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To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq^r
President & Governour of Fort St. George.
Honble Sir,

Captain Fitzgerald is now

Letter from Mr
Andrews desires
that Rajanath
Durrath Zamindar
- Dar of Gulgunda
may be desired to
assist against the
Gulgunda Durrath

incamped at Cota Cotta with nine Companies
of Seapoy, two men march to day to join him
which with the Rajah's People will be suffici-
- ent to manage the Gulgunda Durrath: however
to make the Works the shorter I have engaged
Rajanath Durrath Zamindar of Tontachille to
come down with his People in the Parks of
Gulgunda whilst ours press in front, this will
greatly facilitate the Work, in the saving of much
money to the Company, and probably of many of
our People: but as this Man is under a Mr
Wynne he is afraid of incurring his displea-
sure by such a Proceeding. I am therefore to
request that your Honor will on the receipt
of this write to Mr Wynne to send his Orders
to this Rajanath Durrath to give us every Assistance
in his Power. I will also write to him.

I am very respectfully

Honble Sir,

Your most Obedt^t Serv^t

John Brown

Vizapatam

4. May 1772

In consequence of which the following

Letter is now wrote to Mr Wynne Chief at

Masulipatam

To Alexander Wynne Esq^r

Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

A Letter from Mr Andrews

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Letter to Mr
Fitzgerald in consequence

of the 14th Ins^t informs us that Capt^r Fitzgerald
was encamped at Cotta Cotta with nine
Companies of Sepoys, to move men to march
to join him which with the People added to
the Rajah of Vizianagaram Mr Andrews had
a sufficient Force to call the Rajah of Gulgunda
to an Assent, that the Work however would
be much facilitated if the Zemindar of
Santapille were to come down with his
People on the Back of Gulgunda whilst our
Force in Front but as Santapille is in your
Department any application or Instruction
to that Zemindar should properly go from you
We therefore desire you will write to him to give
his Assistance to the Chief of Vizianagaram to
bring this Expedition to a speedy conclusion

facilitated /

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We are Sir

Your Affect^d Friends
Josias Duple & Council

The following lays before the Board
the following Letter from Mr Peter Paymaster
in Charge

To John Maxwell Esq^r
Secretary to the Milit^y Department
Fort St George

Sir

Letter from Mr Peter
The Officer in Charge
belonging to the
Corps person to be paid
on the Spot
Bottle and Seal
of the Person
of the March

I request if you lay before the
Board an application I have received from the
Officers doing Duty with that Detachment
belonging to a British Corps, to receive their Pay on
the Spot; as in conformity to the late Orders they
must be

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be drawn for, and paid at the Place where their respective
Corps are stationed. Being on Duty here by the orders
of General Smith they think it a hardship to be
obliged to draw their Pay elsewhere.

I have to acquaint you
that Captain Baillie has applied to me for Payment
of a Horse, valued at two hundred and Fifty Pagodas
which did the other day on the Line of March, in
the Discharge of his Duty as Aid De Camp to General
Smith; but as this Demand has had no recent
Pursuit I decline paying it until I am furnished
with the Orders of the Board. Capt Baillies argument
in favor of his Claim, arise from the Custom during
the War with Hyder Ally, where the Commanding
Officers Staff were paid for their Horses when lost in
the service. I am with Esteem.

Sir

Your most Obedient,

Wm Pitt

Paymaster

Paymaster to the Army

Camp of
Miles S. E. Tanjore
18 May 1772

Orders thereunto

Agreed that all Officers should be
drawn for & paid at the place where their respec-
tive Corps are, as intimated principally for those
Officers who are absent from their Corps with
Leave, in order as far as possible to put a stop
to that Practice. It is agreed that the Officers
belonging to other Corps who are now on actual
service with the Army be allowed to draw their
Pay on the Spot.

Agreed that Captain Baillie
be paid for the Horse which Died on service, on

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the Commanding Officers certifying the Bill that the House was actually worth the sum charged for its

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter M^r Cummer Paymaster at Madras.

To John Maxwell Stone Esq^r
Secretary to the Military Department
at Fort St George
Sir

Letter from M^r
Cummer wth an
Account of his
wanting to his
Quarters at
Madras & Sums
of the Contracts

I have been favoured with your Letter of 9 May, acquainting me that the Nabob had consented that the necessary repairs should be made to the Paymasters House at Madras & that as he was desirous it should be done by contract, That I should in an Act of what repairs were necessary & the Sums in which they may be contracted for.

I have this day received from Madras an Act of Repairs necessary, and at what rate they may be contracted for, which I am under the Liberty to endorse to you. I am well informed that the contract is at as low a Rate as possible I shall esteem myself much obliged to you Sir, if you will favour me with the Honourable Board's further orders as soon as convenient as the season is far advanced & shall be pressed for time to complete the repairs before the Monsoon comes in at which Sums of the repairs are not small, it will not only be very inconvenient, but very dangerous residing in the House.

Aquiesce to your Letter of 14

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of the 2^d Ins^t. I have purchased the House, which I presented to the Honble President, as proper & necessary for the Surgeon of this Garrison at the Price it cost, viz 120 Star Pagodas which is less than its real Value.

I am Sir

Your very Obedient Servant
William Cuming
Paymaster

Palamcottah

17th May 1772.

Repairs wanting to the Paymaster's House at Madurai

The Length of the House is 72 Feet

The Breadth of D^o is 26 D^o

Repairs necessary to Paymaster's Quarters at Madurai & the several offices for completing them by Contract.

It will be necessary to pull down the side Walls as far down as the Window seats, part of the End Walls that divide the Bedrooms, and new Terrace the whole, many Bricks & Tiles will be wanted in the room of those Damaged & rotted by the Weather. The Head Bricklayer, Smith & Carpenter will jointly Contract to do the whole for Pay^t 379.7. and will engage to complete the whole in Four Months after they began to Work under a Penalty of 100 Pay^t if they fail to finish the same. The contract for is paid them in four Monthly Payments.

Approved.

The Board approve of the Terms transmitted by W. Cuming for completing the Repairs wanting to his Quarters by Contract; & which are therefore to be set about.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Montisior to

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Lieutenant Col. Ross.
To Lieutenant Col. Ross.
Sir.

Letter from Capt.
Munroon to L. Col.
Ross with a Plan
of Estimate for a
Poudre Magazine
at Fort St George.

Agreeable to the Governor's desire
which you favoured me with in your Letter of
the 7th Inst. I now send you the Plan, Sections &
Coarse of a Powder Magazine that I think
will be best adapted to this Place which I
hope will meet with your Approbation. The
Young Nabobs of the General resolved to build on
the interior North East Angle of the Fort for its
Situation. This building of an expense Magazine
for containing fixed ammunition are the first
erected the latter is proposed to be erected on
the North West Angle of the Fort as recommended
that it be built on the same Plan, with
the addition of strong Wooden Frames of three Rows
of Shelves round the inside of the Magazine
of the Center Pier, by which means the ammuni-
tion may be properly arranged & easily got
at where wanted I have kept the Pitch of the
Roofs sufficiently low to be well covered by the
Batter of the Towers to guard this I have been
obliged on account of the flatness of the Rocks
& thickened the Breastwork over the Batteries
otherwise the resistance would not have been
equal to these Rocks whose regularly formed
the Shells from having so great an effect on
them as on one more flat. The Expense attending
the building of the Magazine will amount
to Pay^{rs} 1739. 25 but for the fixed ammunition
will be the like sum with the addition of the

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of the frames & Shelves, the Value of which I cannot form any Judgement of.

The Materials immediately wanted for these buildings were 10 Loads of Bricks & 6000 Pairs of Churnam; but I am much of opinion that no Engineer can be answerable for the Progress of the works unless the Provision of Materials be put in a proper Channel.

The Stockuper acquaints me that having stowed up some Plans as Store-houses, He will not be in Want of any other that to secure the Gun Carriages & Tumbrils from the Weather, a few Field Sheds will be necessary but he cannot inform me with the Number of Carriages &c. for which they should be erected.

I communicated your Paragraphs to the Stockuper a Copy of his Answer I have the Pleasure to enclose you.

I have nearly finished all the Designs, as soon as I can take four Copies of them I will transmit them to you. I have lately had a severe Bilious Attack which has much retarded me.

Mr Maule sent me the Plain Table & Chairs you left with him. Capt Pittman reports a want of Instruments I have so furnished him with them.

The little Stationary I have is very bad you obliged to draw the Designs on China Paper, which is troublesome as no accidents or mistakes on it can be rectified.

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If you'll Please to favor me with some that is
good your greatly obliged

Sir

Your most Obedt. & humble Servt
H. C. Montagu

Trichinopoly.
15 May 1772

Estimate of the
Expence of a Powder
Magazine.

Estimate of the Expence for building a Powder
Magazine at Trichinopoly

5 1/2 Rs of Brickwork with 1/2 Rs of 1302

1/2 Square of Paving with one Course to
last, two in Churnamugone of 1/2 Inch Bricks
nearly at 1/2 Rs Square 112

5 1/2 Square of Churnamugone at 1/2 Rs Square 216

Clearing the Foundation & 1/2 Rs of 1/2

111 Cakes of 9

2 Door Frames & Doors of 1 1/2 Inch

Plank with battens with of same

Copper nails, hinges bolts & locks

also Gratings to prevent Vermin from
getting thro the Vents.

100
1739 31

The President acquaints the Board
that he had applied to the Statute on the Subject
of procuring the statements necessary for the Buildings
proposed to be erected at Trichinopoly, who promises
that he would send Orders to his son Mauder & Mauder
Behanier to procure what may be required.

The Board approve of the
Plan proposed for the Powder Magazine at
Trichinopoly. It is however agreed that Lieutenant
Col. Robt be acquainted that we would have none of
the Building begun, until we are furnished with
Plans

and Statute promises
to furnish Statute

No Building to be begun
until all the Plans come in
& Statute's fettters
are prepared.

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Plans & Estimates of the whole to be laid before the Natch, nor until a sufficient Quantity of Materials is collected, that they may not be impeded or retarded for want of them, when they are once begun.

Resolved also that the Paymaster at Truchinspoh be directed to apply & receive from the Natch for such Materials as may be provided for which he is to give Receipts & to show them to Captain Mantusor according to the Indents which shall be delivered to him & to keep an exact Account of all such Receipts & Issues - He is also to muster & pay the Workmen & Carriers & to have the Muster Rolls countersigned by Captain Mantusor.

The President acquaints the Board that he has laid before the Natch the List of Bills for the Repairs of Officers Quarters at Truchinspoh who had consented to discharge the same.

Orders that a Copy of the List be transmitted to the Paymaster at Truchinspoh that the Bills may be discharged accordingly.

Upon looking over the Paymasters Accounts at Truchinspoh for December last there appears a charge of Payes as 50, 36, 60 paid Lewis Samballins as Fort Adjutant of that Garrison for the Months of Sept Oct. & November which being irregular & unprecedented the Paymaster is to be ordered to give One it immediately for the same in his Accounts.

It being necessary that our Adjutant

The Paymaster to receive and give the Materials

Cons to Muster the Workmen & Carriers.

The Natch agrees to discharge the Bills for Repairs of Officers Quarters at Truchinspoh.

Orders in consequence

A Charge for Lewis Samballins as Fort Adjutant of that Garrison for the Months of Sept Oct. & November was approved.

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Adjutant appointed
to discipline
the recruits at Ponnaswally
on 1st.

Adjutants should be appointed to discipline
the recruits at Ponnaswally until they are
drafted to the Regiment's Lieutenant House is
appointed to this service.

Orders that the following
Promotions do take Place.

Co. Nelson App. Lieut.
Taylor D.
Sunder D.

Ensign Enn. Nelson	Rank	In the room of
Int. Taylor	(App. Lieut) 13 May 1792	L. Pennington killed at
Co. Sauran	10 D.	Albany 22 April
		Dr. Fowler 22nd at
		Masulipatnam 13 May
		Dr. Kirkbride 21st at
		Elloor 10 May

Mr John Wade App. En.
Fraser D.
Alex Read D.

Mr John Wade	App. Ensign	22 April 1792	Co. Nelson promoted
Alex Fraser		13 May D.	Int. Taylor D.
Alex Read		10 D.	Enn. Sunder D.

W. J. Coulson
appointed L. S. W.
Henry Hagan D.
Rich Jones D.

are

There being three Vacancies
for Lieutenant Ser Workers in the Corps of
Artillery, of the following Cadets arrived on the
East of Lincoln having offered themselves for
that Corps are appointed accordingly to take Rank
from this day. Vizt Joseph Coulson
Henry Hagan
Rich Jones

James regarding
his Rank

Their Rank with regard to each
other must be ascertained to be fixed in the receipt of
the General List of Cadets from England, in the
mean Time they are to do Duty as the Order
above names, that being the Order in which
they are named in the List received by the Ship
wherein they came & they are to be appointed to
the Companies in which the Vacancies are.

The Military Secretary
says

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Bills of Capt Loe
for 3 Recruits
entertained at the
Cape. To be paid.

Lays before the Board three Bills of Captain
Loe of the East of Lincoln for Stops supplied
three Recruits entertained at the Cape amounting
to L. 5. 3, which are ordered to be discharged
together with the Expenses Captain Loe was at
on their Account at the Cape & for their Passage
hither at the rate of 5 L each.

Attest
John Smith
Henry Brooks
John Whitehill
~~Charles Smith~~
Jno. Mackay

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I wrote the following Letter to Mr. Henry Paymaster
at Trichinopoly.
To Mr. James Hay
Paymaster at Trichinopoly.
Sir

Letter to Mr. Hay
with the List of
Bills for Repairs
of Officers Quarters
at Trichinopoly.

Enclosed I send you by Order of the
President & Council a List of Bills transmitted
by General Smith for the Repairs of Officers
Quarters at Trichinopoly amounting to Pay^t
1237^{rs} 0^{rs} - which the President and Council have
ordered to be discharged, you will be pleased
therefore to pay the Bills of the respective
Officers mentioned in the List. You will observe
that this charge will come under the Head
of Fortifications & Repairs, and must be with
the other Extraordinary Charges, kept separate
and distinct from the Ordinary Expenses of
the Garrison & transmitted to the Remissionary
General Monthly, agreeable to the Order of
Consultation of 6th April transmitted to you
in my Letter of the 17th of the same
Month.

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I am Sir

Your most Obed^t Servant
S. M. Jones

26 The following Letters were this day sent to
To Lieutenant Col Ross
Chief Engineer
Sir

Letter from L. C.
Ross regarding the
Barracks to be
erected at Trichinopoly

The President hath communicated to us the Letter addressed to you by
Captain Mentor of the 13th Infantry with
the

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The Plans proposed by him for two Powder Magazines at Trichinopoly which we approve.

The Natch Informant is that he will give Directions to his Son & Nauder All Muttu Behauder to provide the Materials necessary for the Magazine, as well as for the other Buildings at Trichinopoly, as therefore now write to the Paymaster there to apply to and receive them from the Natch's Son and to give them to Captain Montresor as he shall Indent for them. We desire however that you will give Captain Montresor directions not to begin the Magazine or any of the other Buildings untill he shall be furnished with our particular & Express directions for that purpose, it being our Intention to have all the Plans & Estimates before us, & that a sufficient Quantity of Materials be collected before any Buildings are begun that they may not be impeded or retarded for want of them, after they are once taken in hand.

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To Mr James Hay
Paymaster at Trichinopoly
Sir

We answer

Your most Obedt^h humble Serv^t
James Des Pres Esq^r Command^r

Lt. Col. M.^r
Hay Esq^r on
the same Subject.

The Natch having given his
Consent that proper Buildings be erected at
Trichinopoly for Barracks, Magazines, Storehouses
&c, Captain Montresor has been appointed to
prepare

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prepare Plans & Estimates of such Buildings
as are necessary & to superintend the Building
of them.

The Nabal has promised to write
to his Son Mauser Ul Mantik Behander to
provide the necessary Materials, to whom
therefore you are to apply, and to give Receipts
for such Quantities as may be delivered to you
if you are to give them to Cap^t Menterson
according to the Indents he may deliver to you
for that Purpose.

You will keep an Exact and
Daily Account of all Materials that may be
received and issued by you,

Altho Cap^t Menterson is
directed to Superintend the General Buildings
nevertheless the Workmen Coolies &c must be
all regularly & Daily mustered and paid by you
which Musters must be countersigned by Cap^t
Menterson.

You will keep a regular and
Exact Account of all Disbursements made by
you on this Account, separate and Distinct
from the other ordinary Expens^e of the
Garrison, of which Account you will transmit
monthly to the Com^{rs} General, pursuant
to our Orders of the 6th Sept last.

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We are Sir

Your most Obed^t humble Serv^{ts}
Jos. Du Pel Ya Courcel

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Write the following Letter to Bombay
to go by Pattamar.

To the Honble William Hornby Esq.
President of Governor & Council at Bombay.
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay
expressing of our
honouring wrote by
the Resolution of
our Sentiments
on Sir Robert Harland's
Dues.

We wrote Your Honour &c^{ie} under
date the 9th Instant & Resolution in Answer to
the Letter from your Most Excellent Committee of the 12th
March. We at the same Time transmitted to
you such Parts of our Correspondence with Sir
Robert Harland His Majesty's Minister as
might give you the necessary Information of
our Sentiments with Respect to the Validity
of any Engagements he might enter into with
the Powers of India on the Part of the Crown
and how far they would in our Opinion be
binding on the Company. But as the Correspondence
is too long to be transmitted in Cypher and it
would be dangerous to send it by Pattamar, we
think it necessary by this Opportunity to
inform you of our Honouring your own
Sentiments on this Subject. In brief are, that
his Majesty's Minister hath a Claim, but
not a Compelling Power. That is to say
we should not be justified in commencing or
carrying on Hostilities against any of the Powers
of India with whom his Majesty's Minister
may engage in any Treaties of Friendship or
Alliance and that his Majesty's Minister
cannot by any such Treaties or Engagements
oblige the Company to employ Troops or Vessels
in the support of any Power or Power with
whom

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whom he may enter into any Engagements
or Treaties or oblige them to take up Arms against
any Power whatever.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Josias DuPre Esq^r Junr

Fort St. George
26th May 1772

Received the following Letters from General
Smith

To the Honble Josias DuPre Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St. George
Honble Sir

Letter from General
Smith Marches 13
Miles to Shesobara
Saturn purposes
putting on Day

I have the Honor to advise
you yesterday of the Arrival of the Troops at
Pitts Cotta from whence we marched this
morning 16th M. Steer mules and encamped
on the Sea beach. Tomorrow I shall be Obliged
to halt, in order to refresh the Cattle, as they
are not in a Condition to perform the next
days March on account of the Ruin of the
land.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir, with Respect
Your most Obedient Servant
J Smith

Camp at Shesobara Saturn
20th May 1772

To the Honble Josias DuPre Esq^r
President and Governor of Fort St. George
Honble Sir

Letter from Genl
Smith, marches
13 Miles to Shesobara
Mangalore 20th May
North of India

I have the Honor to advise
you of the arrival of the Troops at Shesobara
Saturn on the 20th from whence we marched this

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This morning I Wth Bth Wth Shurtum Mts and encamped
near the Sea.

I have the Honor to be
With Respect, Your most Obedient Serv^t
J. Smith

Camp at Great Mungaham
22nd May 1772

Write the following Letter to the Chief and
Council at Masulipatam

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r
Chief of Council at Masulipatam
Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the
13th Instant

Letter to Masulipatam
regarding
Gun Carriages &c.

As it appears to us that the
32 Pounder Guns can of very little Use at Masulipatam
as Guns of that Calibre are only necessary in case
of an attack by Sea, require a great Number of
Men to work them, we desire you will send hither
the one now at Masulipatam with the Shot
belonging to it, by the first Conveyance that may
offer by any of the Company's Ships. As to the
20. & 16 and 9 Pounder Guns we are still of
Opinion that no Carriages should be made for
them, as you have only two 20 & two 16 and 9
Pounder Guns, since if the Guns are disabled the
Shot can be of no use, and as the Carriages
you already have for the 16 Pounder Guns are
sufficient for the Number of Shot you have in
Store of that Calibre.

When we consider the Situation
of State of Masulipatam as described in Major
Mitchell's

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Mitchells Letter transmitts with yours of 12 July
1791 & in your Letter of the 30 August 1791 from
which it appears that the Works are not in
such a Condition as to admit of your mounting
Guns on them at present that the Quarters are
not even sufficient for the Garrison now there
that there are no Magazines, Cisterns nor
Hospital, we cannot see either the Necessity or
Propriety of supplying at this Time with such
a Quantity of Stores as if it were in a Condition
to stand a regular Siege but we should only
thereby thereby expose such a Number of Stores to
the Danger of being lost in Case of an Attack
from an European Enemy, But supposing the
Fort entirely completed, and all the necessary
Buildings erected, it appears to us from its Situation
that it can only be attacked in Form on the
North and North East Fronts, as the rising
Spots of Ground on these Fronts are the
only Places from whence an Enemy can erect
Breaching Batteries, ~~and~~ therefore think the
Heavy Guns can only be of use for the Defence of
such Parts of the Fort as are exposed to be breached
for which we think the Mortars you already
have sufficient, when they are completed with
the Carriages ordered in our Letter of the 24th Ult
to be made. With Respect to the other Parts of the
Fort which appear to us only liable to be attacked
by Assault or Escalade we should suppose lighter
Guns much more adapted for their Defence, and we
shall therefore send you some more small Guns.

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Guns by the first Opportunity, In the mean time
we desire that no more Carriages be made up
than those before sent.

We consent to your supplying
Mr. Stevens with the Broad Planks in Store, what
you say is only fit for Gun Carriages. & to your
making him the advances he desires.

We are,
Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends
Jos: Du Pré & Curriel

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29 Came in the following Letter from General Smith
To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President and Governor of Fort St George.
Honble Sir

Letter from Gen
Smith, marches
15 Miles to Camp
Saturnus Two Forts
Curriel to Capt
Lundam

I have the Honor to acquaint
you that we marched this morning fifteen miles
S.W. and encamped one Mile Distance from the
Sea.

By Letter from Captain Lundam
dated this morning, he mentions his having
detached some Scouts from Landy to take
Possession of three small Forts which the Pottigars
proposed to Surrender.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir, with Respect

Your most Obedt Servt
J. Smith

Camp at Camp Saturnus
23rd May 1772

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St George
Honble Sir

I have the Honor to acquaint
you

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Letter from G. Smith
marches 20 Miles to
Tondy. The young
Natal has disapproved
of Captain Lonsdale
accepting the Proposal
for the Surrender of the
three little

you of the Arrival of the Troops at Tondy, twenty
miles S.W. from our last Ground

The Natal has disapproved
Capt. Lonsdale accepting the Proposal made to
him of taking possession of the three little
Ports (mentioned in my last) which the
Portuguese has evacuated and has ordered the
Sloop to return. Hence I shall have the
Honor to address you on our moving from
hence, and am, Honble Sir, With Respect

Camp at Tondy
21st May 1772,

Your most Obed^t Servant
J. Smith

I enclose in the following Letter from Gen^l Smith
to the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St George.
Honble Sir.

Letter from Gen^l Smith
marches 10 Miles
to Pelly. Pelly Coast.

I have the Honor to acquaint
you that we marched this morning ten
miles S.W. and encamped near the Sea at
a Village in the District of Ramandaparam.
I have the Honor to be, Honble Sir
W. to Respect

Camp at Pelly. Pelly Coast
26th May 1772

Your most Obed^t Servant
J. Smith

At

Fort St George 1st June 1772

Monday
1 June.

At a Consultation Present
Josias DuPre Esq^r President Gouverneur
John Smith „ George Stratton
Henry Brooke „
John Whitehill „ Charles Smith
George Mackay.

Mr. Bruckman indisposed.

Report of Committee of Stores read as follows.

To the Honble Josias DuPre Esq^r
President and Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have the Honor to lay
before you our Minutes of the 19th Instant and
are with great Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient servant
Geo Stratton
Ed^d James
Patrick Robt.

The
25 May 1772

At a Committee of Stores Present
George Stratton Esq^r }
Military Storekeeper } Lieut Col. Robt.
Lieutenant Col. James }
Major Harper absent

The Committee having taken into
consideration the Number of Guns and Gun Carri-
ages wanting to complement at the different Amb.
Garrisons Agree to recommend that they be supplied
as follows.

Vellour

Minutes of Committee
of Stores regarding
the Guns and Gun Carriages
sent to the General
and Garrison
regarding Unusu-
able Stores at
Vellour Garrison
Unusu-able brass
Guns at Seringapatam

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Vellour

Iron Guns		Carriages			
1	24 pounders	0	Trail	3 Beds for 14 1/2	
1	10 D°	7	D°	Each Mortars	
10	12 D°	1 1/2	D°		
10	9 D°	1 1/2	D°		
2	3 D°	2	Field Carriages		
			with Limbers & Limbribs		

Trenchinopoly

Long Iron Guns		Garrison Carriages		Field Carriages	
5	12 pounders	6	Trail	2	24 Pounders
6	9 d°	0	D°	2	10 d°
		1	12 Pounder	1	6 D°
		3	6 D°	2	12 D°
Mortars		Beds		Limbs	
1	5 1/2 Inch	5	14 1/2 Inch	0	
		1	10 D°		

Madurah

Trail Garrison Carriages	
5	10 pounders
6	3 D°
1	for 14 1/2 Inch Howitz

Vellum

Iron Guns		Garrison Carriages		Limbs	
2	10 pounders	3	Trail	5	
3	12 D°	1	D°	1	10 Inch Mortar
Brass Guns		Field Carriages		Ordnance	
2	6 pounders	3		2	Ordnance
2	3 D°	3			

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The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee a List of Unserviceable Stores received from Vellore. Agreed to acquaint the President and Council, and to request their Orders thereon as we learn from the Storekeeper at Vellore, that they take up a great deal of room which might otherwise contain Serviceable Stores.

