders to all the Company's Officers to make no Advances whatever to the Circars Troops conformable to those Orders which had been before given them respecting the new repairs of Forts in the Circars Country.

The Nabob approved of the Movement of the Seapoys from Vellour & Trichinopoly to Conjeveram and expressed himself much obliged to the Governor for his Application to them for Orders respecting the furnishing them with Provisions in their March which he promised should be sent away the same Day.

Respecting the Answer to the several Questions put to him by the Governor & Council the Nabob said, that the same should be sent as soon as possible. & with Respect to the Committee's waiting on him he observed, that there was no Occasion for their troubling themselves that an Answer shd be sent as soon as he could.

Agreed that Captain Orton be made acquainted with the Nabob's Answer to his Representation & that an Order be issued forbidding all Officers & others advancing Money

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to any of the Nabobs Troops.

On the Intelligence received of Trimbuck Rows Intention to return the Nabob desires to know whether the Letter proposed shall be sent.

The President acquaints the Board that on the 15th Instant he received a Letter from the Nabob N 181 advising of Trimbuck Rows Intention of returning & desiring he President's Advice whether the Letter proposed to be wrote to him should be sent or not To which the President immediately returned an Answer as entered in Country Correspondence N. 182.

Answer thereto

Which the Board approve.

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore sends back Samboje Pundut at his Vaquil

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore N 183 advising of his having again appointed Samboje Pundut his Vaquil at this Place; and expressing his constant Attention to the Treaty — To which an Answer was wrote N. 184.

Answer thereto

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N 185 accompanying an Indent for sundry Stores for the Use of his Cavalry under Captain Matthews — which is ordered to be complied with.

Letter from the Nabob to Indent for Stores for his Cavalry —

to be complied with

The Accomptant acquaints the Board that the Interest on the Sums borrowed for carrying on the War with Hyder Ally which have been paid off amounts to the Sums of Pags 91895.37.71. — Ordered that the same be charged to the Head of War with Hyder Ally. to be adjusted when that account is settled.

Interest on Money borrowed for the War with Hyder Allie to be charged to that Head.

Jos: Du Pré
Warren Hastings
Sam Ravenshaw
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Geo: Mackay

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Wrote a Letter to Coll. Campbell N. 185 Directing him to permit Lieut.
Fowle to come to Madras.

20th Wrote this Day the following Letters

N.o 186 To Alex.r Wynch Esq.r on the Subject of the Answers to be
returned to Fazil Beg Cawn

N. 187 To Mazulipatam containing our Orders regarding Jaffier
Beg Cawn.

22d Genl Smith having concurred with the Board in their Opinion
regarding the Expediency of ordering the two Battalions which
came from Bellary to Conjeveram to return, the following Letters
were wrote.

N.o 188 To Captain Baillie

N.o 189 To Colonel Campbell.

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esq.r Governor President

Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith,

Samuel Ardley, John Smith,

George Stratton, Henry Brooke,

George Mackay.

Mr. Brooke indisposed.

The Nabob not having yet returned any Answer
to the Letter wrote him on the 5 Instant requesting his Answer to
the several Points therein proposed to him; and as we are in a
State of Doubt & Uncertainty with Regard to the Arrangements to
be made for want of an Answer thereto particularly to the 12
Article regarding the Money which he promised to pay; a
Letter is therefore now wrote to him N. 190 requesting his immedi-

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ate Answer on that Subject.

The Representation of the Captains arrived this Year read again.

The Letter from the Captains arrived this Year on the Subject of the Off-reckonings entered in last Consultation being again read General Smith delivers in his Sentiments and Remarks thereon as follows.

General Smith's observations on the Claim of the Captains at Poonamalle to Off-Reckonings in their Address of the 8th. Instant to the Honble the President & Council.

General Smith's remarks thereon

The Command of Companies is the Title on which the Captains at Poonamalle found their Pretensions to Off Reckonings They observe that the Field Officers have no right to them after the late appointment of Captains to their Companies — And that Colonel Forde & Major Donaldson were denied Off reckonings being Supernumeraries on their Arrival — They then proceed to say. "In this they acquiesced Doubtless convinced that the Com-
"mand of Companies could only entitle them to Shares in this Fund".

Off reckonings as they respect the Officers only have ever been left to themselves to regulate, and all Matters relating thereto were adjusted by Committees composed of Officers from the Several Corps to my Knowledge for upwards of twenty Years past, and the Dividend was settled with the Consent of General Lawrence by a Committee of Officers — to be Shared according to Seniority beginning with the Commanding Officer — and the Sum was limited to Six hundred Pagodas p Annum to each yet by that Calculation — many of the Younger Captains then on the Establishment did not share — In which however they readily concurred because Sooner or later they hoped to enjoy it in their Turn. It is therefore very evident that Companies are not now nor never have been sufficient to intitle Officers commanding them to Off Reckonings & if it had why should the Captains at Poonamalle have a Preference of many other Captains

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in the Service to whom the Fund will not extend tho' they have had that Rank for some years past? The Poonamalle Battalion was formed from Officers and Recruits arrived that Season and has made no Augmentation to the late Establishment as to the Number of Men or increase to the Officerkeepings.

It is mentioned in the Address as follows "That "a Gratuity was granted to the Field Officers as an equivalent for "the Loss they might sustain by the Alteration in the Establishm.t "A presumptive Proof that the Officerkeepings were considered "as an Emolument affixed to the Command of Companies."

This Assertion might as well have been omitted for it was by no means the Case — The Gratuity to the field Officers, Captains &c.a took place the 5.th of September 1768 and the additional Captains to the Establishment the 1.st of October 1770.

They must be very much mistaken indeed in the Court of Directors Intentions who could suppose they wou'd take 600 Pagodas a Year from a Major who has served them a Number of Years and give it to a Captain just arrived with an Addition of 3/4 a Day — for a Gratuity of 750 Pagodas a Year only —

General Coote had no Right to promise Officerkeepings to any one, much less to the youngest Captains in the Service & I have no Reason to imagine they will Suffer by their Non Pay for Stops to their Men as monthly Stoppages are made to reimburse them — I am also of Opinion it is customary in all Services for Captains to supply their Companies with such Necessaries.

Notwithstanding the Claim of these Gentlemen is against an established Rule, yet I should readily join with them in Support of it, and use my best Endeavours to remedy any Grievance they might labor under — but in the present

Case

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case it does not appear to me they have the least Cause of Complaint and I flatter myself the Board will see it in the same Light.

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To be referred to the Court of Directors

As the Court of Directors have given us no Directions on this Subject We cannot take upon us to determine therein but must refer it to be Settled by them — It is however to be observed that the only Ground on which the Captains can with any Propriety found their Claim is from the Alteration made in the Establishments — For the former Establishment the three Field Officers to each Regiment stood in the Place of Captains, & there were only six Captains to a Regiment which consisted of nine Companies For the Present Establishment a Captain is appointed to each Company so that a Battalion consists of nine Captains.

Letters from Lieut: Col. Lang commanding at Trichinopoly read as follows.

Col. Lang acknowledgg the receipt of the Order for the March of the Batt.n to Conjeveram.

N. 191 Dated 16 Inst. acknowledging the Receipt of the Orders of the Board for the March of Captain Cook's Battalion to Conjeveram.

Advising of the Route by which it will proceed.

N. 192 Dated 17th. advising that the Battalion would march the 18th by the Way of Tiagar Ginger, & Wandewash

Complains of the Want of Stores at Trichinopoly

representing the Want of Stores at Trichinopoly which prevented the Battalions being supplied with Sundry Articles complaining of the badness of the Flints sent to Trichinopoly

Advising of the Result of the Enquiry regarding the Persons suppos'd to have been employed in seducing our Sepoys

— Advising of the Results of the Enquiry regarding the Persons supposed to have been employed in seducing our Sepoys.

Orders in Consequence

Ordered that the Indents for Trichinopoly be complied with as soon as the Weather will admit of it & that Captain Cook's Battalion be Supplied on its Arrival at Conjeveram — With Respect to the Flints the Committee of

Stores

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Read having already represented the Badness of them the Court of Directors are to be particularly advised thereof: And ordered that those which are useless be picked out and returned to England.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr
President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir &c. Sirs.