Lieut. Col. James informs the Committee that there are several unserviceable Brass Guns at Trichinopoly. Agreed to recommend that they be sent down or otherwise disposed of.

Agreed that for the future all the 12 Pounder Carriages shall have English Wheels instead of French.

19 May 1772

Censors in
Consequence.

In order to enable the Board to determine what Guns and Carriages should be sent to the Out Garrisons, the Committee are desired to prepare & lay before us a State of the Guns & Carriages in Store & what will be required for this Place in the mean time it is ordered that Carriages sufficient for mounting the Guns already at the Out Garrisons be sent.

Ordered that a List of the unserviceable Stores at Vellore be made out to be delivered to the Nabob who is to be desired to Inform us, how he would have them disposed of. Also Ordered that the Unserviceable Brass Guns at Trichinopoly be delivered over to the Nabob.

The President lays before the Board

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Read a Letter from M^r Samuel Johnson
Dated 20 May advising of his having taken
charge of the Paymasters and Storekeepers
Employes at Trichinopoly on the 17 May.

As M^r Johnson is appointed a
Member of the Council in the room of M^r
Pym Deceased. It is agreed that M^r Alexander
Davidson be appointed Paymaster and Storekeeper
at Trichinopoly, and that he be directed to
proceed thither as soon as a Person is appoin-
ted to return him in the Office of Warehouse-
keeper at Cuddalore.

The President lays before the
Board the following Letter from Louis Cede.
Pringle.

Honble Sir

In consequence of a Letter from
General Smith the 11th Instant, desiring me to
form a Detachment from the Garrison of Madras
in order to assist his Operations, while acting to
the South by following in Choke the little Manna.

Upon information from the
Rajah's Manager, who gave me to understand
that a considerable part of the Rajah's Troops
would join. I ordered two to proceed with
Pullocks sufficient for their use, to be ready
for the execution of the Lord of Supperman
which is about 15 Miles East of Madras.
Finding myself disappointed in regard to the
Rajah

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Nabob's Troops, and thinking that I could not venture large Artillery out with the few People I could take from Madurai, I therefore changed my Plan, having no Alternative but to take it by a Coup de Main, or give over the Undertaking for which I ordered two Petards to be prepared and marched according to the Plan fixed by the General, 22 with ten Companies of our Scapys five of the Nabob's, some of his Horses and Cories, with two 3 Pounders and two $4\frac{1}{2}$ Inch Mortars, one Sergeant five Artillery Men, and forty Sappers. Last Night we attacked the Place and have the Pleasure to Inform you we have succeeded without any considerable Loss having only one private Artillery Man killed and one Sergeant our Bombardier badly Wounded, by accident of the quick Match of the Petard, which was too short, not giving them time to avoid the Explosion, and Carelessness in loading a Mortar about 12 of the Nabob's Scapys were killed and Wounded in the advanced Post by the Cannonade of Musquets from the Fort during the Day, this Fort is of so much Consequence, that I am told it is the best in the Second Maravar Country and in such a Position that we could not well have a Communication from Madurai to Tanjore without being in Possession of it there were about 1000 People in it of one Sort or other, who after the Explosion of the Petard, were so terrified, that they all ran into two Pagodas where we took them Prisoners in the Morning. I have

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have been in continual expectation to hear
from the General who mentions to me that he
woud write to me again from Vellore but
have heard nothing yet from him. I shall
wait till I hear some Account of the Army for
further Proceedings. Excuse my not answering by
this your last on account of Mr. Canning, being
too much Occupied at present to enter upon
that Subject, beg only that you will be
persuaded that on my Part I had nothing in
view but my Duty and the good of the
Service on the Occasion, which I shall repre-
sent by very striking proofs.

I have the Honor to remain
Honorably Sir

Your most humble and Obedt^{serv}

Bonjour

RP
I have given Orders to dismiss from
the Service the Bullocks intended for the 10
Pounders at Madras.

The Board are well pleas'd
with Lieut. Col. Bonjour's Loyalty against Trincom-
mure but they cannot at the same Time avoid
observing that this is the first Intimation they
have received of Col. Bonjour's having been
Ordered to make a Diversion from Madras
against the Marathas & Hydrabad.

The President lays before the Board the
following Letter from Mr. Casanvier or Paymaster
at Vellore.

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To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq
President of Governors of Fort St. George
Honble Sir

I have now the Honor to
transmit you the Returns of Stores at this
Garrison and Ammunition for April

Letter from Mr
Casamajor with
an Account of Expenses
for repairing the
Paymaster's Quarters
at Mollins

In consequence of Orders to Lt
Col. Tod in Quarter last to make such
necessary Repairs as were wanting to the
Barracks, I was Incommoded to Repair the House
Motto for the Paymaster at this Place which
was in such extreme bad order that in a short
time it would not have been habitable. The
Roof was much Damaged, the Officers were
entirely useless: the greater part of a Terrace
that led to the House fallen in, and most of the
Doors and Windows so much decayed that they
were irreparable. These Repairs have unavail-
-ably cost 350. 2. 26. the Account particu-
-larly They leave to lay before you, and if it
meets with your Approbation request your
Pardon to insert the charge in the
Account.

I remain with great Respect
Honble Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

J. B. Casamajor
Honble

Refleur
27. May 1772

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have been in continual expectation to hear
from the General who mentions to me that he
woud write to me again from Vellore but
have heard nothing yet from him. I shall
wait till I hear some Account of the Army for
further Proceedings. Excuse my not answering by
this your last on account of Mr. Canning, being
too much occupied at present to write upon
that Subject, by only that you will be
persuaded that on my Part I had nothing in
view but my Duty and the good of the
Service on the Occasion, which I shall repre-
sent by very Strengthened proofs.

I have the Honor to remain. Respect
Honorable Sir

Your most Humble and Obedient
Benjamin

RP
I have given Orders to dismiss from
the Service the Buttocks witnesses for the 100
Pounders at Madras.

The Board are well pleas'd
with Lieut Coll. Bonyours Service against the
Mun but they cannot at the same Time avoid
observing that this is the first Information they
have received of Col. Bonyours leaving him
Orders to make a Division from Madras
against the Madras Polygars.

The President lays before the Board the
following Letter from Mr. Casanvier or Paymaster
at Vellore.

Camp near Supavanam
the 25th May 1772

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To the Honble Josias DuBre Esq^r
President of Governors of Fort St. George
Honble Sir

in former M^{rs}
major with
assent of Officers
repairing the
masters Quarters
Wellington

I have now the Honor to
transmit you the Returns of Stores at this
Garrison and Ammunition for April

In consequence of Orders to L^{td}
Col^l. L^{td} in Quarter last to make such
necessary Repairs as were wanting to the
Barracks, I was Instructed to Repair the House
 allotted for the Paymaster at this Place which
was in such extreme bad order that in a short
time it would not have been habitable. The
Roof was much Damaged, the Officers were
entirely useless: the greater part of a Terrace
that led to the House fallen in, and most of the
Doors and Windows so much decayed that they
were irreparable. Some Repairs have unwar-
-rantly Cost 350. 2. 26. The Account particu-
-larly They leave to lay before you, and if it
meets with your Approbation request your
P^{er}mission to insert the charge in the
Accounts.

I remain with great Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

J. H. Casamajor

Wm^{ts}

Yours
1st May 1772

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Account of Repairs Made the Paymasters Quarters at
Vellore, From the 10th February 1772 to the 10th May

Bricklayers Employed for 90 days at 2.. 100 Pay	90	days	at 2.. 100	Pay
Men Coolies	90	days	at 1.. 100 ditto	" 270 "
Women Ditto	90	days	at 1.. ditto	" 1350 "
Boys Ditto	90	days	at .. 60 ditto	" 090 "
Carpenters	90	days	at 2.. 100 ditto	" 1875 "
Tanners Ditto	15	days	at 2.. 100 ditto	" 225 "
Shore Cutter Ditto	25	days	at 2.. ditto	" 63 "
			at 130 Pagoda	" 6543 "

125 7 "

Materials Expended

61,200 Bricks at 2000 Pagoda	30	25	16
Cooly Hire for Ditto at 10 th of 1000	"	652	"
9750 Tiles at 1500 Pagoda	2	7	"
1250 Baskets of Powder Churnam at 20 Pagoda	60	25	"
65 Markalls of Stone ditto for white Wash	"	65	"
Cooly Hire for bringing Sand	"	333	"
26 1/2 Sars of Sagging at 22 1/2 Pagoda	9	11	30
Pots and Pans	"	35	60
Baskets and Ropes	"	163	"
36 and 1/2 inch Lead Planks for Windows	25	"	"
3 Beams of 4 1/2 Joyce of Country Lumber	13	26	40
30 Planks of Country Wood	10	39	"
2370 Pieces of Bamboo for Terrace	"	22	"
Wine Oil	5	35	"
White Lead	4	10	40
Brass Wire for the Windows	2	16	"
Glue, Hammer & Chouchee &c	11	1 1/2	"

at 13 Jan 1772 Pagoda 172 1457 26
33 30 26

205 30 26

Pagodaes 350 2 26

Or Pa^l H^u 4 Paramasgar

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As it was necessary that the Paymasters
Quarters should be repaired, It is agreed that Mr
Casamajor be permitted to charge the Amount in
his Account. He is however to be informed that
he ought not to have got about the repairs without
the Orders of the Board.

The President lays before the Board the
following Letter from Captain Sanyer
Sir

Letter from Capt.
Sanyer. Proposes
going to Tripity
with his Troop
to recruit 12 or 14
Horses.

I beg leave to acquaint you by order
of General Smith, I have marched the Troop under
my Command to this Place in order to recruit &
complete the Corps: as we are extremely weak in
Horses & much the greater Part of those unfit
for Service so soon as we are furnished with
proper Arms and Accoutrements, I could wish the
Board would permit the Troop to move to
Tripity in order to purchase Horses. In addition
Tripity as I am convinced we shall not be able
to procure Young and good Horses at any other
Place.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
And most humble servant
J. Col: Sanyer

Troop sent May 26th 1772

Observations
thereon

Agreed that Captain Sanyer be
directed to Insure to the Stationary Storekeeper
for such Arms and Accoutrements as he may
require. The Board see no Necessity for ordering
the Troop to Tripity to complete it with Horses
which would occasion a considerable Expence of
Bottle as the sending an Officer or two for that

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purpose will answer the same End, of which may
be done when the Time is which Horses are
brought there for Sale and which is in the
Month of September In the mean Time
Captain Snygr may send Persons to purchase
Horses at Amst or wherever they can be
procured.

The Secretary lays before the Board
the following Letter from Mr Petre

To John Maxwell Esq
Secretary to the Military Depart^{mt}
at Fort St George
Sir

In consequence of the late Order
from the Board that every Officer shall be
drawn for and paid in the Comp^t or Corps
to which he belongs, Lieutenant Alexander
Patterson was included in the Pay Roll of a
Company in the first Battalion of the first
Barrade and paid as a Lieut of Infantry
but on his arrival in Camp he procured his
Commission as Lieut of Cavalry dated the 3rd of
October 1769 which he says is the latest
Commission he has secured, he therefore petitioned
receiving his Pay as Lieutenant of Infantry and
requested of me to represent this Matter to you
as he flatters himself that he has been returned
as an Infantry Officer by mistake, I do now
he has always been paid as a Cavalry
Officer. May I request to be favoured with
an answer as soon as possible to this and my
Letter of last Night. I am with Sir Y^r Obed^t

Letter from Mr
Petre regarding
L. A. Patterson's
Application to
receive his Pay as
Lieut of Cavalry.

Camp 14 Miles
to the Sea Coast
19 May 1742

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Order Hudson

Altho the last Commission granted to Lieutenant Alexander Patterson was in the Cavalry nevertheless as he long been represented as incapable of the Duty of a Cavalry Officer on Account of his Wounds, he has been constantly returned to the Infantry - The Board in Consideration of his Long Services & the Wounds he has received assented to his having the Charge of six Companies of Sepoys attached to the Corps Commanded by Captain Matthews. It therefore he has received Pay as a Cavalry Officer. It has been done thro Inadvertancy of the Paymaster Genl. M^r Pitre & must be directed to call upon him to refund the Difference between the Pay & Disbursement of Cavalry and a Lieut^t of Infantry.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Candley

Honble Sirs

I hope you will excuse the Freedom of this address, since nothing but a Motive of the most Interesting nature could induce me to trouble you on this Occasion.

I have been more than once informed by General Smith, that the Governor & Council dispose of the Vacant Battalions of Sepoys to the Captains as a mark of their Approbation & have hence I have great reason to suppose that I have incurred either yours or their displeasure some within the year three Battalions have been given away to Junior Officers Viz^t Captains Collins, Johnston and now to Cap^t Lynde.

Letter from Capt
Candley (Complain^t)
of his not being
appointed to a Lieut^t
Battalion

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Lysatt to account for this, Sir is beyond my probabilities, since on the Word of an Officer I have not been absent an hour from my Duty these eight Years since I have been in the Service.

And with Respect to my Capacity in the charge of Scapays, that I must Honor which General Smith has conferred on me by giving me the Command of Six Companies of Sepoy Grenadiers on real Service in preference to many other Captains with at least Equal that I am not altogether unworthy.

I hope you will do me the Justice to believe that I am not untrue to this assump from a Motive of Interest - by having Scapays I should lose Ann. Honours Pay as Annually, and how to make an Encumbrance for them I am still to learn.

I declare Sir I am not ambitious of your and the Councils good Opinion which from the Preference given to my Services as well as the Intelligene that many Senior Captains has met with whose Duty for these two or three years past I have been doing I am sure I have lost, but for what Reason God only knows, this Idea fills my mind with the most Tormenting Thoughts and I assure you Sir no other Honour of a Gentleman that I am now going to General Smith with Tears in my Eyes to beg of him to transmit this Letter & Manuscript for you.

Remains at
Camp near Pondichy
24 May 1772

I am Honble Sir with Respect
Your most Obedient servant
J. Cantelero

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Altho the Board do by no means think themselves obliged to assign their Reasons to Captain Candler for having appointed Captain Lyall to a Battalion of Sepoys in Preference to him they however think it necessary to observe that Capt. Candler had the Benefit of the Post of Brigade Major during the last War & he now informs us that he is appointed to the Command of the Grenadier Sepoys with the Army; and as he declares that Honour not Profit is what he desires, the Board are of Opinion that the Command he has is more honourable than a Battalion of Sepoys.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from Capt. Puttany George Collins Commanding the 6th Battalion of Sepoys at Madras, enclosing a List of three Havaldars & 6 Sepoys of that Battalion, recommended to be put upon the Invalid List. Ordered that Certificates be granted them accordingly.

Read the following Letters from the Nizam &c. concerning the sum of 50000 Pagodas the Balance of the Debt subscribed to be paid in 1771. Representing the great detriment he suffers by Coals being purged by the Detachment marching from Ellore thro the Villages & for their Destruits and desiring that Orders may be given forbidding the same.

1772 Promising to make the Troop who were before Tanjore a Present of five Lack of ten thousand Pagodas.

Ordered that a Letter be writ to the Nizam acknowledging the Receipt of the 50000 Pagodas the Balance of the Debt.

Observations thereon

nothing

more

3 Havaldars & 6 Sepoys of 6th Battalion recommended to be Invalided.

The Nizam sends 50000 Pagodas the Balance of the Debt.

Representing the Damage the Country suffers by purging Coals &c. &c.

Promising to make a Present to the Troop who were before Tanjore.

Orders and Remarks thereon

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The President acquaints the Board that in consequence of the Complaint made by the Nabob against the Detachment under Capt. Marcell's (vide Consultation 10th May) he had sent Orders to Mr. Wynne to furnish the Detachment with its march from Ellore, with a sufficient Number of Bullocks, that there might be no Complaints for passing Coolies, & that proper Orders might be given to prevent as far as possible any further Cause of Complaint.

Agrees that a Letter be wrote to the Nabob returning him Thanks for his intended Donation to the Army, and that a Copy of his Letter be transmitted to General Smith, to be communicated to the Troops.

J^r. MuBré

John Smith

Henry Brooks

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

J^r. Mackay

Fort St George 2^d June 1772

The following Letters were this day wrote.

To Mr Alexander Davidson

Sir

Mr. Dehar

Letter to Mr.
A. Davidson Advising
of his Appointment
to be Paymaster of
Storekeepers at
Trichinopoly.

Having appointed you to be
Paymaster and Storekeeper at Trichinopoly, you will
be pleased to proceed thither, & take charge of those
Employes, so soon as you shall have delivered over
the Employ of Warehousekeeper at Cuddalore to the
Person whom we may appoint to succeed you therein
Mr. Samuel Johnson the Present Paymaster and
Storekeeper will be directed to deliver over to you
the several Orders and Regulations which have been
made regarding the same.

We are,

Your Affectionate Friends,
Jos. Dabry & Co. Council

Fort St George
2^d June 1772

To Mr. Samuel Johnson
Paymaster of Storekeepers at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Mr.
Sam. Johnson
Advising him
thence.

We have apprised Mr. Alexander
Davidson to succeed you in the Employ of Paymaster
and Storekeeper at Trichinopoly, but as he cannot
proceed thither until he shall have delivered over
the Warehousekeepers Employ at Cuddalore to some
other Person, you will be pleased to remain at
Trichinopoly until his Arrival, when you will
deliver the Employ over to him together with
such Orders & Regulations as you may have
received regarding them. We are,

Fort St George
2^d June 1772

Your Affectionate Friends,
Jos. Dabry & Co. Council

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Received the following Letter from Gent. Smith
To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President & Governor &c of Fort S. George
Honble Sir

Letter from G. Smith
marches 14 Miles to
Dinipattunam,

I have the honor to acquaint
you we marched this morning eleven miles
S.W. and encamped, one mile from the Sea
and ten from Rammadapuram

Camp near Dinipattunam
27 May 1772.

I have the Honor to be
With Respect Honble Sir
Your mo. Obedt. Servant
J. Smith

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President & Governor &c of Fort S. George
Honble Sir

Letter from Gent
Smith. marches 14 Miles
Rammadapuram

I have the Honor to acquaint
you that we are now encamped before Rammad-
apuram, about eight miles from the Sea &
near N.E. from our last Ground.

As soon as any thing worth
mentioning occurs you shall be immediately
advised thereof

Camp before Rammadapuram
28 May 1772

I am Honble Sir with Respect
Your most Obedient servant
J. Smith

4. Came in the following Letter from M. Wynick
Chief at Muzutpatnam
To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President & Governor &c Council of Fort S. George
Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have been favoured with
yours

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Letter from Mr.
Hynch. Jons orders
to Semmarunge to
send Rajamah
Donwath to assist
Mr. Andrews at the
Gutgunna Semundar.

your Commands of the 23rd and 25th Instant, the
former accompanied by a Letter from the
Governor to the Subah, which was forwarded
to him.

The Semundary of Sitapilla
belongs to the Piddapuri Rajah. It was formerly
- by under Juggabath Donwath who was tributary
- tary to Semmarunge and since his Captivity
and Death, has been under the Management
of Rajamah Donwath. I herewith send you Copy
of a Letter I few days ago received from Mr.
Andrews on the same Subject with your of
the 25th. In consequence whereof I write to
Semmarunge, desiring him to order Rajamah
Donwath to afford the Troops that were
employed against Gutgunna Semundar, all the
Assistance in his Power.

I am very respectfully
Humble Servants
Your most Obedt. humble Serv^t
S Hynch

Masulipatam
30th May 1772

To Alexander Hynch Esq.
Chief of Masulipatam,
Sir

Letter from Mr.
Andrews to Mr. Hynch
on the same Subject.

You will long since have been
Informed by the President and Council of Fort St.
George of the Majesty I am under of calling for
Rajah's Rajah of Gutgunna to a full Account
Captains Fitzgerald with Eleven Companies of
Sepoys, and Semmarunge's people are lying close
to his

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his Country waiting for the Guns to get up
what I am now to request is, that you will
be pleased to order Rajahmats Durrah of
Santapilletu to give us all the Assistance in his
Power, which will facilitate our Work in the
scurvy of a great deal of Money to the Company
and prevent me from being under the necessity of
applying to you for a Reinforcement of Europeans.

I am Sir

Your mo. Obedt. Humble Servant

John Andrews

Wizagapatnam

20th May 1772

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pri Esq. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke " " " "
John Whitehill, Charles Smith
George Mackay.

Mr. Brindley Indian Agent.

The President lays before the Board
the following Letter from Lieut. Col. Benjamin
Honorable Sir,

I hope you have received my
Letter of the 25th. I have been informed you
my having taken the Facts in consequence of
a Letter from General Smith, and I send on
the Attacks I made on the Fort of Suppavannam.
I have since been informed that the Fort of
Pattinam, about 20 Miles South of this, has
been delivered to a Party of the Nabob's Troops
which I desired the Nabob's Messenger to send
in consequence of their answer to my Summons
about.

Letter from L. Col.
Benjamin Brindley
near Suppavannam

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about 500 Villages have Submitted on Condition that they were to be treated in the same Manner as when under their former Masters, and the most part of the Coolies who were indetermined upon the Part they would take, I am told Claim our Protection, so that a great Multitude will be calmed, and facilitate our further Operations, The Nabob Messager has made Application to me for 500 Stands of Arms out of the Stores at Madurai which he intends for four Companies of New Sepoys a part of which he has already enlisted, the other he says he may get in a few days, in the Madurai Country: as he tells that he has orders from the Nabob for doing it, and having so few People, I could not refuse him.

I have delivered to his charge
the Fort of Turb^{no}icum, and sold a few Horses
Y^e found in it for the Value of £900 Pounds
which I hope you will have no Objection to my
~~circulating~~ amongst people who suffered and
turned out Voluntary on the Occasion I have no
Account yet of the Army and remain with
Respect
Y^r humble Serv

Humble Sir

Yours me. & Obed^tant most
Humble Servant,

L. Bonjean

The State
records of
immigration
from Madras &
Nagapattinam.

The President acquaints the Board that
the School had recommended that L. Coll. Bangs
should be ordered to prosecute his course by receiving
the Girls in San Marcos & Natchez Districts of
by that means to open a communication between
Madison

Madame

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and Ramnadapuram - In consequence of which
the following Letters are now wrote.

To Lieut. Col. Bonjour
Commanding at Madurai
Sir

Letter to L. Coll.
Bonjour in consequence
The President has communicated
to us your Letters of the 25th & 26th May and we are
well pleased at your Success in the Reduction of
Tirupavannur.

Altho the Object of the Operations
was resolved on by us, the Plan and Measures
to be pursued in the accomplishment thereof, were
left to General Smith. But as he has only from
time to time advised us of the Progress of his
March to his Arrival before Ramnadapuram
without giving us any Information of the Plan &
Measures he purposes pursuing, or of the
Instructions he gave you, we cannot with
Propriety give you any precise or Positive Orders
with regard to your future Operations, lest they
should clash with any Directions you may receive
from General Smith. Our Orders therefore to
you can only be understood to be carried
into Execution as far as the Same you have well
admit of, in case they are not contradictory to or
do not clash with those General Smith may send
you. In consequence of which it is necessary to
acquaint you that the Major on the Receipt of
the advice of your success against Tirupavannur has
desired that we would recommend it to you to endeavour
as far as you are able to open the Communication
between

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between Masura & Ramras a person by inducing
the Lords of Places lying between them, whether
belonging to the Mararas or Natives or Pnygers
This appears to us to be a very essential service
you will be attended with many Advantages in
facilitating our Operations; we therefore desire
you will take such Measures as you shall
Judge expedient for carrying the same into
Execution, provided they do not, as we have said
before clash with any Orders you may receive
from General Smith, which you are to follow
as far as may be in your Power.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Isaac DuBois Esq

J^r Council

Fort St George
5 June 1772

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast,
Sir

And to G. Smith, Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour hath advised
the President that in consequence of the Orders
he has received from you for making a Division
with the Troops under his Command, he had
attached and taken the Lord of Suppawann
if that he was in Expectation of receiving your
Instructions for his further Proceedings The
Wabab has earnestly recommended to P. Coll.
Bonjour he desired to endeavour to open the
Communication between Masura & Ramras a
person and as far as it appears to us such
a Measure would be attended with many
Advantages in facilitating your Operations but

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but as we have no Intimation of the Plan
you purpose pursuing, and are entirely ignorant
of the Orders you have given to Lieut. Coll. Benjamin
we cannot with Propriety give him any precise
or positive orders for his Conduct, lest they should
Clash with those you have or may send him
we can therefore only give him Discretionary Instruc-
tions a Copy of which comes enclosed for your
Perusal, and we desire you will send him such
orders for his Proceedings as you shall Judge
most likely to facilitate your Operations.

The President has communicated
to us your several Letters advising of your march
from Trichinopoly to Ramnad & foram.

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5 June 1772

We are Sir,
Your Affectionate Friends
Josias Du Pre, Secy. Council.

Mr. James Daniel having been

appointed Second in Council at Cuddalore Mr.
George Mesco is appointed Paymaster at
Ellore in his Room. And Orders that a Letter
be wrote to the Chief of Council accordingly.

Jos. Du Pre

John Smith

Henry Brooke

John Whitehill

Agencies Spith
Jed. Mackay

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Wrote the following Letter to the Chief and Council
at Masulipatam.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r
Chief of Council at Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Having appointed M^r James

Letter to Masulipatam
advising of M^r Wynch's
appointment to be paymaster at
Ellore.

Daniel the Present Paymaster at Ellore to be
second in Council at Cuddalore, of which you are
advised from the other Department we have
appointed M^r George Wierott to be Paymaster at
Ellore in the room of M^r Daniel; you will therefore
be pleased to order him to proceed accordingly &
take charge of that Employ.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends
Jos. DuPre & Council

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6 June 1772

Received the following Letter from M^r Hay.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq^r
President and Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from M^r
Hay delivering
the charge of Pay
to M^r Johnson.

I beg leave to acquaint you that
my being sent on all my accounts, and that I
have agreed to your Orders of the 21st Oct^r relating
to my Employ as Paymaster and storekeeper to
M^r Johnson, as also all the necessary Books and
Papers belonging to those Employs. And shall now
take the Liberty of proceeding to Cuddalore, where
I should be glad to have your Honors go^{ts}
permission to stay some little Time for the Recovery
of my Health.

I have the Honour to remain

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Honble Sir & Miss
Your most Obed^t & very humble Serv^t
James Hay

Trichinopoly
2^d June 1772

The following Letter from M^r Parkinson was
this day received.

To the Honble Josias DuPre Esq^r
President and Governor Fort St George,
Honble Sir

Letter from M^r
Parkinson. both his
Purposes

Since I had the honor to
address you the day after the Army arrived before
this place, nothing worth mentioning has
occurred except the Preparations making by
the Engineers this morning a Battery for 2-12
Pounders was finished, and its expected another
for four 10 Pounders will be completed very
early tomorrow, the former for Infilading and
the latter to Batter in Breach. The General is
under very great a moment, but he is at the
art Posts or Batteries, where he is now and perhaps
will not return to Camp to night he proposes
to write to you as soon as they are completed
and its probable little time will elapse
between their being spent, and our Possession
The Enemy have several Guns mounted and
kept up a tolerable fire. But if we are
able to furnish the 12 Gun Battery by to
morrow morning they are to be but a very short
time after meeting of the Place.

Camp before Ramnad
2^d June 1772. to at night

I am Sir Sir your
Obed^t Serv^t
Your Most Obed^t Serv^t
Thomas Parkinson

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Came in the following Letter from M^r Park
To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St George
Honble Sir

Letter from M^r
Parkinson, Comm.
Ramasapora
Breached and taken
by Assault

I am directed by General Smith
to acquaint you, that this morning at seven
o'clock a Battery of four eighteen Pounders was
opened against Ramasapora, that by
fire in the Evening a practicable Breach was
effected and the place carried by Assault with
very considerable Loss, the General who does not
return to Camp to night, will give you a
particular account of all Occurrences as soon
as the General he is now upon with admit it.

I have the Honor to be with the
Greatest Respect, Honble Sir

Camp near Ramasapora
2 June 1772

Yours mo: Obedient Serv^t
Thomas Parkinson Lieut

Sailed this day his Majesty's Ships Northumberland
and Warwick and frigate Stork for
Trincomalee.

Monday
2 June

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esq^r Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke " _____
John Whitehill, Charles Smith,
George Mackay

Letter from Bazalot
Jung, Orders the
Director to be delivered
to.

M^r Parkinson Indisposed.

Letter from Bazalot Jung read as contained in
Country Correspondence N^o 10 advising of his having
given Orders to Bon Enfant to deliver up the
Deserters

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Deserters, or to order them to leave him, and promising that the Person who may be sent to him from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam shall meet with a favorable Reception.

The President acquaints the Board that he sent a Copy of the above Letter to Mr. Wynch, & proposed to him to send a Person to Ben Enfant with a proper Escort to receive the Deserters which the Board approve and Resolved that Instructions be accordingly sent to Mr. Wynch.

The President acquaints the Board that Ishaam Ally Camm, some time before his Death, endeavoured to obtain leave Bagalat Jung the Circar of Mursazanagan to visit, but that he had been unable to succeed by reason of his Inability to advance a sum of Money in part of the cost. The President further informs the Board that Mr. Wynch hath since represented to him that he is of Opinion it would not be difficult to procure that Circar to visit on the part of the Company, provided the Board approve of such a Measure, that he had by means of Joque Pundaloo, opened a Correspondence with Darycheed, the Duran to Bagalat Jung. In his Letter to the President dated 30th May he encloses a Copy of one from Darycheed on the subject N^o 113 and advises of his Intention of sending for the present one Mullat Pantut to send Darycheed, and in case the Board

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Considerations
and reflections on the
Expediency of sending
the Circar of Mursazanagan
to Bagalat Jung.

had

knows

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also
should acquiesce in the Measure he purposed sending
Jagan Pantaloo to finish the Affair; M^r Wymsh
als. represents that it is necessary he should
be furnished with the Instruments and Orders
of the Board as soon as possible, lest any
obstacles should arise, particularly as
Waguils from Odlyea Beg & Zehoor Ally Cawn
had been negotiating on the same Business.

The advantages to be expected from
establishing the Company's Influence in the Circar of
Muzaragar are set forth in the Minutes of the
select Committee of 6 August 1770 in consequence of
the Nabob's Proposal for the Company to possess
themselves of that Circar. The mode then proposed
by the Nabob of obtaining an order from the Subah
for that end appeared dangerous, and likely to involve
us in Difficulties and embarrasments: Nevertheless
the Board were then and still are of Opinion, that
if the Company could by any means get liberty to
be attended with such Inconveniences that the
Management of that Circar it would greatly
tend to the Benefit both of the Nabob and Compa-
ny's Dependence, as being immediately between them
and from which both are liable to be disturbed. But
the principal object would be to prejudice the
Subah from enjoying any Benefit from the
Revenue of the Country, which hath enabled them
hitherto to support so considerable a Force in
that part of the Country - of which the Honble
Court were informed in our Letter of 10th August
1770 The Plan now proposed of obtaining the
Circar

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Certain to rent for the Company, does not appear likely to be attended with any of the Difficulties or Embarrassments before apprehended, and well in the Opinion of the Board answer the same ends of establishing the Company's Influence in the Ocean, and depriving the Subjects of the advantages they derive therefrom, as if we were to take the entire Possession thereof. The Board therefore approve of the Measure, and although it would be proper that we should have every Information regarding the Value of the Ocean the Time which will be required for its Protection, and the Terms on which it is probable it may be obtained, before Matters are finally adjusted. Nevertheless as it appears necessary for the Reasons given by Mr. Wynne, that no Time should be lost in bringing the Matter to a final conclusion, and that therefore it may be Improper for Mr. Wynne to give us the necessary Information, and receive our Orders in consequence. We must rely on his Prudence and attention in this Business. A Draught of a Letter to Mr. Wynne is therefore now prepared as intended in the subsequent Diary.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. Pitt.

To the Honble Josias du Puc Esq^r
President & Governor at Fort St. George
Honble Sir

Letter from Mr.
Pitt for answer
of Business being
received.

Per my last Letter to the Board
dated the 29th Ult. You will have been informed

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rely/

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For our Proceedings against Burnadoc Rajah of
Nizianagur to that time.

The Forts Sidasheem and
Cotenarab have both fallen into our Hands
since that Period, and we are now in absolute
Possession of the Putapagherry Country.

Burnadoc is now in our Camp
and I expect the Affair will be completely
finished in a few days in a manner as advanta-
geous to the Company as can in reason be expected.
All Particulars I shall lay before the Board
when every thing is adjusted.

I am
Honble Sir
With the Greatest Respect
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Cotsford.

Camp near Duga Poooy
May 16th 1772.

Letter from Captain Sletcher Commanding
at Angole and as follows.

To the Honble Josias Duvigneau Esq^r
President of Governor of Council of Fort St. George.
Honble Sir &c

Letter from Capt.
Sletcher explaining
the Charge in his
Account for money
expended by the
Committee of Accounts.

I have this day received
accompanied by a Letter from Mr Stone an Extract
from a Report of the Committee of Accounts with
your Orders in consequence.

As you have been pleased not to
disapprove of my Conduct in the first Article
presented to your Consideration by the Committee
I need not therefore trouble you with any thing
further in Defence of it.

With regard to the charge

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I made for carrying the Suck & Lamb with their
Arms & accoutrements of the Wellour Detachment.
I did it in consequence of a representation from
the Subedars, of the distress & expense which had
attended upwards of Twenty Suck & Lamb/
Chuffs the latter) of three Companies, for a
considerable part of their Way hither, & that
that their Illness was the cause of their
being excused by leave of necessities having
lost them on the March.

I was willing to make the
Matter as easy to them as I could. And without
reflecting that I might incur blame for so
doing, I paid them Sixty Madras Pagodas
& Company.

I am the more concerned on
this Account, that another charge of the
like nature will probably be laid before you
for my Account for April for Mr Coole's
transporting the Suck and Lamb of Lieutenant
Commanded Detachment of the 2nd Regiment.

And it without Doubt appear
very extraordinary to you that upwards of
Twenty Men of those four Companies, who marched
from hence all in good health & Sound, but
within more than a Month before should be
taken ill some with Fevers & Agues & others
with Worms in their Legs & but so bad that
the greatest part of them were carried on
their Return. Indeed the Suck & Lamb in this
Season so scarce that people in health find
Shocks

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short marches in them too much for them.
Lieut: Camonds who never had any thing of
the kind before, had Worms Extracted from
his Throat in the Palmaris and is now
confin'd to his Bed or Chair, with one in his
foot which he contracted there also. Lieut
Perry I have been oblig'd to send to Maroliputani
with Worms, in both feet & is there in such a
condition as not to be able to move from his
Cott. This disorder I believe is but little known
in any other Part of the Country except in those
who have contracted them in these two Provinces
of Cingale or Palmaris. But Numbers of our
People whenever they have been detached have
had them, as I believe Mr Anderson could
 testify from his Experience of this very Detach-
ment at Ullour. I even know an Instance
of a Sergeant who was discharged from my
Battalion of having been troubled with
Worms here, the same disorder overtook him
in London, when he was oblig'd to get into
a publick Hospital for a cure.

The Cause and Effects of them are
most unaccountable, for People who have ^{them} ~~once~~ have them, seldom get entirely free from
them, and when it is that while they are
afflicted with them they are most miserable
and so incapable of helping themselves that
it would be cruel to leave them behind in
such a way.

I have taken the Liberty
to be thus troublesome in hopes to make
it

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it appear, that the case is not altogether
the same here as in other Places - And they
have only to add that whatever may be
your Opinion of the Matter I will
cheerfully submit to - Either to discontinue
such changes for the future of the kind, or
to reimburse for the past, If its irregularity
requires it.

I have the Honor to be
With the greatest Respect

Dear Sir

Your most Obedient

most humble Servant

Thos. Fletcher

Original
May the 30th 1792

Opinion of the Board
thereon

The Board are satisfied with the Explanation
given by Captain Fletcher of the charge marked by
the Committee of accounts, as the same appear to
have been an Act of Necessity.

Indent for Medicines
for the Hospital, to
be completed with

The Secretary says before the Board
a Letter from Mr. Johnson Paymaster at Trichinopoly
indorses an Indent for Medicines for the use of that
Garrison which is ordered to be referred to the Surgeons
to be completed with.

Letter from the
Habit with Pay
50,000 in part of
June 1792

Read as Letter from the Habit
as entered in Country Correspondence. Mr. Johnson
pays 50,000 Pagodas in part of the Debt for this
Month. Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknow-
ledged.

Ordered that the following Appointments be taken place
Mr. Esq. Goode Appointed Ensign 5 June 1792. Ensign John Cockburn

And Read D.

D. 6 June Ensign Thos. Morgan
not arrived

The Board think it necessary

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to observe that neither of the above Gentlemen are
in the General List of Cadets of last Year, but are
only inserted in the List annexed by the respective
Ships in which they arrived: they were therefore
placed last in the List until the Company's
Pleasure could be known regarding them, Mr
Andrew Read has already been mentioned in our
Admices of 20 February & Lord North - and it is
agreed that the case of Mr Edward Goble be
also represented to the Court of Directors. In
the mean time they are to Rank with regard
to each other in the Order they arrived.

J^r M^r Bré

John Smith

Henry Brooks

John Whitehill

~~Charles Appleton~~

J^r Mackay

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The following Letter to Mr. Wynch, the Draft of which was approved in Consultation yesterday, is now dispatched

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r
Chief Magistrate
Sir

We have received your Letter of the 30 May, enclosing Copy of one from Mr. Andrews to you.

The President acquaints us that he hath transmitted to you a Copy of the Letter from Bazat Sing, and proposed that you should in consequence thereof send a Person to Bow Enfant to Demand the Deserters & a proper Escort to receive them, which we desire you will accordingly do.

We have taken under our serious consideration the substance of your Correspondence with the President on the Subject of obtaining from Bazat Sing the Murtaganagar Circar to rest on the Part of the Company; and are fully sensible of the advantages to be expected from such a Measure if it can be brought about on any reasonable conditions. The Measures you have taken for that end appear to us very proper, and in order to enable you to prosecute the Business, we shall now give you our Sentiments on the Subject. Steps to be taken.

Altho' it would be extremely proper we should have every possible Information respecting the real Nature of the Circar, & the

Letter to Mr. Wynch
regarding the Deserters
to Bow Enfant for
the Subject of sending
the Murtaganagar
Circar.

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That will be required for its Protection and the
Terms on which it may be obtained in order
to enable us to give you our Sentiments and
Orders on a Matter of such Importance, before
you enter into any formal Engagements regarding
the same, nevertheless as it appears from your
Letter of the 30th May to the President, that no
Time should be lost in the prosecution of the
Measures lest fresh Obstacles should arise or
the Proposals of others should be accepted, by
which the present favorable Opportunity might
be lost we must depend in a great measure
on your attention and Prudence in bringing it
to a happy Conclusion. Your first Care therefore
must be to obtain the most exact and particu-
lar Account of the Value of the several Districts
in the Circuit by which after making the necessary
Deduction from the Heavily Lands which Bragden
Long may retain in his Hands and for the
Force which will be required for the Protection
of the Country you may be able to form an
Judgment of the Sum which may be offered for
the Circuit, and in doing this it is necessary to
apprize you that altho the more numerous
your Terms are to the Company the greater will
be our Satisfaction yet as our object in this
Business is rather to establish the Company's
Influence in that Circuit and to deprive the
French of any footing so contiguous to the Limits
of the Company's Possessions than to obtain a
great Increase of Revenue we shall be well
pleased

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pleased if the Circular can be obtained on such
Terms, that after Payment of the Rent, the
charge of the Troops, and all other Expenses
a moderate and reasonable Profit can be
obtained for the Company. If therefore you
should be able to settle this Business in a
manner suitable to our Ideas above expressed,
we give you full Power to do so, not doubting
nevertheless but you will as well for your own
as our Satisfaction give us the most speedy
Information in your Power on the several
Points, which may enable us to form our
Judgement, and if it be possible convey to you
our Sentiments, previous to your coming to
a final Conclusion in this Business.

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We are Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Jos. Du Pré & Co. Junrs

10 Read following Letter from Mr. Parkinson
To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq.
President of the Board of War at Fort St. George
Honble Sir

That the Honble last night to
Satisfy Mr. Parkinson communicate to you the Surveys of the Army in
the West Indies for making
an agreement with
the Troops for the
Plunder found in
Barbados capturing
the Reduction of Dominica & Martinique. I am now
sent as Directed by General Smith to acquaint
you that the Watch the Morning mentioned
his Instructions & agrees with the Troops
for their right to the plunder found in that
Place That he proposes a Sub Officer should
be Paid as 2500 A Captain 1200 - A Subaltern

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Satisfy Mr. Parkinson
the Troops for making
an agreement with
the Troops for the
Plunder found in
Barbados capturing

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A Subaltern 600 and the rest of the Troops
in the same Proportion as at Madras, which
the General having made known to the Principal
Officers and they readily acquiesced therein, the
Nabob was put in Possession of the Fort, Munson
Jr^r and all the Honourable Company's Troops
withdrew except a part, which remains at
his own request. The General who has been in
the Fort all this day assisting the Nabob and
preserving order is too much fatigued to write
himself, but will tomorrow transmit Your
Honour's Copy of the Nabob's agreement
and an Account of the Operations of the Army
as they occurred.

Camp near Ramnad ahooram

3^d June 1772

I have the Honour to be
With the greatest Respect
Humble Sir

Your most Obed^t Servant
Tho^s Parkinson

The following Letters were this day received from

Mr Thomas Pymester at Trichinopoly

To the Honble Josias Du Roi Esq^r

President and Governor of Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Mrs

Lieut^{nt} John M^r
Johnson

I have received your Letter

of the 26th Ult^o & shall pay the strictest
Attention to your several Commands

I have the Honour to be

with Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t Servant
Samuel Johnson

Trichinopoly
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To the Honble Jos. Du Pré Esq^r

President and Governor of Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Mr
Johnson

I have duly received your
Letter of the 2^d. when Mr. Alexander David for
Annis agreeable to your Command. I shall
return over the charge of my Employe to him
I refer to the Presidency.

I have the Honor to be wth Respects

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt and mst H^{ble} Serv^t

Samuel Johnson

Trichinopoly
17 June 1772

11. Received the following Letter from General Smith.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r

President of Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from Genl
Smith, with his
Journal and Plans
of the Marwar
Expedition

Inclosed I have the Honor to send
you a General Monthly Return of the Army for the
Month of May with a List of Officers - also a Journal
of the Marwar Expedition & Plans of our Encamp-
ments corresponding thereto to the 1st Instant

I have the Honor to be
Y^r Obedt Serv^t Wth Respects

Your most Obedt Serv^t
J. Smith

Camp near Ramanapocan,
15 June 1772

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Monday
15 June

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pre Esq. Governor Presid.
John Smith George Stratton
Henry Brooke John Whitehill
Charles Smith J. M. Stone
George Mackay

Mr. Stone having been admitted a Member
of the Council on the 11th Instant, takes his seat
accordingly.

Letter from General Smith received the 12th Inst.
read as follows.

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

Letter from Genl Smith
Promises to forward
Journals of his
Proceedings in answer
to the report of the
Noble's Son having
been admitted, gives
an account of his
Operations to the
Captain of the Garrison
from Genl Smith
Copy of the Agreement
made by the Noble's
Son with the Noble's
Also a return of the
Halls and Munitions

I have been honored with your
Commands of the 19th and 23rd of May, to which I
deferred replying on account of our constant marches
till such time as something material occurred for
the Board Information.

Mr. Putnam agreeable to your commands
has taken charge of the Quarters situated by the Garrison
Mr. Milledge's Residence for the use of the Army, and
has submitted to that Person's I am persuaded
will give Satisfaction. As to the price on the Sales
in Camp it was sold during the Long's Expedition
at higher measures for a Paper, and at a higher
Rate I think it ought not to be raised. I
mentioned this circumstance to Mr. Milledge
Behaved as an American from Savannah, and
just as no objections could be made, nor see he
express any Disapprobation thereof.

I am convinced that the

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The Honble Board should think me wrong in any
part of my duty, or attention to their Instructions
and Orders, its what I never meant, or intended
When the Army marched from Trincomalee
three days brought us to Vellum, and afterwards
on to Sanyne. I thought that by Letter having
furnished Your Hon^{ty} with a Detail of our
operations before these Plans, particularly of
the latter, transmitted by the Honble of Cap^t
Menthor, it would have been needless to trouble
you with Circumstances, which I considered of no
moment; but since it is the Pleasure of the
Honble Board, the order of the 30th of December
1760 shall be punctually complied with in
respect to the Operations of the Army &c. both
the last Campaign and this. The Engineers are
directed to make a Sketch of the Country
through which the Army marches with such
other remarks as may prove useful which
shall also be forwarded regularly.

It was with care and
astance I must I perceive that Paragraph
of your Letter wherein it is mentioned that the
Notes about Jan. Mount W. were not
was inserted by the English Troops while they
were under Arms to pay them the Compliment
due to his Rank on joining the Army, I will
take upon me to say that the Board has been
very much misinformed, and that the
Propagators of so notorious a falsehood deserve
exemplary punishment. The Jan Mount W.
Annals

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Comrat joins the Army, I ordered the First Company
of Grenadiers with a Battalion of Seapays to
escort him to the Plain, I met him myself
and rode by his side along the Front of the
Line, where every respect that could have been
shown to our Sovereign was paid to him and the
Men behaved with as much Decorum and order
as I ever saw. It cannot be imagined that any
Troops who bear the Name of Soldiers when
drawn out under Arms with their Officers at
their Head could be guilty of so unbecoming a
Proceeding, where the Ring leaders could be immedi-
ately seized, and brought to the severest punish-
ment which most undoubtedly would have been
the Case, had the Men behaved in the manner
you described. I know not who these Stangers
are. I wish to say it would then be possible
perhaps to make them at home a little more
to their use in future and save both the Board
and myself some trouble, in these explanations
and the present such a favorable impression taking
place in the minds of the Board with regard to the
Troops I have the honor to command.

The Honble President will
have made you acquainted with the marches
of the Army till our arrival before Ramnadapuram
on the 20th of May at which he had been
duly advised I have the Honor to acquaint that
Ultimate Mr Comrat after two days negotiating with
the Rana gave me to understand that the Place
would be surrendered to him without Force of

Arms

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Arms, and I have every reason to believe what
he said, as the Garrison permitted myself and
a Number of Officers to ride round the Fort
close to their Walls and examine every part
of it, without the least Molestation. On the
3^d Day in the Morning Meneat Ul Omrah
Peshawar, informed me that every thing
was settled with the Rana for the Surrender
of the Place of which I issued Order the Corps of
Ginadiers with Captain Rumbly's Cavalry
to be in readiness to march and take
Possession. They marched accordingly by about
seven next Morning to the Place, and halted
a small distance from the Fort till the
Nabob's Agents went in to settle the Terms
of Surrender, but after having waited some
time I heard from the Messengers that
new Difficulties had arisen, and by the
Armed Troops appearing on every Bastion
round the Fort I communicated my Doubts
to the Nabob that these People's promises and
undertakings were very Different from the Garrison
so far from appearing to admit him, seemed
to me preparing for an Attack. Several of
the Nabob's people went off again but all brought
Wagon Repletes. I was also very suspicious to
Meneat Ul Omrah and gave him my Opinion
that they were only seeking to amuse him
and that it was proper to commence Hostili-
ties immediately, he returned till four o'clock
in the Evening and saying that no Satisfaction
Garrison

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Answer could be obtained, during I might
proceed to the reduction of the Fort, Batteries
were accordingly erected with all expedition
and of 2 - 12 Pounders to Enfilade of 4 - 10
to batter in Breach. The two Gun Battery opened
the 1st in the morning, and the other 4th Guns
about 7 on the 2^d between four and five the
same Evening a Breach was effected, and the
Corps of Grenadiers commanded by Major
Boushwaite, ordered from Camp to be in
readiness for the Assault, which was made at
five in the Afternoon and the place carried
with the loss of two Europeans only, Captain
Boutte my Aid De Camp, was the only
Officer wounded on the Attack by a Pike. The
Grenadiers of other Troops employed behaved with
remarkably steadiness and coolness, during
the Assault, and those who opposed them died
in the Breach with great Bravery. There were
in the Place 3000 fighting Men, and a Number
of Inhabitants - many of those who carried
Arms were killed and some threw themselves
over the Walls and others fled to the Plains
to take for Protection and there saved their
Lives, as the first confusion was over, before
the Troops advanced so far the Prisoners, the
Young Rajah and Petcha Peltah the Duran
and Prisoners, they were taken with all their
Effects, Jewels &c. and of course the whole
of this Country must in a few days more fall
under the Nabob's Subjection.

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As the Fort was carried by Storm
the Boats and Pleasure Boats in the Place
became the Property of the Troops, employed
on this Service, which for a consideration
granted to them by Monsieur M. Amvick, they
have given up to him.

Inclosed I have the Honor to
transmit you a Copy of the Agreement
between the Natch and the Army, with
a Return of the Killes and Wounded, and
a Plan of the Fort with a Return of Warlike
Stores Ammunition and Provisions, can be
made out they shall also be forwarded to
your Honor Ge^{ty}

I shall have the
Honor to address you again on the Subject
of our future Operations your Honble Serv^t
Sir.