Ross formd. Hon. Bd. to a Plan for an Arsenal

I have the Honor to lay before you a Plan and Estimate for the intended Arsenal which I hope will meet with your Approbation.

The Arches which are to be Bomb Proof I have made quite independent of each other and of a sufficient Width to contain abreast two of the largest Field Carriages so that between each Row of Pillars there may at least be put four Guns with their Limbers. Tumbrils &c. — It is proposed to have the Space between the Arches of the Fronts that is towards the Artillery Park open and the Windows on the other Side to be in the Recesses in form of the Arch which will admit a Abundance of Air at the same Time that the Inconvenience arising from low Windows will be obviated.

The Gate way is to fronts Hanover Square over which I think there should be a Crane for hoisting in and lowering down the Ordnance Stores that are to be lodged in the upper Floor — The Stair goes up from the Artillery Park on the Land Side of which another Crane may be put if thought necessary — In the Section C. the upper part is divided in the middle by Stone

Piers

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Piers to support the Roof, and in D, by two Rows of Wooden Pillars which I am inclined to prefer as better calculated for the preserving of Fire Arms and by having a Gallery all round there will be a great convenience in getting readily at whatever is wanted; whilst the Stores will be placed in the middle of the Room at a Distance from the Moisture of the Walls & Windows.

The Side marked A in the Plan is quite plain, and B a little ornamented — the whole is so contrived that any Part of it may be now built and the rest added after should it be judged expedient not to compleat the Plan at present — Having understood that it is the Orders of the Honble Board that the Tank Diggers be discharged I am to request that you will be pleased to permit me to continue them on the Works until such Time as you shall have thought proper to determine on what is to be done next Year as there is sufficient Employment for them at present and as it is probable they will then be all wanted, when I am informed it will be very difficult to get them together again if they are once seperated.

Desires to continue the Tank Diggers in Employ

I am with great Respect

Honble Gentlemen

Your most Obedient & humble Servt

Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer & Lieut. Colonel

Fort St. George

28th Nov.r 1770

Estimate for an Arsenal

Masonry

To Side Walls and Piers	2217.—
To ditto in Arches	976.—
To ditto in Terras	908.—
To ditto in Gate Way & Stair Case	300.—
Carried over	5031.—

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Broughtover Pags. 5031.--.

Carpenters Work

To Teak Beams across the Building	800.--.-
To Do. over the Pillars	108.--.-
To Do. Joists	791.--.-
To Do. Sheathing Board, Nails &c.	150.--.-
To Do. Pillars	800.--.-
To Do. Doors & Windows	100.--.-
	3652.--.-
To Cooly hire in Digging the Foundation and filling in between the Arches	200.--.-
Extraordinaries	111.--.-
Pagodas	9327.--.-

Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer
and Lieut. Colonel

The Board approve of the Plan for an Arsenal recommended by Colonel Ross which is ordered to be set about as soon as possible

orders in Consequence

With Regard to the Teak Diggut. Colonel Ross is to be desired to lay before us an Account of the Works on which it is absolutely necessary to employ them.

Mr. Foreman Taylor desires to continue in the Service

The Secretary acquaints the Board that having furnished Lieut Coll. Butler with an Extract of the Company's Orders regarding Lieut. Foreman Craved Danvers Taylor whose Friends had Solicited that he might be permitted to return to England. Lieutenant Colonel Butler had procured an Answer thereto by which it appears that Mr. Taylor is desirous of continuing in the Service

Resolved that the Court of Directors be advised thereof.

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Thereof.

Mess. Edward Pearce & John Haigh admitted again into the Service as Cadets.

General Smith represents to the Board that Mess.rs Edward Pearce and John Haigh who were dismissed by the Sentence of a Court Martial had earnestly requested that they might be again admitted into the Service: and as they appear to be young and unexperienced, the General recommends to the Board to make another Trial of them.

Agreed at the Recommendation of General Smith that they be again admitted as Cadets on the Service but that they be not promoted untile their Behavior shall entitle them to the Recommendation of their Commanding Officer.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Mr. Colsford resident at Ganjam advising that one La Rose who belonged to the Foreign Legion had been accused of Mutiny.

A Court Martial to be assembled at Ganjam for the trial of La Rose for Mutiny —

Ordered that a Warrant be sent to Mr. Colsford for assembling a General Court Martial for the Trial of him — and least there should not be Officers sufficient with Mr. Colsford to compose a Court Mr. Andrews is to be directed on Mr. Colsfords Application to him to send as many as may be necessary.

Centry Boxes to be made

The President acquaints the Board that Colonel Butler had delivered to him a returns of Centry Boxes &c. wanting in & about this Garrison which he now lays before the Board.

Ordered that they be made with all Expedition.

Jos. Du Pré
Warren Hastings
Henry Brooke
Joseph Smith
Geo. Mackay
Sam Straley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton

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to Mr Wynch giving acquaintance with the Letters to Zemindar

Wrote this Day per Letter to Mr Wynch N. 154 an Answer to a Paragraph of his Letter to the other Departments of the 16th Instant regarding the Tottapillee Zemindar & the Expediency of coming to Terms with him.

Pursuant to the Resolutions of last Consultation the following Letters were wrote.

wrote Colonel Long

N. 155 To Lieut Col. Long commanding at Tuchinopoly

wrote Mr Cotsford

N. 156 To Mr Chas. Cottsford Resident at Tanjaur.

wrote Johan Andrews Esqr.

N. 157 To John Andrews Esqr. Chief at Vizagapatam

wrote to Bombay

Wrote this Day a Letter to Bombay N. 158 in Answer to that Part of their Letter of the 19. Ultimo to the other Department regarding the Offices concerned in the Affair of Mangalore.

the from Captain advising of his arrival at Tiagar stops by the River

Received this Day a Letter from Capt Cook N. 193 dated 24 Instant at Pariamungalum about 12 Miles from Tiagar advising of his March thither from Tuchinopoly & of his Apprehensions that he should not be able to cross the River for some Days — enclosing a List of Stores wanted for his Battalion as also a List of the Sepoys who have mutined during the March.

Monday 3d Decemr.

At a Consultation Present.

Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor, Presidents
Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith
Samuel Ardley, John Smith,
George Stratton, Henry Brooke
George Mackay

Mr Brickenden indisposed

Read a Letter from the President & Council at Fort W.m

Fort St. George 3d December 1770

Letter from Bengale desiring we would open the Commissioners Packets & send them Copies or send the Packets to them.

Fort William dated 3d November Received yesterday N 195 requesting that as the Court of Directors have referred them to the Commissioners with Regard to several important Points that we would either open the Packets left at this Place for the Commissioners & forward Copies to them or that we will send the Packets to them and that they will open them & transmit Copies to Us. — advising of their having opened the Packet received by the Europa & sending it to contain only a Duplicate of that by the Houghton which is in our Possession. they had not sent us a Copy thereof.

Our Reasons for having left in Suspence the Questions whether it were better to open or not to open the Packets addressed to the Commissioners as follow.

Reflections & Considerations of the Board thereon with their Reasons against opening the Packets addressed to the Commissioners ——

1. Because whilst there remained the least hope of their Arrival it deemed by no means justifiable in Us to open the Dispatches to them.

2. Because as all the Commissioners went on the same Ship and carried their Instructions with them the Possibility of the Loss of that Ship and the Commissioners with her was a Reflection so natural that it could not have escaped the Court of Directors and consequently had it been their Intention that in Case of such Failure the Dispatches to them should be opened by Us they would undoubtedly have expressed it So in the Address.

3. Because it is highly improbable any of the Packets We have in our Possession addressed to the Commissioners should contain a Duplicate of their original Dispatches, because as they themselves were possessed of the original a Duplicate could be of no Use, unless it were intended to serve as Instructions to the Govern.t in India in Case of Accidents

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to the Commissioners and if it were so intended then it cannot be doubted but that it would have been so directed. So it is not the Conclusion we must necessarily be that the Packets in our Hands addressed to the Commissioners do not contain any Duplicate of their original Dispatches: And consequently that the Subsequent advices contained in these Packets cannot furnish us with the genral Ideas of the Court of Directors upon the State of their Affairs and thus by leaving a Part Unot the whole they are more likely to perplex than guide us.