With Respect

Your most Obed^t Serv^t
J. Smith

2 June 1772. Camp

near Pannacott

A Translation of a Copy of an Agreement given
Monsieur M. Amvick Behavere,

The Troops of the English Company
having taken the Fort of Pannacott by Storm
order that according to the rules of War of the Practice
of the said Company, the Money of Effects found
therein are the property of the Troops. The Natch
Monsieur M. Amvick Behavere, therefore gives this
Engagement to General Joseph Smith, Behavere
and all the other officers of the said Troops that

Translated from Agree-
ment entered into
by the Natch for
an Engagement
of the Pleasure

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on Condition of their giving to him the whole of
the Money Goods & Elephants which may be in
the said Fort, he the said Natch as an Equiva-
lent for the same will give to every Major
2400 Pagodas to every Captain 1200 Pags to every
Lieutenant & Ensign 600 Pagodas to the Pay
Company & Senior Surgeon, Chaplain &
Sexton, 1200 Pagodas to the Senior Surgeon
Surgeons 600 Pag each, to all the Camp & Troop
surgeons employed, upon this Expedition against
Ramanantoor he will give the same as his
Highness did at the Siege of the Reduction of
Madurai. In confirmation thereof, that agrees
to this Engagement the above sum shall
be paid to every one in the Space of three Months
the said Natch has given this writing to serve as
an Agreement, Further he will give to the General
Joseph Smith Behaniser the one eighth part
of what I am by Agreement to pay to the
wages of the Major, Captains & Officers & to
the whole of the Troops.

Dated the 30th of the Moon of the 15th of the
Natch equal to the 3 June of June 1772 of the
Christian Era.

Return of the Killed and Wounded since the
Arrival of the Army before Ramanantoor to this
Date 15 June 1772.

None of the European Cavalry, or
Artillery Killed or Wounded.

Killed	Wounded	Private	Subad

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Return of the Killed
and Wounded before
Rammedapamams

1 Batt ⁿ 1 st Brigade.	Killed	1	2	2
Gunners of 1 st Batt ⁿ 2 nd Brigade	Wounded	1	1	1
	Killed	1	1	2
	Wounded	1	1	2
Total.		1	1	5

Seapoy

	Subdeers	Haridians	Ways	Seapoy	Total
Gunners Killed	1	1			1
Gunners Wounded	1		3		4
1 Comp ^y of 1 st Batt ⁿ Killed					
1 Comp ^y of 1 st Batt ⁿ Wounded			1	1	1
1 Comp ^y of 1 st Batt ⁿ Killed			1	1	1
1 Comp ^y of 1 st Batt ⁿ Wounded			1	2	3
1 Comp ^y of 1 st Batt ⁿ Killed					
1 Comp ^y of 1 st Batt ⁿ Wounded					
Total.		1	1	7	10

Captain Batters and Lieutenant Mauds of the
Engineers Wounded not Included above as also
Adjutant Lucas included.

J. Smith H. & Orby
B. G. Major of Brigade

The Pursuit lays before the Board
the following Letters from General Smith
to the Sir

The Letter gives me the Honor
to write on the 13th May and have been fully
in since his Troops & played to some days ago & that it has otherwise
happened before me Sir as in the Letter:
- tion, but owing to the Business of the Lately
has in hand which kept me in very employ
of what from Portugal, that and bad Water
I have now so disagreeable interruption on my
Body that I sit in Infinite Pain to a camp
so soon as this complaint is removed you

Letter from Genl
Smith to the Board
for since his Troops
to take Possession
of Camero & Bauman
Post at Yagui
arrived from the
Natives at Poygan.

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you shall be truly informed of every thing
that has past & I shall continue to do so of
every material circumstance that may occur
The Nabob has sent his Troops to take
Popepore & Canning & Pannam Cotah Nagids
are come in from the Water table Man and the
Mamont I hear their Instructions to the Young
Nabob you shall know them I am with
perfect Esteem of my and Honble Sir

Your Devoted servant
J. Smith

Camp near Pannam Nagids
6th June 1772

Honble Sir

Letter from Genl
Smith of 15 June
the Reasons of
the Army's halting
near Tanjore. The
Troops
Detached to take
Popepore & Canning
Ports Purchase
engraving against
the Nabob's Men

In a short attempt I had the
Pleasure to send you two days ago I have made
you acquainted with my Indisposition and promise
when somewhat relieved from Pain that I
would fully reply to your Letter of the 23^d May

That the Army halted 2
days within 10 Miles of Tanjore is most certain
& three of them were at the request of the Young
Nabob who represented formally to me he had
business to transact with his own servants
that were in Tanjore, Cassi Mencha &c &c as
likewise to purchase several Articles for the
Expedition that he could not properly do without
to get from the Rajah an order to all his
Amulwars through the Country where the Army
was to March for their being well supplied with
Provisions of all kinds & to know whether any
of the Tanjore Troops were to accompany him, that

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there were the reasons he assigned to me for desiring
our Stay. I then informed him that my Orders
from the Honble Board was to prosecute
the Expedition with all Diligence if it was not
agreeable to me remaining three Days Idle. His
Answer was, he could not go till he had satisfied
his Wants, which could not be done at any other
Place if it on his Place he has acted any other
Part let me assure you I am entirely Ignorant
of it, if I am of Opinion that the Rajah or Monasie
would have wrote to me had the Young Nabs
offered to threaten them while we remained so near
It was my Intention to have talked for a Day
in order to make some Enquiries, into the Conduct
of the Bullock Mastricks who after leaving
Trichinopoly had introduced a Number of Draught
Bullocks into the Province, that even when mustered
Decreed ought to be discharged according to

There was an absolute necessity
for the Army taking the Tent it did, and had
we encamped under the Walls of Villian the
Surgeons it should have been equally necessary
have been equally necessary if that they might
not, I was every where in my Power by
writing to the Rajah and Monasie in six months
from the Place, because I know the jealousy of
these People

You have a most subtle
right to be informed of every occurrence that
happens, in this Army, and it's a Duty incumbent
on me to communicate them, that I did not of

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our halt at Tanjore of the reasons for so doing was not from any want of respect to you Sir but merely not thinking it of that consequence which it appears to be, & which in future shall never happen as I shall readily and most cheerfully convey to you the minutest Circumstances that reaches my knowledge.

Since the fall of Ramnadapuram the Young Nabit has sent several Detachments of his own Troops to take Possession of the different Forts in this Country, which so soon as he finds affected & has incurred an Account of what the Enemy have left in them & what is necessary to supply them with, he then purposes moving against the Nadicooty Man who I find has taken a very strong Post in a Wood called Katta Hill & where I believe he means to defend himself as the Situation he has chosen is perfectly well calculated for them to act in - so soon as I have gained a thorough Knowledge of the Place the different Roads to it & their material information you shall be advised of the mode in which we mean to proceed against them. The Fort Arumayam Anantagoudy & some other Forts being now lately abandoned by the Polygars are left entirely destitute of Provisions & such I have requested the Young Nabit to supply without Delay & turn as they border on the little Maravar Country I am much Infested by the neighbouring Polygars.

The Army Book of the Tanjore Expedition

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Expedition was left at Trichinopoly so that its out of my
Power for the present to comply with the Board's request, but
I now forward to them the Plans of our March from
Trichinopoly to this Place with the orders of Capt
Pittman has regularly taken down a Sketch of the
Country as we marched & will endeavour to do so until
the end of the Campaign when it will be presented
to the Honble Board, unless they should require it
sooner.

I think Sir you'll be under the
Necessity of keeping some of your own Troops in this
Place till the Country is settled, the Fort is very old and
wants much to be done to it, if the Nabob means
to make it defensible even against Polygars. The Palace
is one of the best buildings I've seen in this Country
and denotes its inhabitants having lived in truly
Eastern Luxury, which I am afraid they'll never
experience again I've seen the Young Maravar a
Youth about 12 Years of Age, but the Rana has been
invisible at least to all Europeans. She has two
Daughters both fit for Matrimony the Young Nabob
has taken up his Quarters as near to them as
he well can without intruding on their Delicacy
the Situation of their Minds is however they visit
him at a further Distance I have felt very much
for the Disgrace of these Wretched People tho they
don't it in themselves, by not accepting the Offers
that both the Nabob and myself offers to them
nor can I account for the information which excites
them to think of Defending this Place against such
an Army. Tho they had 3000 Men who were arms of
our

Represents the Plans?
of Repairing the
Fort of Ramnad after our
keeping some of the
Company's Troops in
it.

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one kind or another in the Town, but being attacked on a sudden they knew not what to do, or how to act which gave us a very easy conquest. I fancy the Young Nabs would have been better pleased to have gained his Point any other way than the one used for when I informed him that all the Plunder of Booty found in the Place would become the Property of the Captains he seemed not well satisfied & could not think it proper by any means: however after being informed of the Extent of the Matter & well knowing what the Place contained, which had been preserved as much as possible from the Hands of the Enemy & that the Rans Apartments had been kept sacred I best of himself offered for the Plunder 1200 to each Captain & 600 to the Subalterns to the Sergeant and Men the same as at Madurah. Which I hope will meet with your Approbation as I am convinced is far from being a Bad Bargain if Report can be trusted to.

This is accompanied with a Plan of the Place, when the Troops entered

I am with true Respect Honble Sir

Your most Devoted Servant,

J Smith

Camp Ransahapuram

15 June 1772

The President's Report on the Subject of the Nabs for having been submitted by the Troops

The President acquaints the Board that notwithstanding what General Smith has said on the Subject of the Report of the Nabs for having been submitted by the Troops, He cannot but be still of Opinion that the Report was not without Foundation and Altho the Information he received may not have been exact as to time of Place, yet that he

place

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he thinks his Author as to the Fact itself may be
Depended on that he Judges it proper to avoid
bringing the Nabob's name in Question, to defer making
any Mention of the Affairs to him untill the Letter
to General Smith was sent away: that he has
since conversed with the Nabob, who acquainted
him that he had received the like Information
I promised to give the President a Letter he had
received from Camp on the Subject. The President
further Informs the Board that he will make
more particular Enquiry regarding the Affairs of
Inform them of the result.

The Nabob informed
of Genl Smith's Repre-
sentation regarding
the Fort of Ramnad
applies

The President informs the Board
that he communicated to the Nabob that part
of General Smith's Letter respecting the necessity
of repairing the Fort of Ramnad as well as
putting a Garrison of the Camp's Troops in it
and offered if the Nabob desired it to order an
Engineer to superintend the Works & put a Garrison
into it. To which the Nabob replied that he had
not yet determined whether to keep or demolish
the Fort and that he did not absolutely reject the
Offer of having a Company's Garrison in it, he
did not seem inclined to accept it.

The Nabob's Answer

The President further informs the
Board, that having conversed with the
Nabob on the Expediency of sending a Party
Orders to General Smith to consult with the
Nabob's Genl, with regard to the Force necessary to
be kept in the Fort, that the remainder may be
Ordered into Garrison, as soon as the Service will
Admit of it and the Expenses of the Garrisoned

Orders to be sent
to Genl Smith, to send
that Troops are not
required in the Fort
into Garrison

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as much as possible. The Nabob has expressed his
approbation of the Measure - Agreed therefore
that Orders be sent to General Smith accordingly
by which he be advised of the Nabob's answer
respecting the List of Damnadapuram.

The following Letter is now wrote
to M^r John Ross Commissary to the Army.

To M^r John Ross
Commissary to the Army.
Sir,

Letter to M^r Ross
Commissary to the Army.
To send in a Muster
Roll of the Army &c.

We desire you will immediately
on the Receipt hereof transmit to us an Exact
Muster Roll of the Army with a Correct List
of the Officers who were before Damnadapuram
at the time it was taken; and you will also
apply to Gen^l Smith for the Rank of the Staff
Officers Conductors &c with the Army that we
may be enabled to give the Nabob the necessary
Information.

We are,
Your Affectionate Friends
J. Du Pré Esq^r Council

Fort St George
15 June 1772

Report of the Committee of Accounts made on
which the following Orders are made.

To the Honble Josias du Pré Esq^r
President of the Council at Fort St George,
Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have examined the Accounts
of the following Out Garrisons for the Month
of April.

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Madura
Ambour
Vellour
Palamecotah
Trichinopoly
Wellum and have the

Following remarks

Trichinopoly for April

This change was obtained by the Board in Consultation

Report of Committee of Accounts with Cassius Thomas

There is a charge for carrying Provisions to Camp during the Months of September October and November by order of General Smith. amounting to Pay^t 4372.3.32 however great a necessity there might be for the Employment of such Porters as it is an irregular charge we remark it to your Honors

There is under Order that a copy of the Head of charges Extra this Paragraph to be transcribing a Purchase of 100 lbs of Gunpowder to Mr. Hay that Stew to supply indents he may replace the charge amounting to Pay^t 10 lb. for Printing of papers 32.76 and Extraordinary repairs for making charges for building of them

inflicting Expense Magazine Laboratory Working Rooms repairing the Units of the former Laboratory repairs of

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A Vints of additional Art.
- Accrs amounting to Pay.
1765, 13, 63 which we have
thought proper to remark
the Particulars whereof
will be laid before your
Honors by the Company
General

We are with respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servants.

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John Smith
George Stratton
Charles Smith
John Holland
George Monbray
Edward Saunders
C. B. Dent
John Denton
J. Middleton

The Board have before them the
Report of the Proof of Gun Powder made at Madras
Wellur which is considerably under Proof, which is
therefore ordered to be returned.

The Board having taken into
Consideration the Expediency of publishing Advertisement.

Reports to be made
for making Gun Powder.

for receiving Proposals for making Gun Powder.
It is resolved that advertisements be published accordingly
by and the following Terms and Conditions to be entered
into by the Persons contracting are now agreed to

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Terms & Conditions to be entered into, by the Person or Persons contracting for making Gun Powder.

Conditions to be entered into by the Persons contracting for making Gun Powder.

1st That two Pounds of the Powder when delivered shall throw a ten Inch Shell & travel at 45 Degrees from 1150 to 1200 Yards.

2^d That the same Powder shall be again proved twelve Months after it is so delivered and the Range at such second Proof shall not be 50 Yards less than it was when received.

3^d That the Person or Persons contracting shall engage to deliver a certain Quantity monthly equal to the above Proof, not less than 500 Barrels of 60 Pounds, or sixty Cans, under a Penalty of the Value of Deficiency, according to the Contract Price. Whosoever they can make exceeding that Quantity will be received on the Terms of the Contract.

4th That the Contract shall not extend beyond 5000 Sixty Pound Barrels in the whole and when that Quantity shall have been delivered by the Contractors & received by the Company, the Contract shall cease and determine: unless the Governor and Council and the Contractors shall by a mutual Consent renew or continue the same.

5th That the Person or Persons Contracting shall have the Use of the New Powder & Mill of the Bankers and Gunpowder at Egmore, with all the other Utensils now employed. Whatever further may be wanting must be provided by the Persons contracting.

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6th The Person or Persons contracting
shall not dispose of any Gun Powder to any
Person whatsoever except to the Company under
the Penalty of Double the Value of the Powder
he shall so dispose of at the contract Price.

7th As the Officers of a Battery are to be
the Checks on the Contractors & to see that the
Powder tendered be good and well grained & to
prove and report the Proof thereof they are on
no Account to have any concern in the contract
directly or Indirectly.

8th That in Case Default be made by the
Contractors in the due Performance of any part
of the present contract according to the true
Intent and meaning thereof to be taken and
construed in the most favorable Sense for the Company
The President of Council shall from thenceforth be at
Liberty to Declare the said Contract to be thereby
annulled and Determined: and the same shall upon
such Declaration cease and Determine accordingly.

The President lays before the Board the
following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Burgoyne
Respectable Sir

Inclosed I send you a monthly
return of the Troops under my command. I have
nothing to Inform you of but what mentioned
in my last, except that the Nabobs Managers
has put People into a little Fort called Bonathours
15 Miles South of Patna, near the Frontier of
Babamutah District, every thing remains in a profound
Silence in these Parts, and seem to express a determined
Obedience, or perhaps wait to see the face which the
People

Letter from Lt. Col. Burgoyne
Remains in the hands of the Board

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People of Ramnadapattanam may expect

Yesterday I had a Letter from the General, dated the 20th ultimo, in which he says that he expects to be in possession of it by some means or other the next day and proposes to go immediately after to Ramnadapattanam he desires me to point him out the best Road by which he may receive ^{and money} some Arracks for his supply to Madurai. I hope his speedy Success will bring him this way, and that I shall not be obliged to send it further for Ramnadapattanam is only a Pagoda upon an Island at Sea of the greatest Veneration in the Country. where these People may have retired more by fear than by a resolution to defend themselves, and as I have been told lately, there is a great Division among the People intended for the Protection of that Government having no Head but a poor Desolate Woman, who will submit herself to any Terms, except giving up the Fort which she calls her House and which the Black People say she will defend to Extremity.

I shall remain encamped here about, in order to keep in check the forces Maravar and cover our communications from Madurai to the army as directed by the General, leaving the Honor to be well respected.

Honorable Sir
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
J. Bannour

Camp near Tripunamoor
the 2 of June 1792

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The President also lays before the Board the
following Letter from Mr. Dawson that at Cuscaton
To Josias DuPre Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort George.

Sirs

I have now to Inform you that Capt^s
Mackenzie who commanded the Company of Invalids
at this Garrison, died this Morning.

I also think it my Duty to acquaint
you that Captains Robson, and Shurt remain
Indisposed at this Settlement, the former is an
Invalid and intends returning soon to England the
latter I believe knows not what to make of. The
Surgeon discharged him from his List the 15th of last
month I returned him the 31st but that any
complaints Capt Shurt may have Mr. Pouchon
reported to me was not in his Power to Remedy.

It has been usual here to dispatch
the Sappals for Madras, at about 9 o'clock at
night under the Pilot's command with you early
the same Morning. I believe the Letters from the
Army, and the Treasury, were on board also on the
Morning, and the reason given for not dispatching
them immediately is, because they will reach
you late at Night. Be pleased to favor me with
your answers on this Head if you think it
necessary.

The Sappals from Madras have
been very delated, lately all the I have sent
several messages to hasten them I am
Respectfully Sir Your mo^t Obedt^h Serv^t

George Dawson

Cuscaton.
15 June 1772

Letter from Mr.
Dawson advises of
the Death of Capt.
Mackenzie. Reports
he has heard of
Shurt and Robson

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Enclosure

Agree that M^r Dawson be directed
to apply to the Surgeon for his Opinion respecting
Captain Shutt of Robson whether he Judges
from their Constitutions they may be set for service
in any reasonable time - He is also to apply to those
Officers to know if they are Desirous of being Inven-
tured.

The Secretary lays before the Board
the following Letter from M^r Casamajor Paymaster
at Madras

To John Maxwell Esq^r
Secretary to the M^t Department
at Fort St. George.
Sir

Letter from M^r
Casamajor concerning
the 1200 Pagodas
received from the
M^r of Madras
and the 1200 Pagodas
received from the
M^r of Madras

When I received the charge of the
Employes at this Place from M^r John Prof.
he left with me a Deposit of 650 Pagodas and a
Bond for 550 Pagodas more from one Permant
Naig brother to M^r Stenhouse's Dubash. As the
Bond could be of no Utility here, by Permant Naig
residing at Madras I beg to be informed whether
I may not transmit it to the Presidency and
also how to bring to Account the Deposit of 650
Pagodas. M^r Prof. gives the following Account
of the above transaction in his Letter to the
President and Council dated in December last.
Having examined with the utmost Attention
into the Circumstances of the 1200 Pagodas paid
from the Company's Cash to Permant's Brother
I understand that the said Person had at
different Times sent large Sums of Money from
Madras.

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Money to William at the presentation of his
brother Ramab for Mr Stambour's use, which
sums had been always immediately discharged
that about 3 Months ago he sent the above
sum of 1200 Pagodas on the same expectation
of having it speedily repaid at the expiration
of two Months, not having received his money
he came to William to demand it of the Barthe
and it was accordingly paid him from the
sum which arrived three days before Mr
Stambour's Death - I have made an Examina-
tion into the Daily Calendars kept by the
Conceptus and find all the circumstances
confermed by them so that I cannot discover
any thing fraudulent, the Money appears clearly
to have been procured for Mr Stambour's use
as had often been practised before, and may
therefore be supposed to have been paid by his
Permissum, or order as it happened when he
was alive Thus much I have thought to
mention to give your Honorship a just statement
of this Transaction.

I have received your letter of the
10 Instant, relating to my Deputies, and great attention
shall be paid to the Directions it contains.

I now beg leave to enclose you a
List of Sundry Invalids and Prisoners, who have
for a long Time been paid at this Garrison, without
any Certificate, which I must request you would
be pleased to send me. I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servt
J. H. Casamajor
Paymaster Genl

William
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Opinion of the
Board Treasury

Altho it may appear to have
to have obliged Perreault & his Brother of M^r
Stanhouses Debt to refund the Sum of 1200 P^{as}
notwithstanding the same had been paid to him
out of the Campains cash nevertheless as it appears
that Perreault the said Debt was owing to the
whole affair of having the charge of the cash
but he must have been sensible the advancing
Money out of the Campains Cash to discharge
M^r Stanhouses private Debts was a fraudulent
Transaction. The Board are therefore of Opinion
that they cannot answer to the Campain to the
Sum of P^{as} 550 received from the said Perreault
& his, or to give up the Bond granted by him
for P^{as} 650 the Balance of the said 1200 P^{as}
M^r Casamajor is therefore to be desired to find the
said Bond better that the Amount thereof may
be recovered from Perreault & his as soon as he is
in a Condition to discharge it.

For the Board

John Smith
Henry Brooks

John Whitely
Ag^t & Sec^y Smith

J. M. M.

Gen. Mackay

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Letter to Genl Smith
regarding the Fort
of Chinnassa Point
and ordering all the
Troops into Garrison
that can be spared.

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The Force necessary for it, we must not say that the Nabal as well as we are anxious to have the heavy Expenses of the Army reduced as soon as much as possible; and we shall be glad when even the Companies Troops can consistently with the Service in which they are now engaged be ordered to their respective Stations, It is therefore our Desire as well as the Nabal that you consult his Lord Amiral M. Comte de Bouchard with regard to the Force necessary to be kept in the Field and whenever he and you shall Judge that the whole or any part of the Companies Troops may without Prejudice to the Service be put into Garrison we desire you will give the necessary Orders for that Purpose.

We are Sir

Yours Obedient Servant

J. Du Brocq Council

Fort St. George

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To George Dawson Esq^r

Chief at Calicutore

Sir

The President hath communi-

cated to us your Letter of this Instant

We desire you will apply to

the Surgeon for his Opinion respecting Captains Shortt and Robson, and whether they are fit for their Constitutions. They may be fit for

Service in any unusual time. you will also apply to these Gentlemen to know whether they are desirous of being Invalide, that we may

give the necessary orders regarding them.

We are Sir

Your affectionate Servants

J. Du Brocq Council

Fort St. George

16th June 1772

Letter to M. Dawson
regarding Captains Shortt
and Robson

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Fort St. George 11th June 1772

Arrived this day the Honble Company's Ship
Royal Henry, with 3 Captains & 1 Surgeon & 1 Chapl.
875 Military on board for this Presidency and
a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to
this Department dated 24th Nov^r 1771.

Received by Captain Pons of the Royal Henry
the following Letters of Intelligence from
Captain Lichard Russell who had been dis-
patched by M^r Cartier in the Amazon to
gain Intelligence at the Islands (viz. So Com^{da} M^{da})

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r

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

Honble Sir

I shall presume that the Consideration
of the Honble John Cartier Esq^r Governor of Bengal
will prepare you to receive the Report which I have
the Honor to make to you of the State of the French
Force at these Islands & such other particulars
of their Views & Intentions as have come to my
knowledge.

M^r Cartier's Orders and Instructions
promised me the Pleasure of making my report to you
in Person but from a knowledge that your Superior
intelligence of what passes immediately in India
will make my defective written Report easier to
be comprehended by you than I could expect it to be
by the Honble Court of Directors (if some other
such substantial reasons unnecessary to trouble
you with a relation of) has determined me, in
the situation of proceeding directly to Europe in
order to lay before the Honble Court of Directors
a circumstantial Detail of the Particulars which

Letter from Capt^r
Lichard Russell
with the Parti-
culars of the French
Force at the Islands
&c of the Designs they
had entertained -

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my visit to Mauritius has brought to my knowledge
Voluntarily making a Sacrifice of my Private
Views of Interest to promoting the Publick good.

By this Resolution I am deprived
the Honor of making my report to you personally
I shall be happy if by your excuse, my conduct
meets your approbation.

I have the Honor to acquaint
you I think Sir that it is with Pleasure that
that nothing further is to be apprehended
from the formidable designs of the French against
the French Companies territories in India that
their Views are now at an end, & that French
ports are at this time unloading the Regt.
which make a part of their intended Armada
sent for France, viz: 6 Bats of the 1. & 2.
Battons of Regt. de la Louis, orders for the return
of those Regt. only arriving 10th Janry the express
butter left France 29th Nov. Then Squadron of
3 Ships of the Line, a Flute and a Frigate
having quartered at the Cape, had orders sent
them 11 February to proceed from thence to
Europe, but counter orders were dispatched
to them 12 March directing their return to
Mauritius in order to assist in conveying a
part of the Troops to Europe as most of the
Transports have suffered so much on the
Havens since which took place at the beginning
between the 24th Febry & March as to make
I doubt not whether these vessels were not
wholly lost, can be made use of for some service.