3 Because it appears to us (by all that we are able to gather from the Tenor of what the Court of Directors have been pleased to mention to us of their Intentions in sending the Commissioners) That the Trusts committed to them cannot be executed by us. For One being as we understand to form a general and consistent Plan whereby the three Presidencies may not only be enabled but compelled to co-operate in one uniform System for the Safety & Prosperity of the Whole. If it be possible to establish such a System it can be done only by such a Power as the Commissioners had over the Whole. And the next great Object of their Mission we believe to be an Enquiry into the Measures & Transactions of the Several Governments. But as we must be improper Judges of our own Conduct We are of Course disqualified from executing this Trust. And as the Knowledge of the Matters upon which such an Enquiry is directed and the Means by which it is to be conducted might enable those whose Conduct has been suspected (supposing them culpable) to elude or prevent the Effects of it; it cannot be supposed that the Court of Directors ever meant to allow such Persons the Inspection of the Orders given on such Subjects especially if it should be their Intention to renew the Commission, and We can make

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no Distinction between such Parts of the Orders as are proper for our Inspection & what ought to be concealed from Us.

5. Because the Court of Directors have expressly ordered that the Government in being shall notwithstanding the Appointment of Commissioners proceed in the Administration of all the Ordinary Affairs of the Government in the same Manner as if the Commissioners had not been appointed excepting only in the Case where the Commissioners might see Cause to impose a Restraint Whence we conclude that the Court of Directors have not in any Case in their Orders or Instructions to the Commissioners determined what shall be done for if they could have determined they would have sent their Orders to the Government in being which were still to execute — But that the Court of Directors referring themselves to the Judgement of the Commissioners have conferred them to determine & order Powers which we cannot execute even if the Instructions were entirely before Us

Add to this that it is probable the Dispatches to the Commissioners may contain Advices and confidential Communications which the Court of Directors meant to withhold from their Governments and which if known may perhaps create Dissension & by shewing Us the Distrust of our Superiors cause a greater Diffidence of their Support than even now rests on Us which we conceive to feel in a very great Degree. There cannot be a more dangerous Crisis in Governments, Diffidence is the Parent of Irresolution and Irresolution of Ruin it is better to resolve ill & execute speedily than not to resolve at all.

For all which Reasons we are of Opinion that it were better not to open the Dispatches addressed

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to the Commissioners because we cannot reasonably hope for any effectual Guidance from them: and an unjustifiable Curiosity — perhaps more than Curiosity may be imputed to Us. And if the Gentlemen at Bengal had consulted Us upon the Subject we should have given them this Opinion but as they advise Us that they have already opened one Packet and Desire Us to forward to them those We have that they may open them if We do not think us Copies it would now be but a negatory Affectation of Delicacy to refuse to break the Seal of the Dispatches but to receive nevertheless a Communication of the Contents from Others. It is therefore RESOLVED that these our Sentiments be communicated to the Gentlemen at Bengal & that We defer taking any further Measures untill We receive their Answer when if it shall appear that they still continue in the same Opinion with regard to the Propriety of opening the Packets addressed to the Commissioners that they be opened here & Copies transmitted to them as it might be unsafe to send the Originals without taking Copies of them — And no Inconvenience can arise from this Delay as We may expect to receive their Answer before a Sea Conveyance offers.

Read a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lang commanding at Trichinopoly dated 25. Nov.r N.o 94 accompanying the Proceedings of a European & Topas General Court Martial the former held on Serjeant Edw.d Turpin for passing the Gates after Roll calling without a Passport for wounding a Black Man & on Suspicion of murdering Serjeant Griffin — of the two first Parts of the Charge he is found Guilty & Sentenced to be reduced to Private to receive 1000 Lashes & to be Sent to the West Coast. of the

Murder

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Marcon he is acquitted for want sufficient Proofs

Opinion of the Board thereon

The Board having considered the said Proceedings are of Opinion that many Circumstances appear which tend Strongly to prove that the Suspicion of the Prisoners having murdered Serjeant Griffin is but too well founded It is therefore Resolved that Lieut Col. Lang be made acquainted with our Sentiments thereon & that it be recommended to him to order the Proceedings & Sentence to be revised & that in Case the Court should confirm the same, that He do approve it remitting that Part which directs that the Prisoner be sent to the West Coast which we think would be improper — As to the Sentences passed on the Sepoys for not using their Endeavors to secure one of Hyders Emissaries employed in seducing our Seapoys & suffering him to escape We are of Opinion that Colonel Lang should approve the same remitting that Part which directs the cutting off the Prisoner Pitchard's Ear as being contrary to the Usage of our Service & drumming him out of the Service which would probably be no Punishment to him; as He would be glad by that Means to get out of it

Ensign Brooke put in Arrest for abusing Ensign Pearson.

The President acquaints the Board that Ensign Brooke had been put in Arrest by Lieutenant Fire Worker George Hodson for abusing in a Scandalous Manner Ensign Pearson

To be tried by a General Court Martial —

Ordered that he be tried by a Court Martial for the same.

Indent for Medicines for Vellour to be complied with

An Indent for Medicines for the Garrison of Vellour being laid before the Board it is ordered to be complied with —

The Nabob sends in Pags 3500 for Pounamalee —

Read a Letter from the Nabob dated 30 November as

entered

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entered in Country Correspondence N. 187 advising of this having
sent Pagodas 3500 on Security of Pennamale Net Cost that Day
the Receipt of which was acknowledged in a Letter to them
N.r 188.

Rec.d Receipt acknow-
ledged.

Tho.s Du Bré
Warren Hastings.
Joseph Smith.
Sam.l Sydely
John Smith
Geo.e Stratton
Henry Brooke
Geo.e Mackay

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Pursuant to the Resolution of this Day a Letter was wrote to Bengall N.o 59 on the Subject of opening the Commissioners Packets

5.th Wrote this Day a Letter to Lieut.t Coll.o Lang Commanding at Tritchinopoly N.o 160 regarding the Proceedings of the Courts Martial received from thence.

6.th Came on a Letter from Captain Cook dated 5 Instant N.o 197 advising of his Arrival with his Battalion at Conjeveram & representing that the Battalion is much in Want of Pay & Sundry Articles — In Consequence of which a Letter was wrote by the President to M.r Saunders directing him to proceed to Conjeveram & pay the Battalion of which Captain Cook was advised & of the Orders given for compleating his Battalion with Stores.

Monday 10.th Decem.r

At a Consultation, Present
Josias Du Pré Esq.r Governor President
Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith
Samuel Ardley, John Smith
George Stratton, Henry Brooke
George Mackay

M.r Binckendon indisposed

Letter from M.r Colsford Resident at Ganjam

M.r Colsford publishes the Order regarding Lieutenant Brule's The Officers dispatisfied therewith.

Dated 18.th November N.o 169 read advising of his having published the Order relative to Lieutenant Brule at which the Officers there are much dispatisfied & had expressed a Desire of being removed from that Corps — Advising also that the Officers had requested an Allowance of half Batta when doing Duty out of Ganjam alledging as an Argument in Support of their Claim that

Apply for half Batta

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In Fort St. George 10th Dec.r 1770.

The Officers at Chicacole were allowed 1/2

ervations & Reso-
tions thereon —

We are much surprised that the Officers should be so dissatisfied at the Order given with Regard to Lieutenants Beale and however desirous We might be to shew them every Indulgence consistents with the Good of the Service and to support the Honor of the Corps yet their Complaint in this Instance appears entirely without Foundation — Lieutent Beale with the other Officers who came over to Us during the War were entertained in the Service on certain & express Conditions & which it is therefore incumbent on Us to fulfill the Clause in their Commissions which prohibits them from Commanding in any Post or Place cannot prevent their taking Rank in the ordinary Course of Duty according to the Dates of their Commissions — It is therefore Agreed that Mr Colyford be directed to communicate our Sentiments to the Officers

account of the
s of Provisions
at Vizagapatam
ecessable to be that

With Regard to their Application for half Batta We cannot determine on the Reasonableness thereof until We were acquainted with the Prices of Provisions & necessaries with the Wages of Servants, Coolies, &c. of which Mr Colyford is to be ordered to send Us a particular Account — And as We can find no Order for allowing half Batta at Chicacole Mr Andrews is to be wrote to on the Subject and Directed to transmit to Us a particular Account of the Prices of Provisions Servants & other Necessaries at Chicacole that We may be enabled to determine on the Propriety of continuing that Allowance. —

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Field Train in
inist at Vellore
want of Doolies

Letter from Colonel Campbell commanding at Vellore dated 5 Instant N 200 advising of the Field Artillery in that Garrison & that the Storekeeper is making Doolies but which will not last long as they are made of

Green

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Represents the Necessity of having Dooly Coolies & Bullocks in Readiness — Some Tents Wanting —

Orders thereon

Green Wood representing the Necessity of having in Readiness a Number of Dooly Coolies Bullocks & Lascars & Deficiency of the Number of Tents wanting & setting forth that those for the Field Officers should be larger than the Others

Ordered that another 3 Pounders Gun be sent to Vellour which will compleat the three Battalions now there — That the Storekeeper do only repair such of the Doolies as can be made fit for Service and that as many new ones as may be necessary be sent from hence — We are sensible of the Necessity of having in Readiness sufficient Number of Dooly Coolies & Bullocks for these times lastly the latter but in our present Situation we cannot support the Expence we must therefore endeavor to provide them in the best Manner we are able When they are Wanted — Lascars may be sent from hence if it should be necessary to take the Field with regard to Tents as they are under the Management of the military Storekeeper he is desired to write to Colonel Campbell on the Subject.

Chief & Council at Sulipatam propose 80 Pagodas pr Month as an Allowance to Jos.r Ber Cannt's Family

Read a Letter from the Chief & Council at Sulipatam Dated 5 Instant N.o 201 representing the Necessity of Keeping Josser Beg Cawn in Confinement & that the Allowance to him & his Family cannot well be under 150 Madras Pagodas pr Month which appearing to the Board to be a very moderate Allowance it is approved.

Mr. Wynch sends in a Report of the State of the Works & Buildings at Vellour —

Letter from Hon.ble Wynch Esq.r Chief at Sulipatam dated 5 Instant N.o 202 acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 29 Ult.o respecting the Zemindar of Tottapelle & enclosing Copy of one from Mr. Stevens regarding the Works & Quarters at Vellour with a Plan of the Fort &c of the proposed Buildings

dings and advising that he had given Mr Stevens Orders to erect Barracks only for one Battalion of Seapoys for the present & which he had recommended to him to build at the North instead of the South End as being more airy representing the Necessity of lowering the Old Wall which at present obstructs the Wind & renders the Place very unhealthy.

Read the following Report of the Committee of Accounts.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr.
President Governor &c. Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of Committee of Accounts —

We have examined the Accounts of the Out Garrisons for the Month of September & have no Remarks to lay before your Honor &c.

We are Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Sam.l Ardley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton

Fort St George
29th Nov.r 1770

Charles Smith
Francis Sourdan
John Holland

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Vaquil from Madarow introduced

The President acquaints the Board that a Vaquil from Madarow arrived here some Days ago & that he had been introduced to him by the Young Nabob on Thursday last, when he delivered to him a Letter & Present from his Master — That they had not yet discovered upon Business, but from what he the President has heard, it appears that he is come rather to demand than solicit our Assistance.

Letter from Madarow

The Letter from Madarow as inclosed in Country Correspondence. Not being read it is found to contain only expressions of Friendship & referring to the Vaquil for further Particulars.

Letters from the Nabob received in Answer to several wrote him

The President acquaints the Board that Letters from the Nabob are received in Answer to those addressed to him of 21st May 3. Sept. 17th & 26. October and 2d. Nov.r the Translations of which as they are very long, are not yet finished.

referred to the Select Committee

Agreed that the Consideration of them be referred to the Select Committee

Captain Cooper dies at Trichinopoly — as does Lieut Philips of the Artillery at Cuddalore

The President acquaints the Board that he had received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lang at Trichinopoly advising that Captain Cooper died there the 2d. Instant — and that Lieutenant Colonel Butler had reported to him that Lieutenant Philips of the Artillery died at Cuddalore the Beginning of this Month.

Captain McKenzie appointed to Command the 6th Battalion of Seapoys

Ordered that Captain Alexr. McKenzie who had the Command of the 3d. Battalion of Seapoys before it was reformed be appointed to the Command of the 6th Battalion vacant by the Death of Captain Cooper.

The Proceedings of the General Court Martial

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Ensign Richd Brooke dismissed by the Sentence of the Court Martial

held on Ensign Richard Brooke pursuant to the Orders of last Consultation being now laid before the Board are read and approved by the Sentence of which he is dismissed the Service

The Accountant lays before the Board the Nabob's Accounts Current extracted from the Comp.a Books from 1st. May 1769 to 30th. April 1770 also an estimated Account from that time to 30 Nov.r by which it appears there is a Ballance due from the Nabob of Pags Dat 36,30,25,26 The latter Account is now signed by the Board & Agreed that they be referred to the Select Committee to be forwarded to the Nabob.

Read a Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn dated repeating his Request that either M.r Andrews or M.r Stratton may proceed to him

Agreed that an Answer be returned to him setting forth the Impropriety of such a Measure at this Juncture.

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Warren Hastings.
Joseph Smith.
Sam.l Ravenshaw
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
Geo. Mackay

Fort St. George 11th December 1770

Wrote this Day a Letter to Bombay N161 advising of the Arrival of a Vaquil from Madavarow & of our Apprehensions of Troubles in the Country.

13th Pursuant to the Resolutions of last Consultation the following Letters were this Day wrote.

N162 To Coll. Campbell Commanding at Vellore

N163 To Mr. Edwd. Cottsford Resident at Ganjam

N164 To John Andrews Esqr. Chief at Vizagapatam

Letter from Madras advising of four Deserters taken up there —

29th Came in this Day a Letter from the Chief & Council at Madras dated 27 Instant N206 advising of their having apprehended four of our Deserters & Desiring that a Guard may be sent for them — In Consequence of which a Party was immediately sent with a Letter N165.

Letter wrote in Answer —

Monday 31st Dec.r

At a Consultation, Present

Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor Presidt.

Warren Hastings, Joseph Smith

Samuel Ardley, John Smith

George Stratton, Henry Brooke

John Whitehill, George Mackay

Mr. Brickenden indisposed.

Mr. Whitehill takes his Seat at the Board.

Read the following Letters from Lieut Coll. Lang Commanding at Trichinopoly.

Letter from Lieut. Colonel Lang with Court Martial on Lieuts Leche & Bate.

N203 With Proceedings of the Court Martial continued by Adjournments on Lieutenants Leche & Bate for beating a Sepoy for which they are Sentenced to be reprimanded by the Commanding Officer & which he had accordingly

accordingly carried into Execution.

Sends back the Court Martial on Edwd. Turpin — Sentence confirmed —

N° 208 Enclosing the Proceedings of the Court Martial on Edward Turpin which were sent back for Revisal the Sentence of which is confirmed.

Letter from Mr. Slocomb requests to be restored to the Service

Read a Letter from Mr. Edward Slocomb N° 205 expressing his Concern for his late Misconduct & requesting to be restored to the Service & promising in that Case to be very circumspect in his Behavior for the future.

General Smith acquaints the Board, that while Mr. Slocomb served under him he had all Reason to be satisfied with his Conduct & that he believes the Crime for which he was dismissed proceeded rather from an Excess of Passion occasioned by the Loss he had sustained than from any Design to insult Captain Carnemore: & as he is very young & has suffered considerably in the Service while he was Prisoner with Hyder Ally the General recommends the making another Trial of him.

recommends

Granted

Agreed at General Smith's Recommendation that he be restored to his Rank in the Service.

Lt. Fireworker Taylor dies at Trichinopoly

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lang at Trichinopoly advising that Lieut. Fireworker Conductor Taylor died there the 24th. Instant.