I am order to give your
son

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some Idea of the obstacles which I had to get over to render the Journal I have had the Honor to be employed upon of any consequence: as well as to attempt to illustrate the Subject of my Report to you I find myself under the necessity of being more minute, than I could wish only to avoid giving you additional Trouble.

I left Bengal 25 January
I reached after a tolerable pleasant passage some Islands which I arrived nearly to Mauritius the 27th of February in the evening but at too late an hour to render it prudent for Strangers to approach nearer till a new Day the consequence was, that we lay too long of staying here, that by missing we were forced so far to Sward by the Current as to give us no hopes of getting into the Harbour that night. We were by necessity obliged to bear to again run Point from the Morning of the 28th February till the night of the 29th when we began to experience the full power of the most violent Hurricane in Mauritius or I believe any other Country has experienced since 1762. The Hurricane lasted from 12 at night of the 29th February till 5 in the morning of the 3rd March: when we found our Powdered Springs, our Digging Pumped down but Water in our Holes. As the Weather began to moderate by 11 o'clock, tho' the sea still ran high I consulted Captain Gordon on the propriety of pushing for the Harbour influenced by our Distressed Situation, & more especially by the Winds being favourable. Captain Gordon was of the

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same opinion, so we made sail by 3 o'clock
of that afternoon was safe at an anchor
in the best spot of Port Louis.

As we approached near to
the Harbours mouth, to avoid giving offence
by entering without a Pilot, I gave orders
that a signal should be made for one, well
convinced that they neither could, nor would
find us one. As the Gale was strong I knew
we should soon lose the Battering which
defend the Entrance; if that once at an
Anchor, the Powers of France could not
force us out against the Wind which blew
right in the Harbour. These considerations
prompted me to run great risks as the only
means by which I could hope to get into the
Harbour of Port Louis & by doing so render
my Voyage thither of the advantage I
hoped to draw from it -

The Hurricane had made
such havoc in the Harbour, that it
is not what now in tranquillity & from
the Gale the men drove on Shore whether the
Port & were sunk & the numerous & forced to
Sea without sails rigging provisions or
Water & had 70 Souls with 90 Seamen
on board. They were both wrecked 10 Leagues
West of the Port happily for Louis even lost
The one of those was a Kings Frigate of 36
Guns the other a Cutter. The Town of Port
Louis bore a most shocking Picture of the
Fury of the Hurricane: such as Indees can
scarce

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scarce be described. As soon as we had got to an anchor, we made a Shift to Salute with 11 Guns when the Pilot called the Kings house Pilot came on board; his business was to know who had piloted us in, from whence we came; & to forbid any persons offering to go on shore until the General was first made acquainted of his permission gained - Upon which I did myself the Honour to write the Letter N^o 1 to the Governor which with two others of Governor de Roches Answer, I do myself the pleasure to enclose you Copied off.

The General confusion which existed made us lose the Secondary objects of attention for some time which I took full advantage of, by determining the most advantageous objects for coming in, or going out of Port Louis with Safety as well as of the Defences which secure its Entrance, uncertain when such another opportunity might give me the same advantage. I have been to think by the Present; & I flatter myself I have pretty well secured.

As my correspondence with the Chev^{re} de Roches fills up the interim between my anchoring & my waiting upon him the morning of the 3^d March. I shall proceed to my narration which was most polite & hospitable. The Hurricane had so effectually destroyed his Country house called the Presidio) well known to those English Gentlemen who have visited Mauritius, as their common Cope During their Stay

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that he was obliged to make a Virtue of Necessity
of to Invite me to a Room in his House in Town
which I without any ceremony accepted. After
my presenting Mr Carters Letter of ordinary
Civilities had passed, he expressed his Satisfaction
- then at receiving them as well as his surprise
that Admiral Haston & Mr Carter should
have sent Messells of Officers for the same
purpose of from different Presidencies - I mean
to remove the People of the West to as I was
wholly a Stranger to Captain Johnston's
having been sent in the Hawk Ship in the
same Service Mr Carter had done me the
Honor to employ me, I was at first somewhat
embarrassed, but as the Subject appeared, I managed
myself as well as I could.

An additional circumstance
of embarrassment to me was. That Sir John
Lindsay in the Stagg Frigate arrived at
Mauritius a Day or two after the Hawk's
Departure from it, which excited such
Suspensions of guess so just reason to the French
to believe we had other Motives than those
pretended from the frequency of our Visits
that my Task was doubly difficult. Indeed the
Chev. de Roche is too penetrating to be blinded
by such Colours coverings and to be so easily
- by but in so many ways are obtained
secretly of our taking advantage of such
presences. Praises Admiral Haston & Mr
Carter compliments on their address of I mean
- try in encouraging to give Intelligence
than some and others.

Sir John Lindsay upon

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his arriving at Port Louis, solicited to have the Staggs repaired in that Harbour, which the Gov^r positively refused, but offered him that assistance either at River Noir or Grand River that Sir John Lindsay desired, so that after laying at some distance off the Harbour for some days & receiving some trifling refreshments he proceeded to Sea. During Sir John Lindsay's stay, no person from the Staggs was allowed to come on Shore nor had the two Chinaⁿ any intercourse, but distantly by messengers so that they passed little satisfaction with each other.

There are some at Port Louis hardy enough (under the Rose) to blame both, whilst each have their Advocates.

I am sorry Captain Johnson's reception was not more agreeable to the very Polite & hospitable one I have experienced from the Chev^r de Roche. His Best Friends find fault with him in this Instance & express their regret that the Chev^r should have allowed a warmth of temper to get the better of that good breeding for which he is so justly distinguished.

You will have learned that the whole of those saved from the Viret returned to Europe in French Ships between the last of July and 6th 1771.

I enclose I do myself the honour to transmit you a State of the French troops at the Islands, with the dispositions of them. Also the Ships they have in India and the manner they are disposed off.

During my Stay at Port Louis

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Since from the 12th to the 13th March, as after the two first Days I was at liberty to roam at pleasure as the restraint of that time was Voluntary to avoid giving offence. I found opportunities of gaining not only a perfect Knowledge of their Strength but likewise many information of the Country in the vicinity for some Leagues on either hand and of the place most favorable to attack Port Louis, whenever occasion may be of the Service require that Measure as the most effectual to ^{the} quiet the Honble Com^{rs} Territories in India.

I found different accounts of proving the Truth of the following relation of the grand expedition sent by the Duke de Choiseul for expelling the English out of the East Indies.

The Duke was informed by his numerous emissaries dispersed over India for these last 3 Years to gain Information of our Strength our Alliances, our Disputes &c with the Country Powers that the Time for striking a Stroke was ripe and those employed for the greater Department had effected their point Mr Law by securing Hyder Ally in sacred engagements to with 20th Horse and 10th Infantry the moment the French armament appeared at Pondicherry I have substantial reasons for believing the King of Tanjore of the Nizam were locked in this League. Nor had Mr Chastillon late with Saurigodantat whose Opinions he had some Influence upon. The Reg^t of Clare and D^{ty} of Artois one of Normandy with 2 Companies of

Battalions

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Artillery, 3 Ships of the Line & two Frigates
arrived at the Islands last season as the fore-
runners of 17 Battalions & Companies of Artillery
and 10 Ships of the Line with some Frigates
which France was to furnish, Spain was to
have added 5 Ships of the Line & Frigates &
Reg^t of Infantry & 2 Companies of Artillery
The whole was to have rendezvoused at the
Mauritius from whence they were to convey down
every Man except one Battalion of the Reg^t des
Isles and as many Militia as might preserve
the Appearance of Security - The attention was
even carried so far & with great strict
precaution to Insure success that the Minister
had ordered into India all those Officers who
had served in a last War with an undiminished
Number to be put at the head of Bodies of
Hyder & one of Scapys, or such other Black
Bells as they might make, or such Black
Troops as they might see necessary to keep

A Body of Coffins was ordered
to be conveyed from the Islands to assist in the
Discharge of the Army & a Frigate had
spectacularly arrived at Port Louis from
Marseilles with a large supply of Money
to carry measures into execution & Gen^l Dupleix
from France to follow in the last embarkation
was to have commanded the Army and the
Present Governor of Port Louis was to have
commanded the Navy, Their Plan of Landing was
to have been at Pondicherry & P. Poth to have
taken

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taken the Fort the day following. They had made sure of making the conquest of, Coram and the business of half a Campaign so as to have been able to visit Bengall the same season. In short they had made certain of conquest of the disappointment of their Officers & Men in proportion to the lofty expectations they had been made to entertain of improving their fortunes by the Immense Wealth of Bengall. I presume to offer you the relation I have had the Honor to make you as I believe coming from as good Authority as it may be expected to be procured. I shall offer no reflections of my own, but cannot restrain my Desires & wishes to see that Double Villain Hyder Ally punished as his Duplicity merits.

In a *te de te* conversation I was favoured in by the Cher.^{re} de Riches, I was surprised to find him, who had never been in India so conversant with its Geography especially the Interior Country & with the Names and Characters of their several Princes & Pop^l whom by paying the Compliments due to his Information he called for an existing good Manuscript Map of that Part of India included between Surat & the River of Amour. when he soon convinced me, he had made that Subject very particularly his Study. As we run over that Country which Hyder Ally has usurped

and

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and which by the bye is expressly distinguished
on this Map) I found the character smelt with
a seeming Pleasure on Hyder's character extolling
his great Military, as well as Political Talents
and summa at Paris to seek instances to immortalize
his Immortals.

As we Run over the Chart more
Northward the Chart placed his Penet at Sulphur
near the entrance of the Ganges & after giving me
some instances of his attention to entering the
Roads, of that River made him run the Penet up
by the River side to Fort William, observing at the
same time that a Company had no necessity for
passing Budge Budge by Water, as without great risk
they might leave it in their Rear until the Late of
Fort William should determine its Fall. The Character
concluded his remarks, by saying to me - Ah Capt!
Adieu all my Study and Industry is now lost, the
hour of Enterprise is flown past - As for my part,
my Campaigns are at an end, I shall now by the
first Ship after the arrival of my Successor
return to France & there in my native Province
of Brittany after 33 years of painful & unprofitable
Military service, retire to pass my future Days
in tranquillity and friendship.

I was well pleased to find the
General opinion of the French so unfavorable
of the discipline of our Troops. The insignificance
of our Forts & places in general of our Military
Department: anxious that experience would
have corrected their error at some expense.

The General of the Ch...

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Chas^d de Roches Capt^r Linnier; comes on by with
the character of Commandant, by which the
Islands lose the title of a Government, for
that of a Colony, and those interested in its
prosperity, are apprehensive that with the
Title it will lose that Support given the
Islands for those last three Years, whilst the
Attack on India was the favorite object
of the Duke of Choiseul.

Mr Carters orders instruct
me to put Captain Gordon under your
Orders; of the Dispatch of the Amazon Snow
which he commands) in your pleasure, I
have ordered Capt^r Gordon after presenting
you the Letter which I have the Honor to
address you as my report, to receive your
commands, at your pleasure to dispatch
him if then to proceed wth all expedition to
present my Report to the Honble Mr
Carters at Bengal.

It will give me high satis-
faction at some future time, to hear that
my poor endeavours to execute my Duty shall
have met with your approbation. I have

The Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
Lockhart Russell
Capt^r & Engineer

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On Board the Snow
Amazon 6 Degrees East
of the Cape of Good Hope
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Copy of the Correspondence which Cap. Russell had the honour to hold with the Chev. de Roche Governor of the Mauritius; prior to his being permitted to Land in Port Louis to present dispatches.

Letter 1. Port Louis 2 March 1772
Honble Sirs

Correspondence
between Cap. Russell
and Chev. de Roche

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the English Vessel just Anchored in your Harbour is the Amazon Snow belonging to the English East India Company of from Bengal; That I have the honor to be a Captain in this Service charged with dispatches for your Excellency from the Honble John Carter Governor of Bengal, I beg to wait your Excellency's Pleasure to be permitted to pay you my respects & to present my Letters personally as my orders Direct. I have the Honor to be with high respect. Your Excellency's m^{ost} Obedient Serv^t
Lockhart Russell.

Copy of Capt. Russell's second Letter in consequence of his having received a verbal Message from the General by an Off^r of the Port acquainting Capt. Russell that the General had received his letter, but that for want of an Interpreter he had been only able to translate that we were from Bengal. The same M^{ess}g^r by word of the Governor desired we might give a List of our wants that they might be ordered to be provided, He delivered the Gen^l's Orders expressly prohibiting any Person from the Amazon putting

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putting foot on shore of the Messenger closed
his Commission by informing Capt. Dupelle
that of his business to the Mauritius was
to remove the Crew of the Quaker Ship were
already gone to Europe many Months on
French Ships —

Yours Cap. Dupelle & Lillo
Honble Sir. Port Louis 2nd M. 1779 6th 9th

I had the honour to address
your Excellency about an hour ago in my Native
Language, on the Presumption that your Excellency
would be at no loss for an English Interpreter
Presumption as my essay may be in attempting
to express myself in French. the necessity of
endeavouring to communicate the contents of my
last Letter to your Excellency of the great
desire I have of paying you my personal
Respects. with I hope please my excuse of send
from your Excellency forgiveness for my errors.

The Person your Excellency hath
been pleased to send to acquaint me that you
are a stranger to the contents of my Letter
for want of an Interpreter who informs me
in your Excellency's Name, that he is ordered
to get an Account of what we stand in need of
in Providence or resources that orders may be
given for our being supplied justly prohibits
any Person landing from the Amazon, I am
greatly concerned the want of an Interpreter
hath so long deprived me the Honour of waiting
upon your Excellency of presenting you with
these

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These testimonies of the perfect Respect Mr. Arthur Gov^r of Bengal has honored me with the charge of presenting to you. An honour of pleasure, I cannot dispense from, but by your Excellency's express commands. The knowledge of that respect due to the Customs of your Port pointed out to me the propriety of making your Excellency acquainted with the arrival of the Amazon as well as of soliciting your Excellency's permission to have the Honor of presenting you Mr. Cartier's dispatches.

Our want I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency are only such as have resulted from suffering a violent Hurricane in attempting to reach Port Louis as a friendly Port. I am no less obliged by the respect due to your Excellency's Commands; than by what I owe to the orders of my Governor Mr. Cartier to conduct myself in such manner as to avoid giving the smallest cause of offence to the administration of the Isles of France & St. Louis. Your Excellency may be assured that no person shall put foot on them till your permission authorizing their coming. If I shall have the good fortune to be understood I doubt not but I shall be soon attended with pleasure of paying you my respects of presenting my Letters of addressing your Excellency with most Respect.

I have the Honor to be Your M^{ost} Obedient Son
 Leckhart Russell

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Copy of Cheval. de Roches answer to C. Dupé.

Fort Louis Isle de France
2 March 1772

Je n'ai pu, Monsieur, répondre plus tôt à la
lettre que m'a été fait l'honneur de m'écrire.
Sans d'un Interprète pour m'expliquer le
contenu. J'ai envoyé sur le champ un Off.
du Port, à l'informant de vos besoins, et vous faire
tous les offices possible de services. Je vous les
renouvellerai dans cette Lettre et je vous prie, de me
faire savoir tous ce que vous peut manquer, afin
qu'il soit pourvu, promptement et abondamment
disposés en particulier libéralement de moi; je
ne desirerai rien plus, que de témoigner mon zèle
pour votre Nation, en mon considération personnelle
pour Monsieur Cartier, Je recevrai avec plaisir
Monsieur les Lettres qu'il vous a remises pour moi
et Je serai fort aise de faire avec vous, avec
vous. J'ai seulement l'honneur de vous prévenir
que vous me trouverez dans un très grand désordre
à la suite de la Journée d'hier, et qui par cet
raison je ne puis traiter pas comme j'aurais désiré.
mais le bon cœur supplie au reste. Je suis fort
de vous voir, au lieu de l'écarter après les mauvais
jours que vous avez essuyés, Je desirerai que vous y
trouviez quelque Sujet de Satisfaction et
de vous convaincre, de tous les Sentiments avec
la quelle. J'ai l'honneur d'être Monsieur

Votre très humble et très

Obeissant Serviteur

Le Cheval. de Roches

The Messenger who brought the
Cheval.

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Ch^o de Roches letter advised our Apology for
not returning our Salute owing to the general
confusion by the Hurricane & acquainted me
that about was ordered to attend me in the
Morning should I decline going on shore
that night.

Cap^t Russell's answer to the above.
Honble Sir

I am this moment honored
with your excellent Letter, I want words to
express my sense of the obligations your Excellency
lays me under by the Terms it contains, No
less for the fact Your Excellency expresses for my
motion, your respect for M^r Cartier or for
the Attention Your excellency has been pleased to
pay to myself than for your benevolent offers of
hospitality to our distaff, However I ardently
wish for the moment which will afford me
the Pleasure of making my personal acknow-
ledgements for so much goodness, I cannot
allow myself at so late an hour to transgress
upon you & for that reason shall express
myself that honors till tomorrow.

I have the honor to be
Your most Obed^t & affection^t
Lockhart Russell

State of the French present Force
In India in Troops and Ships

Muziris 13 March 1772

Reg ^t of Horse from Europe in 1771	700
2 Batt ^{ns} of Veterans } Of	700
2 Batt ^{ns} of Nonnards } Of	700

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Amount of the Tonnage in India	192 Batt ^{ies} of Royal Corsairs	1400
	1923 Batt ^{ies} of the S ^g de Indes	3000
	6 Companies of Artillery	400
	3 Co ^{rs} des Ouvriers, party miners	300
	3 Comp ^{ts} of Batterie Mare (Champs)	350
	A well disciplined European Militia about	6000
	Of great batteries & others well attacked	6000
		19,550

Of the above, 60000 Artillery of Mammoulay
came from Europe as the first embarkation,
with 2 Comp^{ts} of Art^y of 19 Batt^{ies} of 6 Comp^{ts}
of Artillery which were destined from France.
60000 of the 2 Batt^{ies} of Corsairs are actually
beginning to embark for Europe; the rest of
the Troops remain at the Mammoulay. At
Pondicherry, there are only Detachments of
Regimental Troops, besides a numerous well disciplined
Militia.

Besides the Ships herein men-
tioned others have past it to Europe who
were detained whilst there were any hopes of
Expeditions taking place.

The Squadron which maintains at the
Cape consists of the three Ships of the
Line a Fleet of Frigate Vessels

{ The Indes }
{ The Victory } Ships of the Line at the Cape
{ The Union }

The Frigate of 14 Guns
at Mammoulay and 1000 of the Line
in Mammoulay. The Mass of 30 Guns
of an arm'd Ship of 30. The same a Frigate

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Frigate of 36 two Shutes of 50 Guns each of nine
Transports some of which carry 20 Guns. The
Combustion of 50 Guns was totally lost in the
Havannah. The Mars proceeds with Troops
to Europe of the Panger also a 50 Gun Ship
from Bengall with Company's property, calls
at Mauritius of from thence pursues her Voyage
directly for France.

13. From Charles Dug. 50 Men Company
are to be draughted. to be formed into two
additional Companies of Artillery for the Service
of the Islands —

By the Cape of Good Hope
On board the Comagen
Arrived 12th April 1772

Lockhart Russell,
Capt. of Engineers

To the Honble Josias DuPre Esq.
President and Governor of Madras &c. &c.
Honble Sir

Letter from Capt.
Russell's great
Destruction of the French
at the Cape of
the Islands

Since our arrival here the
French Express vessel dispatched from Mauritius
to this Place with orders for the return of the
Squadron which consisted being has got into
False Bay of the Mouth of the River. Affairs of
the Havannah which happened at the Mauritius
between the 29 February of the 2 March, has
spread every where at the Cape of Good Hope to
the no small Inconvenience of the French Squadron
added to the disaster at the Mauritius a Dutch
Ship which arrived here from Europe three days
ago brings Advice that the French Ministry
have allowed most of the Bells to be protected
which

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which were granted as Paym^{ts} for Provisions supplied the French at this Place I sent from thence to support the Troops at the Mauritius, in Wine Flour, white, Salt Beef & such the Quantity of each cannot be well estimated - but by one Article we may Judge of others, that 11 Hundred casks of Wine have been sent to the Mauritius since the 2^d January 1772 —

Every Species of eatables & Drinkables are raised 2 Hums & sent above the Price they sold for Prior to the French Cont^l

As soon as it was known the French Squadron was ordered back to the Mauritius The Governor & Council held a Council at 9 in the morning & before 12 o'clock the same Day - Their Orders were issued in a Circuit of 30 Miles round the Cape, - expressly prohibiting all Farmers or others to sell or remove Provisions or to supply any Contracts made for Provisions without the immediate permission of the Governor & Council, nay directing all Farmers, in three Days to transport what Grain they had into the Company's Warehouses to be in readiness for the Loading of three Dutch Ships lately expected from Holland, sent expressly to carry grain to Europe.

This order is regarded by most here as a mere pretence, and only calculated to distress the French when the Dutch were foreseen to Land fresh in their great Designs

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designs, & consequently have no longer a wish
of being so nearly connected with them.

This Stroke given by the
Dutch must infinitely distress the French
at their Islands in short - God knows where
their misfortunes are to end.

By some Opinions, I have
heard I am led to think the French believe from
the Amagan coming in here that we have had
some influence on the Resolutions of the Dutch
Governor & Council I am persuaded our coming
to the Cape has been of no service to the French
Interest, We found on coming into Table Bay
a Spanish Sixty Gun Ship, for Manilla, No
person, the Captain excepted was allowed to
Land & he only to call on the Governor & Centry
attended him from his Boat to the Governors
House & saw him to his Boat. The French
Ships gave the Spaniards some refreshments
The Dutch would allow none not even a
Boat to go on board of him. before this can
come to your hands you will have heard
different & I do not know how false this is
Madras & China that all is peace in
Europe. The Turks and Russians excepted who
carry on the War without a prospect of
its being soon finished.

I am well informed that the
French Commodore has determined, as the Dutch will
not allow them to Load provisions here for Mauritius
to send only the two Snouts, & one Ship of the Line
back to the Mauritius & to proceed with the
others.

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otherwise to France, as it might be difficult
to extract the whole should they return to the
Mauritius. The result of the Hurricane —

As my report to you was nearly
finished at Sea, in order if I should be so
fortunate as to meet one of our European Ships
there might be nothing to intercept, or prevent
my ordering Capt. Gordon, to pursue his
Voyage direct for Madras & Bengal; I
have not broke the Seals of my first cover
but added what I have learned here of
the French movements as a second Letter
from a Desire of making you acquainted
with all that came to my knowledge, as
my Duty directs.

I have chose as the most
expeditious way of transmitting my reports
to you as well as Mr. Carter Gov^r of
Bengall - to forward my Letters by Capt.
Paine of the Prince Henry who had done
me the favor to take charge of them. May
I intreat of your goodness to forgive my
request that you will forward those to
Mr. Carter as I am sorry to say I can
have little Dependence either on Capt.
Gordons discretion or industry upon any
occasion where the Publick Service is
concerned. In spite of my utmost endeavors
by every Act of Civility to prompt him to
a different conduct. I shall trouble
you no farther on this Subject,
I am Sir

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Wishes to submit myself

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient

James a humble servant

Lockhart Russell

Capt of Engineers

Cape of Good Hope

16 April 1772

Ship Norfolk
from Nottingham arrives

Arrived this day the Honble Company's Ship Norfolk of Nottingham the former with 1 Cadet of 99 Military on board for this Presidency

Ship Lifford
with 2 Cadets
arrives

20th Arrived this day the Honble Company's Ship Lifford with 2 Cadets - 2 Surgeons of 94 Military on board for this Presidency

Letter to England
overland

A Letter to the Honble Court of Directors of this Date to be despatched overland was sent to the President of Council at Bombay, with the following to that Presidency

To the Honble Will^m Hornby Esq^r
President & Governor of Council at Bombay
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay
enclosing one to the
Court of Directors

A Duplicate of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo now wards on your despatch with a Packet for the Honble Court of Directors which we request you will be pleased to forward overland with all convenient dispatch

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble servants

Jos. DuRoi & Council

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Ship Anson
Anson with
Remains

22.

Unwield this morning the Honble Company's
Ship Anson with 3 Cadets - 1 Sergeant 2 Corporals
and 91 Private for the Presidency.

Monday
22 June

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pre Esq^r Governor President
John Smith "
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " John M. Stone
George Mackay
M^r Stratton Indisposed

Letter from M^r Wignish Chief at Masulipatam

read as follows

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

Honble Sirs

Letter from
M^r Wignish enclosed
and from Major
Mitchell on the
Subject of supplying
the Stores of Masulipatam

Accompanying this I have the
honour to send you a copy of a Letter from
Major Mitchell, containing an account of the
different buildings and Repairs, that have been
made at the several out Posts dependent on
this Settlement since the date of his last annual
report Letter on that Subject which was the 3^d
of June 1771 and his proposals for repairing the
Fort of Sainalacotah with estimates of the
expense of each. The said Post being not answerable
all the good purposes pointed out by Major
Mitchell. I cannot help think it necessary
that it should be preserved. The Work for
which the Estimate of 15 is calculated, he is

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of opinion will be such, as can only be depended upon but for a short space of time, and I therefore think that so considerable a Sum of Money as it would amount to would in such case be very injudiciously expended.