Report of the President regarding Mr. Richard Brooke whom he orders to be confined —

The President acquaints the Board that when Mr. Richard Brooke was dismissed the Service he ordered the Town Major to acquaint him that he would be allowed the same Subsistance with the other dismissed Officers untill an Opportunity offered of sending him to England provided he did not leave his Place of abode without Permission & that in

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case he Did he would be kept confined till he could be sent home. That a few Days ago the the President was acquainted that Mr Brooke had got out to St Thome where he had been guilty of some Disturbances on which a Guard was sent to fetch him in, whom he informed that he was in the Nabob's Service; upon which the President ordered him to be brought in and a Centry placed over him — The President further acquaints the Board that he has since received a Letter from Mr Brooke setting forth, that he has been entertained in the Nabob's Service & requesting that he may be permitted to continue in it — The President also informs the Board that William Elliott who was dismissed the Company's Service had also got into the Nabob's. That the the President had sent Mr Straeny to the Nabob to represent to him the Impropriety of his entertaining such Persons in his Service, whom we were enjoined by the Company's Orders to send to England & to request that he would Deliver William Elliott up to us that he might be sent to England and at the same Time to acquaint the Nabob that there were some other Persons viz.ts Moriarty, Roberts & Frowin who had been dismissed the Company's Service & whom we had proposed to send to England but that they had found Means to escape & to request Therefore that if any of them had been entertained in his Service he would deliver them up to us. To which the Nabob had replied that respecting the giving up of Mr. Elliott the same was inconsistent with his Honor and that as to Moriarty, Roberts & Frowin he was ignorant whether they were in his Service or not — Whilst Mr Straeny

and concerning Will.m Elliott in the Nabob's Service. —

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was there however the Nabob wrote upon a Piece of Paper directing that whoever of the four were in his Service should be dismissed — Respecting the men taking into his Service in future any Officers who might be dismissed from the Service of the Company his Answer was that the Company's Affairs were one — that he had no Opportunity of getting Officers from England — had little Confidence in those of the French Nation & that Governors Generals & Colonels had recommended many of the People he had with him — that if therefore he is deprived of this Means of supplying himself he must desire the Governor to take Care of him — that is to say to lend him such Officers & People as may be necessary for his Sepoy Battalions on the same Footing as the Company's whatever that might be, whether two or whether three Officers to each Battalion.

The Board approve of the Presidents having ordered Mr. Brooke into Confinement until he can be sent to England & he is desired to endeavor to secure William Elliot in like Manner whenever the Nabob discharges him as well as any others under the like Circumstances.

Shaick Emmim Jemadar dismissed

The Proceedings of a Sepoy Court Martial held on Shaick Emmim Jemadar of the 2d Battalion for being Drunk on Guard & using a Sepoy ill, being laid before the Board, the Sentence thereof is approved, by which he is dismissed the Service.

Pur Mahomed Subadar dismissed. —

The Secretary lays before the Board the Proceedings of a Sepoy General Court Martial held at Madura on Pur Mahommed Subadar in the 9th Battalion for cruelly beating

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beating two Women without any Provocation & for Liber-
ing with great Insolence to Lieut Gorham when ordered
in Arrest by him, of which he is found guilty & Senten-
ced to be dismissed — Which is approved —

The Nabob sends in Pag. 3590 the Perwanah Rist for Decr —

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N 213 accompanying the Sum of Pagodas 3500 on Account of the Rists for Poonamale District due this Day.

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Orders regarding depoy Stoppages for Slops.

The President acquaints the Board that agreeable to a Resolution of 7th May last he had with General Smith made a Calculate of the Expence of providing Slops for the Sepoys & that by purchasing the Materials at the cheapest Rate, & making a Stoppage of 7 Fanams p Month from an Havildar 5. 12 from a Naigue & four fanams from a Sepoy they may each be supplied with the following Slops Viz.t

Turban	3 in two Years
Sash	1 p.r Annum
Drawers	2 Pair p.r Annum
Under Jackets	2 Per Annum

As the above Stoppages are such as the Sepoys may well bear & much less than they have heretofore paid in Consequence of the unequal Stoppages made from them

It is Resolved that the necessary Directions be sent to the Several Paymasters for making the said Stoppages Monthly & for which Credit is to be given in their Monthly Accounts.

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It is also Resolved that Mr. Sullivan be appointed an Agent for making up the Mops & that he be drawn 5 p.Cent on the Net Cost for his Trouble and ordered that the Amount be issued out of Cash & carried to the Head of Sepoy half a Mounting to be replaced by the Stoppages to be made as abovementioned.

Agreed that Colonel Campbell be directed to acquaint the officers commanding the Sepoy Battalions belonging to his Brigade with the abovementioned Regulations & which General Smith is desired to Communicate to the several Battalions belonging to his Brigade.

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Rot. Gualtier
Warren Hastings.
I. U. Smith.
Sam. Ravley
John Smith
Geo. Stratton
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill.
Geo: Mackay

List of Officers of Cavalry on the Coast of Choromandel

Names		Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Leopold Flinton		Captain	16 June 1765 By Bro.t of 9 Sept 1765	Ensign	16 June 1759
John Tonyn	Not arrived	Do	3 July 1770		
Philip Sheffield		Lieutenant	6 Nov.r 1769		
Tempest Thornton	Not arrived	Do	6 July 1770		
George Curzon	Not arrived	Cornett	27 Aug.t 1770 next below Curs. Le Grand		
Thomas Willock		Do	23 Oct.r 1770		
Ratzell		Quart.r Master			

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List of Officers of Artillery on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	Date of Next Rank	Date of first Rank
James Butler	Lieut. Colonel	11 October 1758		
Edward James	Major	11th Oct 1762	Capt Lieut	13th June 1759
Mathew Horne	Captain	26 Nov 1762	Lieut Fireworks	15th June 1758
John Little	D°	1 April 1761	D°	D° 30 Nov 1759
Charles Stoute	D°	12 Oct 1762	D°	D° 9th July 1762
John Kennidy	D°	13 D°	D°	D° 10th D°
Aug. De Morgan	D°	14 D°	D°	D° 11 D°
Thomas Oates	D°	15 D°	D°	D° 15th Jan 1764
Donald Mackay	D°	6 Aug 1770	D°	D° 6 March 1765
John Brigault	Captain Lieut	8th Oct 1770	D°	D° 1 D° 1766
George Davis	First Lieutenant	9 Feb 1767	D°	D° 20 Nov 1765
Arthur Jones	D° D°	1 January 1768	D°	D° 1 April 1766
Isaac Manoury	D° D°	2 D°	D°	D° 23 June 1766
Thomas McCalla	D° D°	22 Feb 1769	D°	D° 26 D°
Mainmara Davis	D°			
Andrew Bunting	Second Lieutenant	11th Oct 1763	D°	D° 27 D°
Jonathan McHugo	D° D°	12 D°	D°	D° 29th April 1767
Thomas Geils	D° D°	13 D°	D°	D° 26 Oct 1767
George Noodler	D° D°	22 Feb 1769	D°	D° 2 Jan 1768

Names	Present Rank	Present Rank	Date of	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Edward Tanner	Second Lieuten[t]		28th June 1770	Lieut Firew[s]	1st Jany 1765
James Histop	Third	D[o]	16 June 1769	D[o]	D[o]	11th Oct[r] 1765
John Cockburn	D[o]	D[o]	28 D[o] 1770	D[o]	D[o]	12 D[o]
John Drummond	Lieut Firew[s]		13th Oct[r] 1765			
William Sydenham	D[o]	D[o]	13	D[o]		
Cha[s] Frederick Clapson	D[o]	D[o]	29th Aug[t] 1768			
Joseph Moorehouse	D[o]	D[o]	1 Dec[r] 1768			
Henry Parry	D[o]	D[o]	2 D[o]			
William Loyd	D[o]	D[o]	3 D[o]			
Cha[s] Barron	D[o]	D[o]	21st Oct[r] 1769			
Alx. Grey Adams	D[o]	D[o]	22 D[o]			
John Judson	D[o]	D[o]	23 D[o]			
George Douglas	D[o]	D[o]	24 D[o]			
John Anderson Eastland	D[o]	D[o]	25 D[o]			
James Foley	D[o]	D[o]	4 Dec[r] 1769			
George Hodson	D[o]	D[o]	12 March 1770			
William Keating	D[o]	D[o]	20 June 1770			
Edw[d] Keene	D[o]	D[o]	13th Sept[r] 1770			

List of Engineers on the Coast of Charoimandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	Former Rank	Date of First Rank
Patrick Ross	Principal & Lieut Colonel	15 Sept 1770		
Archibald Mitchell	Director & Engr	15 Sept 1770		
William Stephens	Sub Director & Capt	26 June 1769	Practitioner Engr & Lieut	7 Dec 1764
Henry Monstesor	Sub Director & Captain	25 June 1770	Sub Engineer & Lieutenant	8 Sept 1767
Philip Pittman	Sub Director	15 Sept 1770		
William Campbell	D° D°	D° D°		
Thomas Marsden	D° Sub Dirt	26 Jany 1769	Practitioner Engr & Ensign	12 Feb 1767
George Lewis Willaver	D° D°	15 Sept 1770		
George Maule	Pract Engr & Ensign	31 August 1770		

List of Military Officers in the Honorable Company's Service on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Brev.t Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Joseph Smith	Colonel	10th April 1765	Ensign	3 Oct.r 1749
Donald Campbell	D.o	11th D.o	D.o	3 Dec.r 1752
Simon Hart	D.o	21 Dec.r 1769	D.o	23 April 1754
Charles Todd	Lieut Colonel	31st March 1766	D.o	7 June 1755
Ross Lang	D.o D.o	1 April 1766	D.o	6 April 1756
William Flint	D.o D.o	26 Jany 1770	D.o	1 Sept.r 1757
Abr.m Bonjour	D.o D.o	27 Aug.t 1770	D.o	11 D.o
John Desplan	Major	29 Nov.r 1766	D.o	26th May 1758
Brice Donaldson	D.o	9th Aug.t 1767		
Abraham Saizan	Captain	1 June 1761	Ensign	16th Sept.r 1757
John Billingham	D.o	25 Nov.r 1768 By Brev.t 5th Sept.r 1763	D.o	31 May 1758
Humphrey Harper	D.o	1 Jan.y 1764 2 S.pt.r 1763	D.o	1 June 1758
James Fitzgerald	D.o	2 Jan.y 1764 By Brev.t 4 Sept.r 1763	D.o	3 D.o
Thomas Madge	D.o	By Brev.t 11 March 1764 4 Sept.r 1763		
William Baillie	D.o	By Brev.t 2 April 1764 5 Sept.r 1763	Lieutenant	18th Oct.r 1759
Thomas Fletcher	D.o	By Brev.t 3 July 1764 5 Sept.r 1763		
Eccles Nixon	D.o	By Brev.t 4 July 1764 7 Sept.r 1763		
Chris.r Thos. Chiagneau	D.o	By Brev.t 5th July 1765 12 Sept.r 1763		
George Browne	D.o	By Brev.t 8th July 1765 12 Sept.r 1763		

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Henry Marcell	Captain by Brevet	9th July 1765 to 14 Sept 1763		
William Cooke	D°	by Brevet 13 Nov 1765 to 16 Sept 1763	Ensign	6 Sept 1759
Charles Hopkins	D°	by Brevet 14 Nov 1765 to 17 Sept 1763	D°	11 D°
Redolph Merchand	D°	by Brevet 15 Nov 1765 to 18 Sept 1763	D°	5 Nov 1759
Richard Mathews	D°	by Brevet 15 Nov 1765 to 19 Sept 1763	D°	16th July 1760
Henry Alis Mon Cobre	D°	by Brevet 16 Nov 1765 to 20 Sept 1763	D°	20 D°
Robert Kelley	D°	by Brevet 27 Nov 1765	D°	6 Oct 1760
Thomas Casemore	D°	16 June 1766	D°	27 Sept 1761
Henry Davis	D°	25th July 1766	D°	3 March 1762
Samuel Evans	D°	11 D°	D°	6 Sept 1762
John Hart	D°	12 D°	D°	1 D°
John Colgrave	D°	1st May 1767	D°	27 Decem 1762
Peter James Lavey	D°	25th Oct 1767	Lieutenant	7th Feb 1765
Rob Godfrey	D°	27 D°	D°	11 D°
William Collins	D°	28 D°	D°	12 D°
John McKain	D°	29 D°	Not to rise	
Philip Bandinel	D°	2 Jany 1768	Lieutenant	18 July 1763
Rich Nelson	D°	1 May 1769	D°	17 D°
Francis Robson	D°	2 May 1763	Ensign	1 Sept 1763
Alex Mc Kenzie	D°	3 D°	D°	2 D°
Hugh Rob Alcock	D°	4 D°	D°	2 Dec 1763

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	Next Rank	Date of Next Rank
Thomas Bruce	Captain	16 June 1768	Ensign	1 Jany 1764
~~John~~ Chandler	D°	23 Augt 1768	D°	9th D°
John Serle	D°	24th D°	D°	11th D°
John Bowman	D°	3 Octr 1768	D°	24th Febry 1764
Andrew Johnson	D°	14th Novr 1768	D°	25th D°
Rt Henry Geo: Collins	D°	14th June 1769	D°	24th July 1764
Laurence Murphy	D°	3 July 1769	D°	25 D°
William Keating	D°	20th June 1770	D°	9 Octr 1764
Charles Rumley	D°	21st D°	D°	1 July 1765
James Powell	D°	22d D°	D°	3 D°
Nicholas Weller	D°	26th D°		
William Douglas	D°	27th D°		
Charles Fraser	D°	28th D°		
John M Dugal	D°	29th D°		
Arthur Dysaght	D°	30th D°		
Robt Wood	D°	1st July 1770		
William Russel	D°	2d D°		
George Tolland	D°	4th D°		
Charles Basset	D°	5th D°		
Robt Cheshire	D°	6th D°		
Robt Gibbings. Not arrived	D°	D°		

Names	Present Rank.	Date of Pres.t Rank	Date of First Rank	Date of First Rank
Patrick Barclay	Captain	6th July 1770		
Patrick Buchan	D.o	10 D.o		
Thomas Bridges	D.o	11 D.o		
Timothy Machasell Not arrived				
Herman Peter Smith	Captain	13 July 1770		
Robt Long	D.o	14 D.o		
James Edmiston	D.o	15 D.o		
John Wolfe	D.o	16 D.o		
Jn.o Johnstone Not arrived				
George Nixon	Lieutenant	2d Apl.1766	Captain	6 July 1765
Donald Campbell	D.o	9th June 1766	D.o	8 D.o
John Davis	D.o	16 D.o	D.o	9 D.o
D.o Haycock Invalid.	D.o	31 July 1766	D.o	1 June 1763
Robt Watts	D.o	2d Augt 1766	D.o	11 D.o
James Hughes	D.o	3d D.o	D.o	4th March 1765
Thomas Rowles	D.o	4 D.o	D.o	13th June 1765
James Galbraith	D.o	5 D.o	D.o	27th July 1765
George Smith	D.o	6 D.o	D.o	29 D.o
Henry La Motte	D.o	11 Novr 1766	D.o	13 Novr 1765
Edward Edmunds	D.o	12 D.o	D.o	14 D.o
Thomas Lane	D.o	13 D.o	D.o	15 D.o