The Amount of £.2 appears to me an immense sum; and upon the whole I would recommend, that the Work which covers the Gate and Bastions which are only dam in Mud, be put with Bricks and Plastered with Churnam, in the same manner as hath been already executed with the other Bastions.

I am with much Respect
Honble Sirs.

Your most Obedt^t humble servants
A Wynch,

Masulipatam,
8 June 1772

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r
Chief of Masulipatam,
Sir

Letter from Major
Mitchell regarding
the State of the
Fort and the Condition
of the Garrison
at Masulipatam,
July

My last annual Letter, containing an Account of the Condition of the Fort, its Defences and the Masulipatam, was as I told I have last year since which Time the following buildings and Repairs have been executed agreeable to the Representation I then made;

At Candapalle a Magazine of Caranunesarubi have been converted into Barracks at a very small expense sufficient for the Detachment composing that Garrison, and will continue to answer the purpose of convenient Quarters

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Quarters for the Troops without standing in need of Repair, for a longer time than that Fort will probably be thought tenable.

At Ellora, the new Infantry Barracks for the Europeans have been completed and an addition has been made to the Officers Barracks in the Fort, by the construction of a new set of Quarters, calculated for the Reception of four Captains and Six Subalterns. These are now finished, all but the Doors & Windows & will be habitable in a few Weeks. The Barracks for the Battalion of Sepoys have been rebuilt & made larger. The Officers Quarters have also been enlarged & repaired & some other buildings that were wanted in the Fort have been likewise completed since that time.

At Samabotah some of the small Bastions have been faced with Bricks laid in Clay, in order to cover the Mud Walls & prevent their being injured by the Violence of the Rains. A Range of Barracks, sufficient to contain the Officers of the Battⁿ of Sepoys in Garrison there, have been begun & are now almost finished. A Place for the Reception of Prisoners is now constructing, which will be nearly complete at the Beginning of any movement wanted for the Service of Duty of that Garrison.

With regard to what remains to be done at these out Posts, I may omit to say altogether, not foreseeing that

any

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any Repairs worth mending, can be wanted to the buildings in that Fort and as to the Fort itself, I have expressed my Opinion in a former Letter of its being irreparable.

As it was determined in respect to Elono in consequence of my Representation of last Year, confirmed by your Opinion, that the enlargement of it which had been projected should not take Place and as the present new Barracks in the Fort will be fully sufficient for the Number both of Officers & Men that will remain in it when ~~the~~ the Barracks are completed here for the Reception of this Garrison, I should therefore apprehend it would be unwise to incur the expense of building new Barracks for Officers there, which would probably become superfluous in the Space of a few Years - It is true that the present method of Hiring Houses from the Inhabitants in the Pettah, for the purpose of Quartering some of the Officers belonging to the Europeans of the 2nd Battalion, for whom there are no Quarters in the Fort, or at the Sepoy Cantonments of the keeping these unworkable Repairs, has been and will continue to be a considerable expense to the Company, as well as inconvenient both in respect to the Service of the Officers themselves, by reason of their Distance from the Barracks of their Battⁿ - I am nevertheless of opinion that it is more eligible

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eligible to put up with these Inconveni-
-ences for a very few Years longer than to
be at the Expence of building new Ones.

At Veranda is at present
carrying round the inside Front of the
Hospital. A new main guard House is
almost finished. A Canton for the Purpose
of serving out Ammunition to the Officers &
some other Buildings of less note are now in
hand as are the Doors and Windows for the new
Officers Barracks, which I expect will be
completed & inhabited by the end of next
month. When they are finished I am not
aware of any other Works to be carried on here
besides the occasional Repairs of Quarters.

In my last Years description
of the Fort of Samatataka I had occasion to
represent the very inefficient State of Repairs
it was in, Although considerable Sums have
been expended in Attempts, inadequate indeed
of consequently ineffectual success. By putting it
in good Condition - to accomplish this I have
recommended the facing the whole of the Works
with Bricks as the only effectual method
of securing them, in this Country, against
the Violence of the Plains. I have have at
present no Plan of Strength (unless this
Fort is made such) intermediate between
the Forts of Masulipatam & Panyam, which
are situated at the two Extremities of the
Coast, in so large an Extent of Country.

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of which we are but lately become Masters & where the Attachment of the Country Government is so little to be depended upon, & their desire of changing Masters or settling up for Independance on every Prospect of a Revolution in the Country so well known. I did therefore apprehend that the strengthening the Fort of Samalcorah, in the View of better Garrison for the Defence of the Coasts, so as to secure it against a Country Enemy & by that means to overawe & obtain in our Interest, from Motives of Fear (which are infinitely the most prevailing in this Part of the World) the neighbouring Linnards would fully justify the Expence attending the Execution of what I then proposed & of which agreeable to your desire, I now deliver in two different Estimates.

The Estimate N^o 1 supposes that the whole of the works are to be paid in the manner that some of the Bastions were executed before my Arrival in the Coasts namely by building on them Brick Wall laid in Clay, to lean against the Mud Walls behind, to which it is united by counterforts & into the latter of the whole plastered with Churum, to keep out the Weather.

The Estimate N^o 2 proposes a thin Reinforcement of Brick laid on Churum to surround the whole of the Exterior and inner Saluts of the Fort, which would answer the purposes not only of securing the Mud Walls behind.

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behind from being affected by the Violence
of the Pours, but likewise of strengthening
them considerably by the Resistance
of the Perpetrator, which has a considerable
internal Strength of its own in case of any
Decay or giving way of the Main Perpetrator
behind.

To conclude - It is first to be
determined whether the Fort of Sarnacotah
is to be returned as a place of Strength or
not. If it is - whether it is not more
advisable to be at a considerable expense at
once in augmenting its Strength by securing
it against the injuries of time than by a
Method that may indeed carry the appearance
of more Economy, to be at the continual
Expense of partial Repairs which will
never bring it into good condition & will end
in its Decay & consequent Ruin in the space
of not many Years.

If the former is resolved upon, I do
not hesitate to recommend the Method proposed in
Estimate A & B in order to complete it being well
assured that the other would by no means
answer the Purpose of a Permanent Security to the
Works which can in my Opinion only be
obtained by completing the whole with the
proposed Brick Perpetrator & in the mean

I am the more to be with Respect

Yours most Obedient & humble servant
Alex^r Mitchell

Nasulapatam,
15 May 1772

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Estimate N^o 5 of the

Expense of facing & unpurified Bastions, an Outwork
to cover the Gate and all the Curtains of the Fort
of Samalacotak, together with the Parapets
retaining Walls &c. in the same manner as the
Bastions already finished have been executed, name-
ly, with Bricks laid in Clay & plastered with
Chunam of the Dimensions contained in the
subsequent Estimate —

Estimate of the
Expense of supplying
Salmonstock in
Temporary income

Curtains

of Bastians

Length.	Height to 1st of Parus	Height to Parus	Height to Tip of Parus	Length of Thinks - Tail - Tail - Think Total.
270..	10..6..	14..6..	4995	30.. 60.. 60.. 30.. 100..
325..	15..	14..	4075	126.. 40.. 436.. 10.. 122..
125..	15..6..	11..6..	2217	20.. 30.. 30.. 20.. 100..
295..	16..6..	12..6..	4064	32..6.. 44.. 53.. 32.. 164..6
330..	10..6..	14..6..	6185	30.. 60.. 60.. 30.. 100..
305..	14..10..6..	14..	5105	21..6.. 53.. 53.. 10.. 145..6
400..	14..6..	14..6..	6200	30..6.. 52.. 52.. 39.. 101..6
500..	19..	15..	9300	20.. 53.. 51.. 20.. 152..
390..	24..	20..	9360	30.. 60.. 60.. 30.. 100..
150..	16..	12..	2100	45..6.. 30.. 40.. 74.. 197..6
630..	17..6..	13..6..	0100	36.. 00.. 74.. 39..6.. 229..6
150..	15..	14..	2250	Length of the Tail of the Bird 1029..6

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344535.
in making
the wall
at
the
works

To face the Gunpowder Bastions the Scurbs and
Scurbs 540 ft long 30 ft high instead the Scurbs 1606000
is 16200 Super. Feet 3 Bricks Thick is
To 1/4 for Counterpoise 69500

To face the of Parapets of Curtain and Cutwater
3740 ft long of the interior and inner Landings of
the Bastions 1029.6 long double and add to the 776095
Length of the curtains makes 7399 ft long 7 ft
high 1/4 Bricks Thick is 55793 Super. Feet at 15
Bricks of Feet is

To face the adjacent Wall of the Ramp 4051 ft
long 11 ft high, instead the Scurbs 660615
is 4456 Super. Feet at 15 Bricks of Feet is

To 1/4 for Counterpoise 95400
Total Bricks 1505090

NB. Expenses of making and kilning 1 Luck Bricks

is 100

Timber for D, 35000 at 8 d. M. 2000

Carley here bringing them to the Works 900

Per 125 M. D.

Wall Bricks 15 Super. at 125 M. D. 5625

Bricklayers pay 1/2 d. at 1/2 M. D. 35 M. D. 1375

Coles attending the Bricklayers 1/2 d. at 1/2 M. D. 2160

Churnum to lay the angles of Plaster the Works 10000
Caneus Stew Churnum at 2 M. D. 2000

Plasterers Works 19400 at 1/2 d. at 1/2 M. D. 127

Sand 1000 Candies 150

Saggy 50 Candies at 1/2 d. at 1/2 M. D. 400

Mud Wall 2000 yds. long 7 ft. high 1/2 thick is 1/2 00
2000 yds. at 20 yds. 1/2 is

Clearing away the Foundation 20000 yds. 700
Total Estimate 141737

E. C. C.

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Estimate No 2 of the

Estimate of the
Expense of building
Samatacutah in a
Durable manner

Expense of facing the Fort of Samatacutah with the
Brick Rivestment laid in Chisum, 2 bricks thick
at the level of the rampart, with a Slope Stone
Inch to a foot, and completing the whole with
Parapet, faced and lined with brick work, and
a retaining Wall round the Interior of the Fort
to support the Rampart.

Measuring height of the Ramparts of the Curtains from Barm Wall
is 13^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ 1/2 of which is 13^{ft} 7ⁱⁿ Inches, added to 20ⁱⁿ 1/2 Bricks
thickness above makes 32^{ft} 1/2 In. the thickness below
medium thickness 27^{ft} In. nearest Curtains 3390 feet
long and 13^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ high is 109056^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ cub. feet at 15
bricks is 1635690

Foundation of ditto 3390 feet long 4 feet deep 3^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ
thick at a Medium is 50266^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ cub. feet at 15 bricks
of Foot is 753900

Facing the Exterior of the Outwork 150 feet long 24ⁱⁿ
thick above 3^{ft} below and 14 feet high to Ramp
part is Cub. feet 3306 @ 15^{ft} Foot 52590

Foundation of ditto 150 feet long 40ⁱⁿ broad 4^{ft}
deep is 2000 cub. feet on 30,000

Retaining Wall of Outwork, with its Founda-
tion may be reckoned equal to Rivestment
without Foundation is 52590

Retaining Wall of Rampart of Curtains 4^{ft}
round the Fort about 4055 feet long 1^{ft} high
at a Medium 13^{ft} thick above 22^{ft} In.
below medium thickness 10^{ft} 1/2 In. is Cub. feet
43^{ft} 1/2 @ 15 Bricks 6ⁱⁿ 6551735

Foundation of ditto 3 feet deep 9^{ft} broad at Medium
4055^{ft} long is 33421^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ cub. feet at 15 Bricks 6ⁱⁿ 501315

Facing the Bastions length 1029^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ Measuring
height 24 feet thickness above 20^{ft} In. below 3^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ
medium thickness 2^{ft} 6ⁱⁿ makes Cub. feet 1510000
15 Bricks 1756320

Foundation of ditto 4 feet deep 56^{ft} thick broad is
Cub. feet 34155 @ 15 Bricks 512265

Total of all the above for foundations 831061

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To the outside & inside facings of the Parapets
 7 1/2 ft. double 15 feet attaining for the Sound
 of inside facings, for basquettts, cheeks &
 Ambrasures, 5569.6 long & 2 bricks thick is
 139.230 cub. feet or

2000,370

Total Wall Bricks. 0009,056

Wall Bricks 0009,056 at 125. M^{rs} M^{rs}

W^h Lark is

Bricklayers and coolies here for laying
 the above @ 00 M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}

Ditto for plastering the whole about
 207,000 Sup. feet @ 1 1/2 P^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}

Stone Chumam to lay above, allow 10
 Parahs @ 1000 Bricks Candis

D^o for plasterings allow 1960 P^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}

Total Chumam. 1410

@ 2 P^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} 00036

Saggy allow 10 Maunds for each funder
 of Chumam is 224 funder @ 0 M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}

Sand 8000 Candis @ 0 P^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}

Clearing away the Summation 40,000 yds
 @ 40 yds. P^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}

Filling the Ramparts &c. 1000

Total Amount Estimated in M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} 654

E. Mitchell
 Major & Director of
 Engineer

necessary

cannot be made
 taken as present

The Board think it necessary at present to take
 the above Estimates under their consideration, since
 after defraying the Expense of completing the
 Works and Buildings at Masulipatam, which are
 of much more immediate consequence, the State &
 our Cash will not admit of any other material

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Works being undertaken in the Citadel.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Andrews Chief at Vizagapatam.

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

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you that Capt. Fitzgerald with the Troops under his Command entered Gudyunda the 1st Inst. without Opposition. Mera Popatu the night before set the whole Town in Flames and then fled. They made some Resistance at the Pass, where we had one Indian killed, and one Sepoy Wounded, this is all the loss we have sustained. Mr. Wynch in consequence of the Letter I wrote him, gave immediate Orders for the Tent apilla Rajah to assist us. whether he came down or not, or any other particulars of this Affair are not yet come to my knowledge.

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
J^r Andrews

Vizag^m 1st June 1772

The following Letter from Lieut Coll. Bonyour received Yesterday is now read.
Honble Sir and Gent

I have received the letter you have favoured me with the 5th Inst. my
Doubts

Letter from
Mr Andrews. Our
Troops got possession
of Gudyunda Mera
Popatu fled

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Letter from Col.
Pergius remains at
Trincomalee.

directions from General Smith was no other than a proposal to form a Detachment out of the Garrison of Madurai, in order to form a Party under the Nabob's Manager who I was to support as far as I thought he could be depended on, for to assist the Operations of the Army, which Acting in the South for which purpose we have determined to open communication between Madurai and Pannadapiram by removing the Forts of Tripavaram and Palanis which were the only places where the Enemy could have Garrisons to interrupt or molest the above communication. This we have effected not so much by Force of Arms, than by secure Summons and good Treatment to the People who did Submit, so that after the Reduction of Tripavaram, the Inhabitants of the adjacent Villages, who otherwise would all have taken Arms, did remain in a Peaceable Tranquility in their habitations since this Reduction the People under the Nabob's Manager, having all been dispersed for the Protection of the mentioned Places and Dependences, my Detachment consisting only of Companies of Sepoys with 2. 3 Pieces, and expecting daily a reinforcement of the Nabob's Troops, who his Manager informed me had been ordered to come for that purpose. I did not think proper to undertake anything further upon the funds Masabar being doubtful if I could have procured it but proposed to increase

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incamped here about in order to observe him
till the above Troops had joined. The Day before
yesterday Capt. Matthews with his Party
marched this Place going to the Grand Camp
having had Intelligence that the Grand
Manavar was preparing to run away, we
had determined to prevent his doing it in a
manner contrary to the Nabob's expectations
but his Manager having represented his late
orders not to interfere with any Places out
of the Districts of Srehanam and Palamuru
I have deferred the undertaking, fearing this
Movement should prove Contrary to the
Negociations of the Young Nabob who together
with the General and Army, I hourly expect
to see in these Parts.

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

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

J. Bannour

Camp near Srehanam
The 13 June 1712

Letter from Mr. Dawson Chief at Cuddalore
and as follows.

To the Honble Isaac Ne Pre Esq

President and Governor of Council at Fort St. George,
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr.
Dawson with
from Mr. Bickham
main Surgeon regu-
ring Capt. Shortt
and Robins.

In consequence of your Command
of the 11th Instant, I have applied to the Surgeon
of this Garrison for his opinion respecting the
Indisposition of Capt. Wilson & Shortt. whose
Opinion is fully contained in the inclosed letter.

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Letter from the Surgeon.

These Officers are not Desirous
of being Invalided, but request your Indulgence
to remain as they are, until they can proceed
to England.

Captain Robson intends
going on the first Ship if he can procure
a passage.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Miss
Your most Obedt Servant
Geo Dawson

Cuddalore
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To George Dawson Esq^d
Chief of Cuddalore
Sir

Letter from Mr
Bentham regarding
Capt & Lieut
Robson.

In compliance with the orders
of the President and Council I am now to give
my Opinion regarding the Captains Shortt and
Robson.

Captain Shortt complains of
Pains in his Limbs for which he has been under
the Care of the Surgeons at Madras & Melling
Trichinopoly as well as in my Camp but without
Success, wherefore I am of opinion there is little
hope of his getting better than he is at present.

Captain Robson has frequently
applied to me since his Return at Cuddalore
in account of a Pain in his Limbs which he
tells me proceeds from a Strain he received
when in the Cavalry, this and the Shrub has

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his Constitution has received in the Course of 19
Years service in this Country disables him from
undergoing the Fatigue of Field Duty I am
Sir

Your most Obedient
And most humble servant
David Buchannan.

Calcutta
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The President lays before the Board the following
Letter from Capt. Sherkin

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
Governor of Fort St. George.
Honble Sir

Letter from
Capt. Sherkin

The surgeon of the Settlement
yesterday informed me, "He was ordered by the
Board to give in his Opinion of my Complaints.
He told him they were less, that I was recovering
my Health and Spirits and hoped in the Course
of next Month to join my Brigade in Camp
or Garrison. This he found not to be an
Answer to the Question proposed by the Board
and so he parted."

It is true, I have been most
unfortunate since my late arrival, to pass through
the Hands of many of the Faculty, for one
Complaint alone, and that required in the
Mysoor Country under the Command of Lieut.
Col. Bonyon with a Grenadier Company, yet
you will permit me to think it a little difficult
to be attended by a single opinion, therefore
I shall be glad to do my Family and Friends
the

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the satisfaction of passing through the
Hands of the Surgeon General before so
important a Step to them and me was
resolved on, it such be the P. and Intention

I have never failed cheerfully
to attend the Field Services) to this last and
have been thought too pressing on these
Occasions, If want of Health at any time
obliged me to quit the Field, it was more my
misfortune, still my Case, never singular
partly supported my distresses.

I have some Expectations of
being enabled to return with my Family
to Europe shortly with your permission to
which Intent I have repeatedly urged my
Friends sending my Constitution much relaxed
and always fearing some unreasonable
Indisposition should stop the hopes of my
Recovery, therefore I implore your
Indulgence to be continued Affection a few
Months longer, as it also may be of the utmost
Consequence to my future Expectations

Your Just Sense of what I must
put on this Address will I hope pardon the
pardon and length of my Letter I have the Honour
to be with much Respect

Humble Son
Your most faithful and
obedient Servant
J. M. Shortly

Cuddalore
19th June
1772

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opinion of the
Board thereon

The Motions which Induced the Board to make
the Enquiry to which the above Letters are no
Answer were 1st That it appeared exceeding
hard that while Capt. Shortt and Robson
remained in Garrison incapable of Service
other Officers should be under the necessity of doing
their Duty for them, & that they should at the same
time have the Advantage of M^r Ruckmings, which
by their Standing they have long received for but it
is but reasonable should be enjoyed by others, when
there appears so little Prospect of their being
ever capable of Field Service. 2^d Because the Board
did not think it could be deemed a hardship on
Captains Shortt and Robson to attach them to
the two Companies of Invalids, which are now
Vacant by the Deaths of Captains Corbet and
McKain / Captain Cotton having reported
himself fit for Field Duty) since they would
receive the M^r Ruckmings of those Captains
which are pretty near equal to those of a
Company in the Regiment. —

3^d Because it appears that neither Captains
Shortt or Robson were ever capable of Field
Duty. The first since his Arrival in 1760 has
never been able to continue in the Field, but
has constantly whenever he attempted to
been obliged to retire into Garrison. The other
appears from the Surgeons Reports to be quite
worn out in the Service.

The Board is not prepared in
Case Captains Shortt and Robson are
Attached

not

Coome

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attaches to the Invalids to make any
Addition to the Establishment by appointing
other Captains in their Room to the Regiments
until the Orders of the Court of Directors are
received respecting the forming the Invalids
into Companies: & which they were desired
in our Letter of 26th July & Duke & Portland
which Letter they acknowledge the Receipt
of & promise to reply to by the latter Ships
It is therefore agreed to defer coming to any
Resolution thereon till their Answer is received
when if they shall approve of forming the
Invalids into Companies & Captains Shortt
and Robson shall continue in fit for Service
that they be appointed to the Invalids. —

Read the following Letter from Capt^l

Clifton

To the Honble Josias Ogle Esq^r
President and Governor of Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir &c

Letter from
Captain Clifton
regarding his
Rank

I beg to inform you of the 19th Inst. that
your consideration upon the Intention of the Honble
Court of Directors concerning my Rank as on the
27th of November last it appears they had disan-
nulled the appointments of Captains & Artillery
given to Mess^{rs} Shortt, Hummer, De Morgan, Cates
and Mackay & have considered them only
as Captains Lieutenants &c &c. Nine months
after their having appointed me a full Colonel
in the Army Corp. I therefore beg leave to lay
before you this opportunity of restoring me to
that

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that rank, which I have before solicited, & to
offer the following Observations to your notice.

In order therefore to show a
Claim of right, I beseech the Court of Directors
have reduced the foregoing Gentlemen to the
Rank of Captain Lieutenants. pay of instead of
Commissions have ordered their Brevets, agreeable
to the Date of the Torment. I therefore hope not
to be thought as presuming to dictate, when
I endeavour to show in as clear a light as
occurs to me, the nature of a Brevet, as I
imagine a determination of my Rank may in
great measure rest in this Point, I apprehend
them that the nature of a Brevet is only to
give rank with the Officers of the Army, & not
with the Corps or Regiment they belong to
as for Instance a Captain Lieutenant of
any Regiment in his Majestys Army, should he
be granted a Captains Brevet, it gives him no
prior Succession in his own Regiment, but his
Tour of Duty with the Regiment is still as
Captain Lieutenant - but when different
Corps are joined and Detachment, he then on
Courts Martial, and other Duties takes Rank
by Brevet - which I believe is my order that
in many Commaunders Officers who have had a
Quicker rise in other Regiments of the Line
by Commission are junior in their length of
Standing of this. I believe constitutes the Distinc-
tion between Commission & Brevet - but to
prove further to your Gentlemen the Invalidity
of

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I refer you to the 22nd Article of the 1st Section
of War, by which it appears all Officers take
Rank in the Regiment or Corps they belong,
according as they are mustered of from which
the Pay rolls are formed - It is therefore, so
that distinction of Pay should not give
distinction of Rank, nevertheless, should not
these Arguments be overruled and contrary
Opinions rather place I have only to request the
favor of Capt. Sutherland's Pay of a grant of a Brevet
over those Officers in General, which the date of my
first Commission in this Service would give me, for which
I think Sir & Lords is in your Power to bestow, then this
side the Case would answer the purpose of my present
address of Solicitation, I point out the Appointment
which on the other side the Gentle Count of Du
appear to have granted me on the 27th November
last & which gives me a right of Claim to the
Third Company of Artillery next to Major Horn

I am Thoutle Sir & Lords

with great Respect.

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

Chas^r Clifton



Upon a former application
from Capt. Clifton regarding his Rank the Board
thought they could not do justice to the Service
but him over the Heads of those Officers who had
been appointed Captains before his arrival &
who had ^{been} constantly employed on board Service,
while he was in England, particularly as his
Commission

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Opinion and
Resolution of the
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Commission and the Orders of the Honble Court expressed that he should take Rank next to the Youngest Captain of Artillery on his arrival at this Presidency - But as the Honble Court have been pleased in their Commands of 27th November last issued by Royal Henry to disapprove of our having given full Commissions as Captains of Artillery to the Captains Lieutenants &c to direct that they be ranked only as Captains with the Rank before assigned them be granted them the Board are of Opinion that Capt. Clifton by the spirit & meaning of the Company's Orders, should take Rank next to the Youngest Capt. of Artillery who had actually a company at the Time of his Arrival -

Captain Clifton arrives here the 31st January last and the following Captains had joined to Companies before his Arrival - Viz^t

James	where	in which room
Captain Hunt	10 Oct. 1770	Capt. Copper returned to Eng.
Henry	17 Nov. 1771	L. Col. Butler deceased.
De Morgan	10 Dec. 1771	Capt. Little Deceased.

It is therefore ordered that Captain Clifton be appointed to take Rank in the Corps of Artillery next after Capt. De Morgan & that he do succeed to the first Vacant Company.