Names	Present rank.	Date Present Rank	First rank	Date of First Rank
Geo.e Morrison	Lieutenant	14 Nov.r 1766	Ensign	14th Nov.r 1765
James Barnwall	D.o	15 D.o	D.o	20 D.o
Edward Eagles	D.o	2 Dec.r 1766	D.o	30 D.o
Henry Nicoll	D.o	3d D.o	D.o	21 Dec.r 1765
Edward Collins	D.o	29 Apr.l 1767	D.o	30 D.o
Joseph Billcliffe	D.o	30 April 1767	D.o	27 Jan.y 1766
Richard Speed	D.o	1st May 1767	D.o	28 D.o
Thomas Polk	D.o	5th May 1767	D.o	1 June 1766
Jonathan Wm. Arnold	D.o	7 D.o	D.o	4 D.o
David Muirhead	D.o	27 Aug.t 1767	D.o	3 D.o
Thomas Bagot	D.o	26 Oct.r 1767	D.o	13 D.o
William Philips	D.o	30 D.o	D.o	20 D.o
Evan Evans	D.o	31 D.o	D.o	21st D.o
Alex.r Patterson	D.o	31st D.o	D.o	31 D.o
Rob.t Chalmers	D.o	4 Nov.r 1767	D.o	30 D.o
Gervas Cowper	D.o	5 D.o	D.o	1 July 1766
Francis Knox	D.o	4 Jan.y 1768	D.o	2 D.o
Walter Gorham	D.o	5 D.o	D.o	11th Nov.r 1766
John James Durand	D.o	13 Mar.h 1768	D.o	15 Apr.l 1763
Walterhouse Adair	D.o	2d May 1768	D.o	15th Nov.r 1766
George Bryne	D.o	4 D.o	D.o	19 D.o

Names	Cert.e Rank	Date of Cert.e Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
George Cunningham	Lieutenant	6 May 1768	Ensign	2 Dec.r 1766
Nathaniel Stuckey	D.o	7 D.o	D.o	3 D.o
Henry Littleton	D.o	8 D.o	D.o	30th D.o
Thomas Walker	D.o	9 D.o	D.o	13 Jany 1767
Richd ~~Williams~~ Barton	D.o	10 D.o	D.o	2d D.o
Richd Godfrey	D.o	11 D.o	D.o	8th D.o
George Clark	D.o	12 D.o	D.o	5th D.o
James Carr	D.o	17th June 1768	D.o	26 May 1767
David Bailey	D.o	18 D.o	D.o	22 Aug.t 1767
Charles Lucas	D.o	1 July 1768	D.o	26 D.o
Thomas Rowse	D.o	2 Aug.t 1768	D.o	1 Sept.r 1767
Samuel Blake Cyne	D.o	23 D.o	D.o	2 D.o
James Brady	D.o	3 Oct.r 1768	D.o	1 D.o
Thomas Burrows	D.o	20th D.o	D.o	11 D.o
John Oldham	D.o	21st D.o	D.o	24th Oct.r 1767
Francis Denley	D.o	14 Nov.r 1768	D.o	29 D.o
Thomas Leche	D.o	21 D.o	D.o	30 D.o
Sam.l Baker Evance	D.o	22 D.o	D.o	31 D.o
William Bartlett	D.o	26 D.o	D.o	2d Nov.r 1767
Dugald Campbell	D.o	8 Dec.r 1768	D.o	3d D.o
Robt. Fenner	D.o	1st Janr 1769	D.o	4th D.o

Names	Present Rank	Date of Rank	Sergt Rank	Date of Rank
Henry Lee	Lieutenant	12th Jany 1769	Ensign	9th Novr 1767
Richd Annesley White	Do	14th June 1769	Do	10 D
David Devar	Do	15 D		
Thomas Trent	D	27th July 1769	D	14th D
Donald McLeod	Do	29th D	Do	15th D
Daniel McLeod	Do	29th D	D	16 D
Thomas Sellers	Do	11th June 1770	D By Brevt	17 D
William Daye				
George Philip Hooke	Do	30th D		
Sam[l] Hoare Not arrived	Do	1st July 1770		
William Prosser Top[e]	Do	2 Do		
John Barry	Do	3 D		
Abernethey Cargil	D	4 D		
John Fletcher	D	5th D		
George Campbell	Do	7th Do		
John Barber	Do	8 D		
William Sears	Do	9 D		
John Christopher Not arrived	Do	10 Do		
Luke Hudson Not arrived	Do	11th Do		
Roger Browne	Do	12th Do		
Geo[e] Clark	D	13 D		

Names		Date of Com.ns Rank	Date of Com.ns Rank	Date of First Rank	Date of First rank
David Ross	Not arrived	Lieutenant	14th July 1770		
Robt Temple		D.o	15 D.o		
Wm. Fleming	Not arrived	D.o	16 D.o		
John Walker	Not arrived	D.o	17 D.o		
James Philipps		D.o	18 D.o		
Thomas Picard		D.o	19 D.o		
Henry Watson		D.o	20 D.o		
James Coutts	Not arrived	D.o	21 D.o		
Henry Heart		D.o	22 D.o		
John Darell		D.o	23 D.o		
Spencer Cochrane		D.o	25 D.o		
Basil Monkton		D.o	26 D.o		
Harcourt Woodhouse		D.o	27 D.o		
Richd Tolson		D.o	28 D.o		
Frederick Desaguliers		D.o	29 D.o		
John Jefferys	Not arrived	D.o	30 D.o		
John Du Pont	Not arrived	D.o	31st D.o		
James O'Hara		D.o	1st August 1770		
Alexander Thompson		D.o	2 D.o		
Hugh Montgomery		D.o	3 D.o		
John Cuppage		D.o	4 D.o		

Names	Com.n Rank	Date of Present. rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
James Lamballais	Lieutenant	29th Aug.t 1770	Ensign	8 Dec.r 1767
George Pavey	D.o	29th D.o	D.o	7 Jan.y 1768
Robt. Sale	D.o	30 D.o	D.o	8 D.o
George Moore	D.o	31st D.o	D.o	10th D.o
Horne Browne	D.o	1 Sept.r 1770	D.o	10th May 1768
Richard Scott	D.o	2d D.o	D.o	11 D.o
Peter Bonneveaux	D.o	3d D.o	D.o	15 D.o
Francis Rugg	D.o	3d D.o	D.o	16 D.o
Duncan Bankton	D.o	4 D.o	D.o	17 D.o
Edward Slocombe	D.o	4 D.o	D.o	23 D.o
Cornelius Grant	D.o	5 D.o	D.o	16 Oct.r 1768
Samuel Welsford	D.o	6 D.o	D.o	17 D.o
John Campbell	D.o	7 D.o	D.o	19 D.o
Alex.r Wynch	D.o	8th D.o	D.o	20 D.o
Hugh Mackay	D.o	9 D.o	D.o	21 D.o
John Wilson	D.o	10th D.o	D.o	22 D.o
Edmund Hayes	D.o	11th D.o	D.o	24 D.o
Robt Scholes	D.o	12th D.o	D.o	26 D.o
Edmund Weld	D.o	13 D.o	D.o	27 D.o
Sampson Hamilton	D.o	14 D.o	D.o	29 D.o
John Mason	D.o	15 D.o	D.o	30th D.o

Names		Date of Pres.t Rank	Present Rank	Date of first Rank	Date of Seni.r Rank
William Blacker		Lieutenant	16 Sep.r 1770	Ensign	31.st Oct.r 1768
Hamilton Johnson		D.o	17 D.o	D.o	1 Nov.r 1768
John Logan		D.o	18 D.o	D.o	2 D.o
Daniel Burt		D.o	19 D.o	D.o	3 D.o
Francis Goudie		D.o	20 D.o	D.o	4 D.o
Nichol Crottie		D.o	21 D.o	D.o	5.th D.o
Thomas Roseley		D.o	22 D.o	D.o	6.th D.o
Henry Malcolm		D.o	23 D.o	D.o	7.th D.o
Rob.t Spearman Bate		D.o	25 D.o	D.o	9 D.o
Archer Arnold Langley		D.o	26 D.o	D.o	10 D.o
David M.c Clintock		D.o	27 D.o	D.o	12 D.o
James Darke		D.o	28 D.o	D.o	14 D.o
Humphrey Harding		D.o	29 D.o	D.o	15 D.o
Eugene O'Neil		D.o	30.th D.o	D.o	17 D.o
William Champneys		D.o	1.st Oct.r 1770	D.o	19 D.o
Donald Campbell		D.o	6 D.o	D.o	9.th Oct.r 1769
David Ross		D.o	13 Nov.r 1770	D.o	15 D.o

Names	Present rank	Date of Present Rank	Date of first Rank
David Marshall	Ensign	17th Oct 1769	
Hugh Dilks Harding	D°	4th June 1770	
Raph Wenstanley Wood	D°	5th D°	
George Mackay	D°	6 D°	
Lionel Lumley	D°	7 D°	
Richd Bourchier	D°	8th D°	
John Kirkbride	D°	9 D°	
John Harriot	D°	10th D°	
Benj. Bowen Bishop	D°	11th D°	
alexr. Gordon	D°	15 D°	
William Jenkin Davis	D°	16 D°	
George Roberts	D°	17 D°	
Edmund Brown	D°	18 D°	
Isaac Champagne	D°	19 D°	
Francis Maxwell	D°	20th D°	
John Chapman	D°	21st July 1770	
Thomas Stonhouse	D°	22d D°	
Moore Pennington	D°	23d D°	
Edward Johnstone	D°	24 D°	
Daniel Poulton	D°	25 D°	
James Stewart	D°	26 D°	

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Edmund Woodward	Ensign	28th July 1770
John Baillie	D°	29 D°
Charles Henry Wilson	D°	30 D°
William Clive	D°	31st D°
Thomas Cromwell	D°	1st Aug.t 1770
Nicholas Vigors	D°	2 D°
Francis Rayne	D°	3 D°
George Mauatt	D°	4th D°
Edmund Nelson	D°	5 D°
John Taylor	D°	6 D°
Edward Tourdan	D°	7 D°
Richard Anderson	D°	8 D°
John Daniel	D°	9 D°
Patrick McGill	D°	10th D°
William Philips	D°	11 D°
James Alexander	D°	12 D°
Joseph Butler	D°	13 D°
James Lowmow	D°	14 D°
Bartholo.e Vigors	D°	15 D°
William Bruce	D°	16 D°
Henry Dixon	D°	17 D°

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
William Sayce	Ensign	18th Augt 1770
Archd. Ramsay	Do	19th Do
Charles Carnegie	Do	20th Do
Francis O'Donald	Do	21st Do
William Brand	Do	22 Do
Archd Brown	Do	23 Do
Herbert Sandys	Do	24 Do
Philip Mayne	Do	25 Do
Andrew Brenner	Do	26 Do
Wm Augs Le Grand	Do	27 Do
Jas. Seaman Not arrived	Do	28 Do
Ralph Ford	Do	29 Do
Robt Doxell	Do	30 Do
Nobl Sr Wright Abbot	Do	1 Sept 1770
John Watkins	Do	3 Do
John Mc Mahon	Do	4 Do
Richd De La Field	Do	5th Do
John North	Do	6th Do
Robt Scott	Do	7 Do
Thomas Cotton	Do	8 Do
Charles Stenhens	Do	9th Do

Names	Present Rank	Date Present Rank
Henry Fowke	Ensign	16th Sept 1770
Thomas Meeke	D°	11 D°
Abel Sutherland	D°	12 D°
Edward Cary	D°	14 D°
Walter Douglas	D°	15 D°
Joseph Roberts	D°	16 D°
John Falk	D°	17 D°
John Spalding	D°	19 D°
John Redhead	D°	20 D°
Joseph Hanbone	D°	21 D°
Henry Quin	D°	22 D°
William Patterson	D°	23 D°
Alex. Montgomery	D°	24 D°
Henry Speke	D°	25 D°
Arthur Duncan Not arrived	D°	26 D°
Sam. Standon Junr.	D°	27 D°
Arthur Crawford	D°	28 D°
Peter Viala	D°	29 D°
William Flint	D°	30 D°
James Trail	D°	1st Oct 1770
	D°	2 D°

No	Names	Present rank	Date Present Rank
	Jas David Mallortie	Ensign	31 Oct. 1770
	Geo: Brown Taylor Not arrived		
	John Clark	Do	5 Do
	Robt. Codds Not arrived	Do	6 Do
	William Poddard	Do	7 Do
	Thomas Townsend	Do	8 Do
	William Johnston Not arrived	Do	9 Do
	Robt. Mecan	Do	10 Do
	Tho. Robinson Not arrived	Do	11 Do
	Mark Shiells Not arrived	Do	12 Do
	Tho. Dunwoody	Do	13 Do
	Danl. Mc. Neale Not arrived	Do	14 Do
	William Douglas	Do	15 Do
	Robt. Croker	Do	16 Do
	Lauchlin Mackennon Not arrived	Do	17 Do
	Cunningham Not arrived	Do	18 Do
	Charles Hatfield	Do	19 Do
	Thomas Cragg	Do	20 Do
	Robt. Mc. Neal	Do	21 Do
	Thomas Douglas	Do	22 Do
	Arch. Malcolm	Do	24 Do

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
Alex[r] Moire	Ensign	26th Oct[r] 1770
Patrick Kirwin	D[o]	26 D[o]
Rob[t] Forbes Not arrived	D[o]	27 D[o]
Cha[s] Paston Woodhouse D[o]	D[o]	28 D[o]
William Read	D[o]	29 D[o]
Ambrose Cowpne	D[o]	30 D[o]
Geo[r] Sothernfarm	D[o]	31 D[o]
John Scanlan	D[o]	1st Nov[r] 1770
Hamilton Mammon	D[o]	2 D[o]
Thomas Knox	D[o]	3 D[o]
Stephen Towns	D[o]	4 D[o]
Sam[l] Rogers	D[o]	5 D[o]
Steven Mathews Not arrived	D[o]	6 D[o]
John Bamford	D[o]	7 D[o]
John Cox	D[o]	8 D[o]
Geo: Wakab	D[o]	9 D[o]
Arch[d] Eagle	D[o]	10th D[o]
Rob[t] Hope	D[o]	11 D[o]
Geo: Waylo Not arrived	D[o]	12 D[o]
Arthur Stewart	D[o]	13 D[o]
Nathan[l] Dawes	D[o]	14 D[o]

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
John Mullock Not arrived	Ensign	14th 15 Nov^{r} 1770
Charles Darke	D^{o}	16 D^{o}
Dugald Campbell	D^{o}	17 D^{o}
Harrison Not arrived	D^{o}	18 D^{o}
John Stewart	D^{o}	19 D^{o}
Thomas Leighton	D^{o}	20th D^{o}
James Oliver	D^{o}	22 D^{o}
Rich^{d} Gibbons	D^{o}	23 D^{o}
Samuel Spankes	D^{o}	24 D^{o}
Richardson Gibbons	D^{o}	25 D^{o}
Rich^{d} Eastland	D^{o}	26 D^{o}
Ja^{s}. Russel Not arrived	D^{o}	27 D^{o}
Alex^{r}. Fernie	D^{o}	28 D^{o}
Ja^{s}. Burn Not arrived	D^{o}	29 D^{o}
Peter Rich^{d} Peare D^{o}	D^{o}	30 D^{o}
Chas Barnes D^{o}	D^{o}	2 Dec^{r} 1770
Wm Hodgson D^{o}	D^{o}	3 D^{o}
Rich^{d} Greaves D^{o}	D^{o}	4 D^{o}
Francis Hempson D^{o}	D^{o}	5 D^{o}
Benjamin Landell	D^{o}	6 D^{o}
John Pringle	D^{o}	7 D^{o}

Names	Present Bands	Date of Present Band
Graves Not arrived		
Hugh Wheeler	Ensign	9 Dec 1770
Caleb Pearson Not arrived	D°	10 D°
James Frith Not arrived	D°	12 D°
James Pearson	D°	13 D°
Francis Jarvis	D°	14 D°
Edw White Not arrived	D°	15 D°
Robt. Brunker D°	D°	16 D°
Nich. Field	D°	17 D°
Thomas Green	D°	18 D°
Cary La Lande	D°	19 D°
Morris Lynde Not arrived	D°	20 D°
John Kennedy	D°	21 D°
Oliver Wheeler	D°	22 D°
James Foster	D°	23 D°
Francis Cockson	D°	24 D°
Thomas Smith Not arrived	D°	25 D°
Cromwell Massey	D°	26 D°
Savage Bowden	D°	27 D°
John Wooton	D°	28 D°
Wm Henry Brisbane	D°	29 D°

Names	Date of Present Rank	Present Rank
Talbot Ford		Ensign 30 Dec 1770

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