That Captains Acks and Mackay do still retain the Ranks they before had in the Establishment conformable to the Board's orders to be granted them by the Court of Directors.

The Honble Court of Directors

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A statement to be
made of the difference
of Pay between Capt
of Capt. Lindemann's
orders by the Compt
to refund

Having also been pleased in their abovesaid
Commands to direct that the President and
Council do refuse the difference of Pay of Gratuity
made to the Officers who were appointed full
Captains - It is ordered that the Military
Paymaster do draw out a statement of such
difference of Pay of Gratuity, between Captain
Lieutenants of Captains of report shew same to the
Board that the Amount may be paid in the
Camp's Cash by the different Gentlemen of
Council who were present in Council when the
above Appointment was made.

The President acquaints the
Board that orders have been issued that
Captains Oats and Mackay do only in future
draw their Pay of Gratuity as Captain Lieutenants
of Artillery which is approved.

It is also ordered that the
following general Order be given out Viz.

Major Bellamy
and Harper only
to draw Pay as
Capt.

The Honble Court of Directors
having been pleased to order that their President
and Council do refuse the Additional Pay of
Attendance granted to the Captain Lieutenants of
Artillery who were promoted to the Rank of Capt.
in August 1770 with the Pay annexed to that Rank
as being a charge exceeding the Establishment
and Majors Bellamy and Harper having on
the 12 August 1771 at the Recommendation of
General Smith, been appointed to the Rank
of Majors, with the Pay and Batta annexed to
that Rank, which is also a Charge exceeding
the Establishment, of which the President and Council

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Council approving the Court of Directors may upon the same Principle disapprove. The President and Council therefore cannot consider themselves authorized to continue the same. It is therefore Ordered that such additional Pay and Batta to Majors Billingham & Harper be discontinued & that they do only draw the Pay and Batta annexed to the Rank of Captains.

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

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St George,
Honble Sir,

Letter from Genl
Smith. All the
Lords in the great
Marwar Country
in the Nabob's hands
Disposition of the
Nabob's Troops in this
General Smith
appears in Dispute
of L. W. Patterson

Since I had the Honor to address you on the 6th Inst. nothing very material has occurred, except that the Nabob's Troops have got Possession of all the Lords, that belong to the great Marwar, and Umdukt Ali Amrahs having signified to me his desire of proceeding against the Nabob's Wars.

I purpose marching the Army tomorrow toward Seragunger, in order to finish the Campaign as soon as possible. The little Marwar remains yet in the Woods & Kala Kot with about two Thousand Cattle, and where I suppose he means to defend himself.

The Young Nabob intends leaving in Damulapuram Captain Alexander's Battalion for its Garrison and Capt Lowdons with Nagyer Khan's Country, in the Eastern parts.

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parts of the little Maravars Country, to prevent in our absence their giving Trouble to the Inhabitants in these Parts, which they now would be encouraged to do should not a Force be left exclusive of the Garrison.

Apart of Captain Gillett's Battalion is at Pondy, and the remainder disposed of in the different Parts of Arnaquam. That of his Excellency's Troops only Captain Godard's Battalion and Master's Troopers, will remain with me the former of which act as a Body Guard to the Young Nabob.

Lieutenant Patterson informs me that M^r Petrie in consequence of an order from the Hon^{ble} Board has demanded of him the difference of Pay between a Lieutenant of Cavalry and of Infantry for his having for some time past drawn the former not being entitled thereto. They leave to acquaint you Sir, that Lieut. Patterson holds a Commission as Lieut. of Cavalry since the Year 1760, which he has procured to me nor does he possess any other Commission but that I well remember in M^r Bouchier's Government that it was left entirely to his own choice whether to remain in the Cavalry or Infantry, but at that time being extremely ill from a dangerous wound received at Chavaganna he declined entering with Cavalry till he could do his Duty in the Field, when he hopes for that indulgence.

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indulgence, He has served the Company many
Years, received a Number of Wounds in their
Service, and merited himself a good Soldier
as such I mention here, and am persuaded Sir
from the countenance you always show to
deserving Men that Mr. Patterson will in
some degree claim it in this Instance.

I have been honored with the
Board commands respecting Lieut. M. Benjamin
with a Copy of your Letter to him which I
shall reply tomorrow as soon as we come to
our Ground—

Inclosed I have the Honor to
send you a Return of the Stores found in
Ramrodaporam, by which you will perceive
what are wanted—particularly Gun Carriages
all that is in this place being truly of
heathen construction, and unfit for our
Service—

I shall now Sir continue to
transmit to you daily, the Accountrials from
March 1st and am with perfect Respect &
Esteem

Honble Sir

Your M^o. Obed Serv^t

Joseph Smith

Camp near Ramrodaporam
15 June 1772.

The Breveingues
of L. Patterson to be
imposed—

The Board never meant when
the Order passed for Lieut. Patterson to reduce
the difference of Pay between a Lieutenant of
Cavalry and a Lieutenant of Infantry, to depre-
tiate his Merit as an Officer, on the Contrary
they

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They think him entitled from his General Character of his Sufferings in the Justice to every mark of Indulgence which can be Shown him consistent with the Rules of the Justice. It was this consideration alone which Induced the Board to acquiesce in his Commanding the Six Companies of the Nabob's Sepoys as mentioned in Consultation the 1st Instant But for the Reasons which were then assigned the Board think they cannot dispense with the orders they have passed; You will be therefore to be carried into Execution.

Read the following Letter from Capt. Ld Commander of the Ship East of Lincoln,
Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Capt. Ld with a Bill for Expenses on Account of Recruitment.

By my Instructions from my Owners I am to Demand payment of any extraordinary Expenses for Passengers on the Honble Company's Account, I therefore take the Liberty of presenting the enclosed Account for your Inspection —

Madras
June 22 1772

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t Serv^t John Lint Jnr
Act^y Ld.

The Bill accompanying the above Letter is for victualling 14 Passengers at the Cape for 3 Days & 1 Day each for the Passage of Recruits from the Cape to Bombay and a Leakage of 43 Gallons of S. Burr Brandey at 2^d Gallons amounting in the whole to £ 32 - 12 - 3 1/2.

Enclosure in original

An Order has already passed that Captain Ld be paid for the Passage of

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The three Recruits entertained at the Cape, in Proportion as it bears to the whole Voyages from England. With regard to the other charges as they have never been allowed at this Place Captain Lee must be left to make his Application to the Court of Directors.

Lieutenant John Austrie having been appointed by the Court of Directors to his former Rank on this Establishment next after Lieut George Bryne and having arrived on the Anson, It is ordered that he do take Rank according to.

Recd a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N^o 12 enclosing one from the Rasah of Sanyore advising of his having given Orders for the Paddy &c belonging to the Company & to private Merchants which has been seized in the Sanyore Country, to be restored.

The Board having determined in Consultation of 13 December last in the other Departments for the Treasurers then assigned to Demand the Amount of the Campings Paddy with the charges thereon; and the Garrison Stewardship having in Pursuance of an Order then passed made an Account thereof the President is desired to apply to the Nabob on the Subject and as the several Private Merchants whose Grain was seized in the Sanyore Country apply to this Government for Assistance in the Recovery thereof would suffer the late loss of Incumbrance with the Company, in being

L. John Austrie
appointed to his
former Rank

Letter from the
Nabob regarding
Grain Seized on
the Sanyore Expedition

Resolution thereon

out

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Obliged to receive at last, It is agreed that it be left to them either to receive the same or the Amount thereof with the Charges they have incurred in which latter Case they are to be called upon to deliver in an Account thereof.

Henry Wise private
recommended for
Military Fund.

A Certificate for Henry Wise Private is now laid before the Board, who by Wounds received before Tangore is rendered incapable of further Service & is therefore recommended by General Smith as a proper object to partake of the Military Fund - which the Board approve.

M. DuBre
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith

J. H. M.
Geo. Mackay.

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Came in the following Letter from General Smith.
To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq^r
President, & Governor &c. of Fort St. George.
Honble Sir

Letter from Gen^l
Smith. Moves
to Shillimadam
joined by the Young
Natch.

I had the Honor to answer you
last night, and agreeable thereto, we marched this
morning, twelve Miles W. N. W. on the Chirungunga
road. The Young ^{Natch}, who had not finally concluded his
affairs at Ramnadapuram and did not march
with the Army, joined us about two o'clock this
afternoon.

Camp at Shillimadam
16th June 1772.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir
with Respect & Esteem
Your most Obed^t Servant.
Jos. Smith

2^d Received the following Letter from Gen^l Smith.
To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq^r
President & Governor &c. of Fort St. George.
Honble Sir

Letter from Gen^l
Smith marches
to Jannamperum.

I have the honor to acquaint you
that the Army marched this morning eleven
Miles S. W. by W. and encamped on the S. W. bank
of the River Vicar, which passes Musurra and at
this place, divides the little & Great Maravari
Countries. The Vaalhooty Man continues still
at Hale Koot preparing to Defend himself.

I have not had time these
two days to address the Board fully respecting
our future operations. I am afraid the same
will subsist till the Army halts (which
will be in three or four days) when I shall be

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do myself that Honor, I am with Respect &
Esteem Honble Sirs

Camp at Yamamparany
17 June 1772

Your mo^{obed} Servants
Joseph Smith

The following Letters were this day wrote.
To Alexander Wynch Esq^r Mr Dep^y
Chief at Masulipatam,
Sir

We have received your Letter of the
2^d Instant, accompanied with one from Major
Mitchell, & two Estimates proposed by him
for fortifying Samatapatam.

Letter to Mr.
Wynch regarding
the Works at
Samatapatam.

However expedient or proper
it may be to finish the Works already
executed at that place, we consider the
completing the Fortifications and Buildings
at Masulipatam as a Work of much
greater Moment; & as the State of our
Cash will not at present admit of our
undertaking any other material Works
in the Circars; we must defer coming to any
determination on the two Estimates proposed
by Major Mitchell.

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We are Sir
Your Affct^d Friends
Jos: Du Pre & Family

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
President and Governor of Council at Fort William,
Honble Sir & Sirs

We send you enclosed a List
of Cadets arrived on the Ship Ans on 1st

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Letter to Lord
William with a
List of Cadets of
Anson for Bengal.

For your Presidency.

We are Honble Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Josias Du Pre
of Council

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25 Arrived this day the Honble Company's Ship
Earl of Ashburnham with 3 Cadets of my Militia
on Board.

26 The following Letter was this day received
from General Smith.

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

Letter from General
Smith marches
to Cannamoor.

I have the honor to acquaint
you that the Army marched to day 14 Miles
into the Enemy's Country. Tomorrow I propose
proceeding to Cheragunga, where I have advanced Guard
is stationed and from whence I shall have the Honor
to write you fully. From this place to Kalaikit
is fifteen Miles, and encompassed on all sides
with thick Wood, impenetrable except by a Pathway
The narrow roads that lead to this place, being
shut up with Barriers and Trees cut down for
that purpose.

I have the Honor to be with
Respect and Esteem Honble Sir
Your mo. Obed. Servant
Joseph Smith

Camp at Cannamoor
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Rec^d this day the following Letter from L. C. Esq.
To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq.
President of the Council, Governour of Council Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from L. C.
To request Permission
to return to Europe
by the way of
China.

Some particular Circumstances
which nearly concern and affect me but with
which it is at present unnecessary to trouble
this Honorable Board of knowing if no considerable
service going on at present or no appearance
of any likely to take place soon, together with
the inviting Opportunity of my Brothers being
about to sail for Europe by way of China
prompts me to beg the permission of the
Honorable Board to return to Europe for a
short time on the East of Lincoln

Permit me to presume that
in consideration of my long and faithful
Services this Favor may be granted me, and
further to request that I be mentioned in your
general Letters in such manner as may
procure me a favorable Reception from our
Honorable Masters in London & an Introduction
to the Gentlemen in their Service at China;

Give me leave to add that
I shall leave the Country with Sentiments
of great Respect & Esteem for the President &
Members of this Honorable Board and the
Warmest wishes for your success and Welfare
in all your private and public Undertakings
being with great Truth

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Servt
Chas. Lee

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To which the following Answer was immediately
wrote
To Lieut. Col. Tod
Sir

Letter in Answer
herewith to forward

I am directed by the President
and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your
Letter of the 23 Inst. and to acquaint you that you
have their Permission to proceed to England by the
way of Cheine on the East of Lincoln. But as they
have no power to grant you leave of Absence for
Europe, they must look upon your Letter as a
resignation of the Service, & shall order the Vacancy
occasioned thereby to be filled up.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
J. M. Stone.

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24 Received the following Letter from General Smith.
Honble Sir

Letter from
General Smith
Announces at Shwaganga
Apprehends
some Difficulty
in forcing the Pass
to Katala Khaty

Altho I promised to write you
fully on our arrival at this place yet I have been
disappointed from a constant hurry and numberless
incident that happen almost every moment we
have to call off my attention, & Mr. Parkinsons Absence
has prevented him from giving me any assistance
In this Instant returned from examining the
Road apart of the way to Katala Khaty which is
12 or 15 Miles from Shwaganga 7 of them the road
is pretty good, the Country in general is very bushy
& Cock Spur thorn here & there open spaces, with
Villages; we have forced the way forward to a
Plain but large Intervall us of Katala Khaty & thence

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where the Grenadiers with Prince's Battⁿ were
ordered to move to Yamanin till the rest of
the Troops joined them to morrow morning
when we shall proceed in opening the way thro
the rest of the wood, which by all the accounts
is amazingly thick, & the Collonies have taken
every precaution in their Power to obstruct
their enemies progress by filling up the roads
with large Trees, bushes & digging deep Trenches
across the Path way & erecting several strong
posts at Distances in the wood & unless we can
find some of their Bye Paths to enter by, it
runs much in my mind that the Nawahooty
Chiefs at Sudy polliak who are both in the
place where it they resolve on defending it
give us some Trouble for to force them out, they
have a small Fort in the Center of this
Wood & report says their Samuris & Natives are
with them, On the Evening of the 28th Coll. Bengerin
with Captain Matthews for a Troop of 10 Companies
of Seaprops joined with Mornin Sait the
Nabols Manager with some Collonies for purpose
reinforcing the Coll. with Morsing Seaprops
of 2 Six Pounders & sending him towards Trepur
to draw off their attention which seems
now wholly bent this way. One of their
Vanguards is wth the Young Nabol, who I'm
informed has asked in his master name for
a Lack of Rufus, & for his Life and Honor
promised if he will then give up all pretensions
to his Country of his own men the Nabols shall
think

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I think proper, but I do not imagine it possible
for them ever to agree of the Natives with
either make a desperate defence in his Woods
or at once abandon them of thy to some Part of
the Country where it may not be easy to get
at him, The Sappals cannot now pass thro the
Country without strong Guard & I propose
forwarding all Letters by Madurai as the most
convenient & less liable to Interruption. They
pardon Sir for sending you such a Scrawl & so
incoherent; but I'm persuaded you'll excuse until
we can find leisure to give you a circumstantial
Detail of matters. Our Heavy Guns, Stores & Baggage
are to be left in the Village of Shewangunge
which is the largest in the Natives Mares
Country & has a palace in it. I am Sir
With Respect and Esteem,

Your Devoted Servant,
J Smith

Shewagunga
22 June 1772

Monday
29th June,

At a Consultation Present.
Josias Du Pré Esq^r Governor President.
John Smith George Bratton
Henry Brooke John Whitehill
John Maxwell Stone

M^r Charles Smith Indisp. D.

M^r Mackay absent.

Letter from M^r Edward Esq^r for Resident
at Gonyarre read as follows —

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To the Honble Josias du Pre Esq^r
Pres^t of Governor & Council at Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from M^r
Cortis containing
an Account of his
Proceeding with
Peemados of
Munimpos.

I have received your Letter of
the 22nd April I addressed the President on the
14th ultimo and informed him of our Success
against Peemados & Lemineas & Rezencas.

On the 1st of May the Detach-
ment under the Command of Cap^t Bannet
marched from Allady Garrison and arrived before
the Fort of Sidadumun and on the 14th
night at Battery for two 10 Pounders was raised
against the South Side of the Fort at about
200 Yards distance from the Walls On the 9th
at day light the Battery was opened and by
11 o'clock the Walls of the Fort was greatly
shattered and large Fragments began to fall
from it, so that a Breach therein appeared
to be forming very fast, This so alarmed the
Garrison that they came to the Pass on line
of quitting the Fort immediately, rather than
risk the making the offer of surrendering
having (as I judge) the Resolution of our
People for the Life & Honour of Allady Garrison.
They accordingly finding our Battery had
ceased to fire on account of the excessive heat and
that there appeared to be a general Blackness
in the Air & heard as it were at that time
of the Day poured out of the Fort as fast as
the narrowness of the Gate would permit. When
they were however soon observed from the Batt^y
and

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and the Company stationed there for the Protection of it pushed up to the Gate immediately and entered the Fort, those who still remained in it (in Number 59) craved to gether to one of the Bastions and having quitted their Arms sued for Mercy - Fortunately there was an Officer with our Seapoyes, who prevented them from executing any Acts of Cruelty upon the Prisoners. The Out Guards pursued those who had quitted the Fort, and killed and Wounded 10 of them. The Garrison consisted of 120 Men.

The Fort of Cotanorah not being in so good a State of Defence as the other Forts the Garrison consisting of 100 Men evacuated it on hearing that Suddathern was in our Hands -

Since we were in possession of all the Ports dependant on the Putapugher Country being the Accomplishment of the Designs for which our Troops had taken the Field and what the Detachment had entered into the Vizianagum Country Bunnecoo sent me a Letter by his principal Vakeel expressing therein great Sorrow for his late Conduct & Desires that I would put a Stop to Hostilities, settle the Affairs of his Country and save his Credit promising to meet me at our Camp provided I gave him a Guard for the Safety of his Person -

On the 13th of May he came to our Camp when after having explained to him my Thoughts on his Conduct, I told him he would not have fallen upon any other Method

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Method that could so effectually remove the
Company's displeasure against him as by
fixing his Dependence on them both for the
Welfare of himself and his Family and the
Prosperity of his Country The next Day
he was reconciled to his Son Munnym Doo
whom he had not seen for Six Years past—

In my Letter of the 25th
July 1771 I informed your Honor of how the
Countries of Wogranagar and Putapaghery
became united as also with Munnym Doos
proposal respecting the former of them, to
which I refer you for the Particulars thereof

Sending Bernasse very averse to
giving up the Putapaghery Country to his
eldest Son to be held by him independent of
his Father, and as a separate Settlement, I
informed him that it was not the Intention
of the Company to deprive any Settlement
of his Country until constrained to do so, but
that some Method must be fallen upon for
the Recovery of the Arrears due by him, and
that the delivering over the Putapaghery
Country to his Son was a Step the most
favorable for him that could be devised,
especially as his own Adversarial Age and In-
firmities rendered him incapable of seeing
properly into his own Affairs and in short
that if he would not consent to let the
Country remain in the Hands of the
Company He then desired that if he
gave

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gave the Rajahship of Puttapahery to Munnaydoe that I should give him a Oath or Promise that the Country of Negamagun should at his Death descend to his Youngest Son Sugganad Doe. Not Judging it suitable and having no authority to do it but having promised Munnay Doe to procure the Puttapahery Country for him, to avoid meddling in the former without forfeiting my promise I was obliged to put the Affair in another Form —

Represented to Beemadoc that the Villany and Artifice of his Principal Servants was the real cause of all the Trouble he had met with for some Years past together with Loss of Reputation — That under the Pretence of making good the Payment of Jaguins and other Charities (which they had promised on him yearly to Increase) they had amassed to themselves the greatest Part of his Revenues by cheating the Jaguins and other Acts of Appropriation all thro' his Country in such manner that the Inhabitants in general were misled by his Death, hoping in consequence some change which might afford them relief. That they had kept him in the Dark in every thing that even the Letters which I had sometimes occasion to write to him must first pass thro' their hands, and that one of them in particular (whose name was) His Welfare as far as it could consist with the good of the Company) they had instantly misrepresented to him

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to him which I offered to prove that they had.
Industriously prevented the Reconciliation
between himself and his son, being convinced
that if it should ever take Place their Quarrel
must ensue.

Upon these grounds I proposed to him
that he should appoint Munnym Doe to the Management
of both Countries, which I would endeavour to make
Munnym Doe accept provided he gave him a writing
that at his Death the Port of a new Country
should descend to him, ^{which I meant as a substitute for my promise to him} - Pemadoo agreed to this
Proposal, but the son urged the Danger his Life
would be in from the Servants of his Father should
be taken in himself that change, This Objection I
removed by observing that his Father would in
private invest him with full Power for the
Management of both Countries under himself
that as his Father had put so much confidence
in him, it would have but an ill appearance
if he should mention his Apprehensions for his
safety, and moreover that while he was so nearly
established a Company of Indians should remain
constantly with him, by which means he might
very soon secure himself. He then agreed and
Pemadoo in the Presence of myself and all his
principal People signed two Writings, which
he gave to Munnym Doe, the one for having
the Port of a new Country after his Death and
the other a Power for managing both Countries
under himself, He requiring at the same time
his People who were present to receive the Commission

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of Munny Dos as it from himself after which they all paid their Obedience to him in Form.

When all was thus settled I informed Beemudoo that I should not interfere immediately in the Affairs of his Country but should keep Possession of the Forts as Security for the Payment of the Arrears due to the Company to prevent any Improperity in the Conduct of Munny Dos, respecting his Father as well as to guard him from the Malice of his Father's servants, and in all other Respects secure the Peace of the Country. —

I have been thus particular in relating all that passed between Beemudoo and myself respecting his Affairs, that at the Time of his Death or any other Alteration in the Affairs of his Territory what was now passed may remain clear.

I am convinced that the Dutch Business will go a great way towards bringing all the other Territories into perfect Obedience as the Spirit of Opposition is pretty well broken amongst them all. —

The Balance due by Beemudoo amounts to 12000³ Rupes in which is included his Tribute for the Present Year. He has given Security for the Payment of 76105 Rupes by the end of December next for the Payment of 76105 besides making good to the Person who was before his Security 23595 Rupes making in all one Lack of Rupes so that the Balance

manning

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remaining will be 37590 Rupees, which added to his Subsidy for 1772 amounts to 90599 Rupees. It is possible he may pay that off in the course of next year which will free his Country from all Taxes.

I proposed to destroy the Forts of Cotenarub and Allady Saum immediately but Munnay Deo earnestly requested I would defer it for a few Months, his Authority not being yet established, As the Rains are now coming on and nothing of any consequence can be undertaken before they are over, I have consented to his Request and propose to destroy them in October or before it should it appear necessary. The Forts of Putapugheray and Soodastherum together with Cuntah (a Fort in the Havelly Country) will be sufficient I judge to keep the Country in Order as we cannot afford Garrisons for them all.

Inclosed is a Plan of the Putapugheray Country in which all the Forts are accurately laid down from which You will be able to Judge of the Propriety of keeping Putapugheray and Soodastherum and destroying Allady Saum and Cotenarub.

I am Honble Sir &c
with the greatest Respect.
Your most Obedient Servant
Ed. Cotesford

Ganyam
June 6th 1772

He is in the Table

As it appears from the above Letter that Mr Cotesford has not received the one wrote him the 22^d Ult. in which we gave him our Instructions with Respect to the conduct he

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we should observe towards Picnados. It is agreed
that the same do lie on the Table, untill we
receive his Answer to our above mentioned Letter.

Report of the Committee of Stores read as follows
To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq;
President & Governor &c Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of Committee
of Stores with sundry
Papers enclosed.

We have the honor to lay before
you the Minutes of the Committee of Stores 23rd June
likewise an Account of Guns and Guns Carriages,
specifying the Number required for this Garrison
those now in Garrison, and the Number wanting
to complete, an Account of Ordnance thought
necessary always to remain mounted on the
different Works, a List of Unserviceable Stores
at Uddour and a List of Gun Carriages now in
hand. —

We are with respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedt^h humble servants.
Geo Stratton
Patrick Rofs
Edw^d & James
Hunt Harper
Major of Infantry

Fort St. George

20th June 1772

Tuesday

23rd June 1772

At a Committee of Stores Present
George Stratton Esq Lieut Col. Rofs
Military Storekeeper
Lieut Col. James Major Harper
The Clerk lays before the Committee

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Minutes of Committee
of Staff

Committee an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 1 June which being read as entered hereafter the Committee proceed to take into consideration the State of the Guns and Gun Carriages in Store, and the Number required for this Garrison. A Statement is accordingly prepared specifying the Number of Gun Carriages now in Store, and with respect to the number required for this Place the Committee on reference to their Minutes said that a Statement of the Ordnance thought necessary to be always maintained on the Works of Fort St. George was laid before the Board the 24th Octo. 1760 at the bottom of which the then Committee observed that it would be always necessary that an additional Number of Guns be kept in Store to furnish the Works with the number they will require in the Parts attacked in case of a Siege and a small proportion will also be necessary to replace those that will be destroyed in such service. The Committee therefore take into consideration what number of Guns would be necessary in case of a Siege a Statement of which is now drawn out & ordered to be laid before the President and Council. It is also agreed to acquaint them at the same time that we conceive it was on the above mentioned Statement the Committee formed their Opinion on the number of Carriages which they recommended should be made up as will appear by an Account entered at the Bottom of it.

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The Military Storekeeper delivers
in a List of the unserviceable Stores at Villour
Agree to lay it before the Board.

Mr. Brutton lays before the Committee
a Letter from Major Green Inspector of Stores,
Agree that it be laid before the President and
Council with our Remarks thereon as follow.

Letter from Major Green	Remarks of the Committee
Para ¹	

Having been indispo-
sed for some time past, has
rendered me incapable to
now of complying with the
Orders of the Honble the
President and Council the
6th April.

- 2 The Arsenal is the first We agree in Opinion
plan to begin the arrange- with Major Green that
ment, it being now in such the Structures should be
forwardness that Smiths, made before the Inside
Carpenters, Sawyers, Turners of the Arsenal is charged
should be got ready immo. and request of him to for-
-diately; as well as timber from the Committee, in
and Iron, all the Supporters what manner he proposes
for the Arms which are to be so that it may be
be laid against the Walls laid before the President
must be put up before and Council.

The Walls are plastered
through the drawing in
such such a number of
Walls will bring down
most of the plaster, nor
wounds the Supporters

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Supporters have that Sati-
sfactory of not being against
the Wall.

3 While the Supporters The Committee are very sensible
are fixing to the Walls the of the advantages of a Boards
flooring should be got. Floor, but as a number of Carps
ready for laying not of and Smiths will be required for
Ties as is intended, but of the Tentures, and as there is
great Lack Plank which not a sufficient number of
in the end will be found Planks provided we are of
much cheaper, as it will Chime that the Contractor
last longer than a Dogen had better complete it with
Ties Floor, for by making a Boards Floor, agreeable to
the Steps that must run the Terms of his Contract
on Carps, or Trucks, and which will last till a
be at least Ten feet high sufficient Quantity of Plank
therefore very heavy, many can be procured, if a Boards
of the Ties will be broke Floor should hereafter be
I displace those that thought necessary, whatever
may not be destroyed in Plan the Boards may think
this manner, with wear proper to adopt, we remove
away daily by the rubbing more that the Arsenal
of the Trucks or Carps and be finished with at pro-
Occasion such a Dust to use the Expedition, as the Arms
on the Arms as must errate in Store suffer much
an additional expense, by from them being in Chalks
a greater number of Sacks and the Company will
dare to keep them clean thereby save the expense of
whereas with a Boards Floor given Rent as the M^{rs}
can easily taken to Splendid Store as he
with Water, before this has been under the roof,
by of having many and

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except no dust can rise and will be at a loss to
by moving the Steps procure them, for the
from place to place course. I have expected this season
-quently left people with from England, besides the
be necessary to keep them Rooms in the Fort Square
in good orders — now used as an Arsenal
may then be appropriate
-ted to other uses —

4 If the Flooring is laid The Committee are in opinion
with Plank it should be — in the Opinion expressed
done before the Rafts in the foregoing Remarks
for the Arms in the Middle of it we want the Plank
of the Arsenal and put can be procured, the
up, it laid with Tiles putting up of the Rafts
it must be done after must of course be deferred
the Rafts are finished. and the Building thereby
retarded —

5 Forty Thuns and Stones The Committee concur in
opinions being the Number Opinion with Major Green
proposed for the Garrison in the Propriety of having
Stone besides a sufficient these additional Buildings
quantity of Stones ^{Stone Carriages} being recommended to the Board
-disbursed, ^{wall pieces} Musketballs that they be set about
Grenades Pistols
Swords, Espantons, Steel
-berts &c. ^{into buckets}
the whole of the Arsenal
so that no part of it
can be made use as a
Store Room as former
Store Rooms will be
wanted for the Ordnance
Stores

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besides those of the Arms of
the old Building adjoining
to the Arsenal is in a very
ruinous Condition and of
little use at present, if
this was taken down and
the Arsenal continued to the
extent of the Ground, and
returned to the Rampart
every necessary Store Room
would be had besides a greater
Convenience for Carriages of
all kinds, that require to
be kept from the Weather
when not in use.

Besides the continu-
ing the Arsenal the whole
Length of the Yard for Store
Rooms the following Arti-
ficers Shops are wanted.

An Armourers Shop
filled up with Benches
standing Vice Drawers
under the Benches for holding
each Mans Tools separate
some Chests or other Conveni-
ency for holding the different
parts of Locks and Trunkets.

Next the Armourers
must be a Smiths Shop
for two Forges with Benches
Vice Leads, and other things

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Chisels for new cutting
country Siles or Grindstone
and proper Pans or Siles
for holding the Liquor for
tempering of Springs hard-
ening of Hammers &c.

A small shop for stock-
ing of Arms, with Benches
of Axes drawers under the
Benches for Tools and Racks
fixed against the Walls for
laying spare Stocks on till
used.

A Shop for Subladars
large enough, for at least
one hundred Workmen, with
proper Places for looking up
their Oil Saw Rubbers
Pottches, Turnkeys Flaws-
sives Cloaths &c.

A Shop for Saddlers
makers and Chumblers, who
repair Pouches, Wines & Belts
Kings &c. with Chests or
presses for holding Leather
Sewing Thread, Wax, Punches &c.

A small Store Room
for Repairable Arms, where
they are to be kept till
sufficient to prevent mis takes.

Further for ammuni-
tions Besides the above
mentioned

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merchant Shops a Smiths and
Carpenters shop are wanted
for the Artillery department
with a Place to Grind Pipes
and keep paint in.

An Office for the Clerks
of Stores, conductors and
Carypous where the Books
of Expenditure Receipts and
Issues and all other Acc^{ts}
should be kept both of
Arms of Ordnance Stores
as well as of the chequer
Musters in the General
Artificers, during their
Hours of Work, this will
keep them close to their
Business

A Vacant piece of
Ground between the end of
the Arsenal and a Range
of Sheds will answer very
well for erecting this Office
and these Sheds which
are now full of Rubbish and
remain at a very little
expense could be converted
into the Artificers Shops
that are wanted.

The lower part of the Arsenal The Committee cannot
will not be sufficient with Major Green
to hold the in this Place as the

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The Carriages, if a Method the taking the Carriages
is not taken to put them to pieces would be attended
on any or more advantages with numberless Incon-
veniences.

The taking of the Wheels With Respect to the Lurch
and Piling them on one Pins and washers they are
the Top of one then, and always kept apart.
the Boats in the same
manner, seems to promise

the making a great
deal more Room this
method will require some
care to prevent confusion

This may be done
by numbering the Carriages
and likewise marking
the nature of the Damage
it is for, the Wheels
must be numbered the
same as the Carriages
they belong to with the
addition of the Letter D
on the Right Wheel, and
the Letter L on the Left
this must prevent any
mistakes besides as the
Lurch Pins and washers
are frequently stole from
the Carriages as they
stand now by either
Lascars, Coolies or other
Workmen.

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Workmen this will be
presented by having them
tid up and numbered for
the Carriages they belong
to and laid by in Store.

As^{tho} the Ordnance Store
I must defer that
department till the
other is finished and
the Pleasure of the Hon^{ble}
the President & Council is
known with regard to
the continuing the lease
and to the extremity
of the Grounds for the
convenience of Store Rooms.

I am Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

John Green

Inspector of Stores.

The Military Secretary acquaints the
Committee that in consequence of the orders
of the Board, he had called on the Contractors
for Gun Carriages, for an Account of
what Carriages are now on Hand and that
he has received an Account from them which
he now delivers in. Ordered that it be laid
before the Board.

Ordered that a Copy of the
 foregoing minutes be laid before the Presid^t.

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President and Council.

Geo. Stratton
Patrick Duff
Ed^d James
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Statement

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Statement of the Guns & and Gun Carriages now in Store for Garrison
for this Garrison with the additional Number in Case of an

Iron Guns

Thought necessary always to reserve in the different Works as the
Additional in case of a Siege ^{for the} ~~see~~ attached
For Field Service

Now in Garrison

Wanting to complete

Brass Guns

Thought necessary for Garrison and Fort as Committee of Store

Now in Garrison

Wanting

Field Carriages

Thought necessary for the above Guns as Committee of Store

Now in Garrison

Wanting

Trail Carriages

Thought necessary as Committee of Store Oct^r 24th 1760
For the additional Guns in case of a Siege

Now in Garrison

Wanting to complete

Truck Carriages

Now in Garrison

Coverd way Carriages

Wanting

Guns and Carriages for the East Curtain and Black Tower

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I Field Service the Numbering
 Serge and the Number wanting to complement

52 Pounds
 32 Pounds
 24 Pounds
 10 Pounds
 12 Pounds
 12 Pounds
 4 Pounds
 6 Pounds
 3 Pounds

Committee of Stairs Oct. 25th 1760. 2 32 74 95 6 58

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Total. 2 40 100 127 16 72

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Oct. 25th 1760 " " " " " 6 " 20 20

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Oct. 25th 1760. " " 12 12 12 9 . . . 30 30

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. " 12 27 36 3 21

Total 3 66 130 140 12 100

. " 17 83 103 36 14 23 2

. 3 43 55 75 . . . 94

. 23 46 5 6 . . . 16

. 10 10

not Included

Geo Stratton
 M^r John
 Patrick Ross
 Chief Eng^r

Ed James L. C. Art^y

[Signature]

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Ordnance thought necessary always to remain mounted on the different works for the Defence of the Garrison of Fort St. George 24th Oct^r 1760

Bastions &c	Mortars of diff ^t Stations				Howitzers diff ^t Stations			Guns			Long Shot	Short Shot	Total	Light Bore Ordnance			Total
	12	10	8	5 1/2	8 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	32	24	10				12	6	3	
Point Bastion					1	5 1/2		2	4		6						
S.E. Redoubt											2	2					
Blind before the S.E.											4						
N. East Bastion											6						
Royal Bastion				1				2	4	6	4						
North Pavilion								2	0	4							
The 2 Banks of Ditch												4					
North Curtain										2		4					
Mid Gate E. of S.E. fort										7		3					
The two Chambers										4							
West Bastion										1		4					
N. W. Curtain										4		4					
N. W. Pavilion										10							
Right Bastion										0							
West Curtain								0	6	10		4					
St. Georges Pavilion								6	0	8							
Laurens Bastion					2			7									
S. W. Curtain								0				4					
S. W. Pavilion								6	4			2					
Right Bastion								4	4	4							
South Curtain													9				
Charles Bastion													3				
St. Lhs. Bastion					2			2	2								
D. G. Count Guard								2	3				3				
S. Lunet Pavilion								2	9	6		0					
The W. Detachement										10							
Sea Gate Battery								2	14		4						
S.E. Spur					1						2						
S.E. D.								2		2							
To be ready Min 10					7		1	2	32	74	95	6	50				
For Garrison this June	10	15	20	40	3	7								6	20	20	
Total	10	15	20	40	10	0	2	32	74	95	6	50		6	20	20	46
13 Span Carriages to be always ready in p ^{ts} for Gun & Mortars					5	4	4	16	37	47	3	29		3	10	10	
For carrying forages for 9 of 12 Pounders													20				
Total Carriages					15	12	3	48	111	142	9	07		9	30	30	

Georges Whitten M^{rs} Major
 John Heath M^{rs} Major
 James Butler M^{rs} Major
 Paul Reynolds Engineer
 Nathaniel Spence
 Hugh Wallbank
 Committee of Fort

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 Carriages remaining to be made as Contract.

Field Carriages	Reports by Mr. Benfield
24 Pounders	9 - Nearly Completed.
10 Pounders	9 Done
6 Pounders	16 Done
2 Inch Mortars	16 Done
5 1/2 Do	10 Done

Trail Garrison Carriages.

12 Pounders	1 Finished
32 Pounders	30 Done
12 Pounders	65 in hand & will be finished in 6 Weeks.

Truck Carriages

10 Pounders	20 Done
12 Pounders	10 in hand
Lumbricks	12 nearly Done.

With Respect to the Guns reported as necessary to be kept constantly mounted on the Works, the Board are of Opinion that while we have nothing to apprehend from an Enemy a very small Number well Sufficient of which should be mounted on Old Carriages, by which means the new ones may be kept under Cover from the Weather & preserved for real Service.

Agreed that the Commanding Officer of the Troops be consulted on his Arrival as to the Number of Guns and Carriages necessary in case of a Siege.

Ordered that the List of necessary Carriages at present be returned to the General that

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that he may inform us of his Pleasure regarding them

With regard to Major Green's proposal of laying the Floor of the Arsenal with Plank instead of Bricks, the Board think it necessary to observe in Addition to the Remarks of the Committee that the Expence of the Building will be thereby greatly increased, since not only Planks but Sleepers to lay on the Corners of the Arches to support the Plank must be provided if to obviate the Objections to a Brick Floor. The Board are of Opinion that light Bamboo Ladders will answer equally as well as Steps made to run on Castors or Trucks; the Floor cannot be damaged by them and they will raise no Dust. It is therefore resolved that the Engineer be directed to fix the Supporters for the Arches to the Walls & Pillars, & that the Arsenal be floored with Brick and completed with all Expedition agreeable to the Original Plan in which the Contract was made.

With regard to the Store Rooms and other Buildings proposed by Major Green and recommended by the Committee, the Board think it necessary to observe that the expence of such Buildings must be very great and they do not appear essentially necessary, it would be very imprudent to undertake them when we find ourselves so much distressed for Money & have so many material Works in hand.

The Military Surveyor acquaints the Board that 60,000 Stands is wanted

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The Number fixed or as a necessary Garrison Store by a former Committee, at which Generals Cooke and Smith were present, altho no Minute was made of it. That the present Committee have judged 30,000 Sufficiently.

The Board see no reason, considering the Number of Troops on this Establishment, for having so large a Number of Arms in Store at Madras, and are of Opinion that 20000 with those in Use, and in the General Garisons, will be a sufficient Stock for Madras and which they are given to understand one Wing of the Arsenal will contain, the other wing may therefore be converted into Store Rooms, The Method of putting away the Gun Carriages must be left to the Committee of Stores.

Upon Examination of the List of Gun Carriages remaining to be delivered by the Contractors we find that if they are all received within the Term limited by the Contract it will Subject us to great Inconveniences by reason of the present low State of our Cash - The Junta is therefore desired to write a letter to the Contractors, desiring they will Inform us whether they insist on the strict performance of the Contract, on the part of the Company by obliging us to receive the Gun Carriages agreeable thereto, or whether they are willing to dispense with the same so far as to leave us at liberty to receive them, as we shall find it convenient to our Affairs.

Read the following Letter from Capt. Chas. B. P. to the

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To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq^r
President and Governor & Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir &ers.

Letter from Capt.
Bassett desires
leave to proceed to
China for the
Recovery of his
Health and is
necessitated to the
Cape and England

Having some time ago been
seized with violent pains and a Bleeding inwardly
which was at last brought on a dangerous
Consumptive complaint and having found no
relief from Medicines since April last I took
the Liberty with the advice of the Surgeons (whose
certificate I have now the Honor to enclose) to
request your Honors & Indulgence to proceed
on the Royal Henry to China for the Recovery
of my Health, but doubts it not be sufficiently
established thereby I hope your Honors &c.
will permit me to go to the Cape, and should
not that have the desired effect from thence
to England.

As nothing but the utmost
necessity would induce me to absent myself
from my Duty, and as I flatter myself my
Behaviour since I had the Honor to be in
the Service has been to the Satisfaction of
your Honor &c. I am induced to request you would
mention me in such a Light to the Honble
Court as to enable me should my going to Europe
be unavoidable to return to the East without
Prejudice to my Rank. I have the Honor to be with
the greatest Respect. Your humble Servant

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Charles Bassett
Capt in the S. Peter of S. Diego

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Surgeons certificate
regarding him

Whereas to certify that Captain
Bapett has for some time past been in a consump-
tive state and as he has at present an Ulcer in
his Lungs & his complaints increasing by the
heat of the season we advise him to a Voyage
to China & should that not accomplish his
Recovery to proceed to the Cape or Europe as the
circumstances of his Health may require.

Gilbert Paster
Jr Anderson Surgeons.

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Granted

To be recommended
to the Govt of Directors

Agreed that Captain Bapett
be permitted to proceed to China for the Recovery
of his Health, and if necessary to the Cape of
England - And as he is an Officer of great
Merit, It is resolved that he be maintained
to the Honble Court & that they be requested
to permit him to return to his Station when
his Health is reestablished.

Letter from the Nabob read as follows

Letter from the
Nabob with the
List for Pannamale
for April & May

N^o 17 - Regarding a Mistake in the Payment
of the Lists for Pannamale of amounting 1000 Pag.
due the 1st May and 1350 Pag. due the 1st Instant.

Desires to continue
to rent the Jagir
Lands.

N^o 18 - Desiring to be continued in the Management
of the Jagir Lands.

A Letter to the Nabob is returned in
Country Correspondence. N^o 19 acknowledging the
Receipt of the Pannamale Lists for April and
May has already been wrote and sent him.

Declaration showing

With regard to his request to be
continued in the Management of the Pannamale
Lands. The Honble Court in the 26 & 27th Parag.

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Paragraphs of their Commands of 10th April 1778 to the Civil Department expressly direct that he be allowed to send them from Year to Year a Draft of a Letter to the Nabob on the Subject N^o 122 is now read and approved.

The Honble the Court of Directors having in their Commands of the 27th November last been pleased to direct that the Establishment of Sepoys paid by the Nabob be continued on the same footing it was before the War broke out with Hyder Ally & that the whole expence of ten thousand Sepoys be carried to his Debit —

The President acquaints the Board that he hath conversed with the Nabob on the Subject that the Nabob seemed unwilling to comply with the Proposition of the Honble Court upon which the President acquainted him that he should be under a necessity of writing him a Letter on the Subject to which the Nabob said he would return an Answer — A Draft of a Letter on the Subject N^o 124 is therefore now read and approved and ordered to be translated —

Lieut. Coll. Geo. Downing in Pursuance of his Request contained in his Letter of the 23rd Inst^t entered in the preceding Diary, been permitted to return to England. Major John Desplains is appointed Lieut. Colonel to march from this Day. And Major John Bellingham is appointed Sub Major with the 2nd and 4th Batt^{ns}.

Letter to the Nabob on the Subject of the Company's Orders for charging 10 Batt^{ns} of Sepoys to his Account

Major Desplains appointed Lieut. Col.

Major Bellingham Sub Major.

entered

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Lt Col Lang appo.
to the Command
of Madras

Allowances annexed to that Rank, and Lt Col.
Lang is appointed to the Command of Madras
in the room of Lt Col. Lee.

Mr. Cotesford
permitted to come
to Madras on his
private Affairs.

The President acquaints the Board
that Mr. Cotesford had applied to him for
leave to come to Madras for a short time
on his private Affairs - which is granted.

Jr. Du Pré

John Smith

Henry Brooke

John Whiteley

J. M. M.

Gen. Mackay

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Recd the following Letter from Gen. Smith
Honble Sir

Letter from Gen.
Smith dated 13th
taken by L. Pitt.
Benjamin Detachment
The Enemy's Fort
again to gain 30000
Regt. for the Prisoners
of the Place —

I have been honored with your letter
of the 13th and the Commands of the Board dated 16th
to both of which I shall reply fully to morrow in
the interim have the Satisfaction to tell you that
Kala Koot was Yesterday taken by the Detachment
under Col. Bouquie with loss of one Sepoy and of
some few Wounded. The Rajah of Jivarat of the
Principal Men then in the Fort were surprized
of just to death endeavouring to make their Escape
by the same Gate that the Detachment had opened
a Passage into the Fort by. The Nabob had for
2 days negotiated matters with these people of
more or the power at least to all outward
appearance of concluding it, but of being
granted of more then sending into the Rajah
when the Colonel's Party was on their March
to the Place I had given the Nabob Letters for
Col. Bouquie which he delivered to their Viceroy
but instead of forwarding them as they ought
to have done without loss of time, they were
delayed and our Troops possessed themselves of
the Fort with great ease as I have said at
the strength of the Rajah's Force was at the Barris
opposite to our encampment of which they apprehended
any attacks we should make would be from that
Quarter so that Col. Bouquie met with little or no
opposition, so he had many slain and taken many
Marching he reached Kala Koot of the Colonel's
now much Indisposed from the fatigues he had
The Rajah had 10 Elephants,

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Money and Ammunition in the Plain which the Young
Nabob has transcribed for 30,000 Pay. The Surgeons has
surrounded of the Death of the little Marwar as gives
the Nabob entire possession of these two Countries, so
that I shall have now nothing more to do than
fettle with him the Number of Troops required
to be left for his Protection and order the rest to
their several Destinations & I shall take the Route
of Madurah for on to Madras when I hope to
give you such an Account of this Expedition as
will leave no room to doubt we have been either
Idle or putting the Nabob to any unnecessary
Expence.

The Young Nabob wrote his
Father last night, but I was too much tired &
did not know till it was too late. Coolidge's trouble
is some on the Road.

I am Dear Sir
With Respect and Esteem
Your Obedient Servant
J. Smith

27 June 1772
Camp Kemmure
8 Miles West of
Katter Koit

A Letter to the Honble Court of Directors
of this State was wrote and dispatched with the
following to the President & Council at Bombay
To the Honble William Hornby Esq.
President and Governor of Council at Bombay
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay
with one from the
Company's Officers
regarding the French

Enclosed you will please to
receive a Duplicate of our Letter of 12th ult. with two
Packets for the Honble Court of Directors.

That Number Mark

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Marked & contains advices of this date of which we request may be forwarded with the Packet which accompanies our Letter of the 20th ultimo should it not have been forwarded to Bassein before this reaches you.

The Packet marked 2^d contains a Duplicate of the Letter for the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors transmitted to you the 20th ultimo as also Duplicate of our Address to them of this date which we request may be forwarded by another Conveyance.

By advices from the Cape of good Hope we learn that the Dutch are taking Measures for withdrawing their Towns from the Islands but in which they meet with much Difficulty by reason of the great Scarcity of Provisions at the Islands & the unwillingness of the Dutch to supply them at the Cape.

We are

Hon^{ble} Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Jonas Du Pré Esq. Commandant

Fort St George
6th July 1772

Monday
6th July

At a Consultation Present
Jonas Du Pré Esq. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke. John Whitehill
J. M. Stone

George Mackay

Mr Charles Smith in absentia

The President acquaints the Board

President's Report
of the Swallow to the
Young Men

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That pursuant to the Minutes of Consultation
of 13 June made further Enquiry regarding
the Report of the Insult said to have been
offered to the Young Nabob, he had seen it
expressed in a Letter from Camp dated the 9th
May that the Young Nabob was tipped by the
European Corps the day after he came to Camp
as he was coming down the Lines in his Chariot
That this Letter was not addressed to him (the
President) nor was it wrote with any apparent
Intention of giving the abovesmentioned Circum-
stances as an Information but merely as the
Proclamation of an Event, which the Writer thought
might be unfavorable to the hopes of the Army as
not tending to excite in the Nabob such senti-
ments as might procure a Gratuity to the
Troops. That he (the President) had again
applied to the Nabob for a sight of the Letter
which he had received from Camp on the same
Subject to which the Nabob had promised to
show him; but the Nabob's Mounchee being sick
the Letter could not immediately be got at, but
that the Nabob promised to send it to the
President; when it should be communicated to
the Board.

The President further informs the Board
that having heard that an Insult of the
same Nature had been offered to the Young Nabob
soon after his return to Louisbourg from the
Penguin Expedition he wrote to General Smith
on the Subject That this Intimation however
did

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obvious reasons might not appear upon
their Proceedings of which they hoped might have
been avoided, as the President made them acquaint-
ed with the Letter he had wrote to General
Smith in the Subject of which they could not
but suppose would at least prevent any
thing of the like kind happening again
All these Circumstances considered, it was certain-
ly a Duty incumbent on the Board, in
support of the Honor of the Nation, of the
Nabob, of the Company & of their own as
well as General Smith's Reputation, to make
him acquainted with a Matter which seemed
to reflect so much Discredit on this Government
as well as on himself - And we did hope that
General Smith would in consequence thereof
have made the strictest Enquiry into the
Circumstances which would have given rise
to such a Report. But as he has in his
Letter of the 5th June confined himself to the
simple Denial of the Fact with regard to
Time and Place as related in our Letter of
the 23rd May, the Board are of Opinion that
he should be made acquainted with the
Circumstances as they are now reported to
us - The following Letter is therefore now
wrote to him -

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast,
Sir

Letter to G. Smith
in consequence

When we communicated to
you

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you in our Letter of the 23^d May a Report which purports
of an Insult that had been offered to the Young
Nabob by the Army on the Plain of Trinitopolis
We mention it as a Report and not as an infor-
-mation. Had it come to us in a regular formal
and precise Information we should agree very
heartily with you in Opinion that if it proved false
even in the circumstances the Author ought to receive
exemplary Punishment. But Reports do not come
to the Publick with that kind of precision, it
is difficult to trace them to the Original Author
they may have many Authors the Ground may be
true, but in circumscribing the circumstances may
be warped or exaggerated this mistake inatten-
-tion or design misrepresents as Reports such as
these, uncontradicted, always leave some impression
on the mind even in the best of Times and sinks
much deeper when contending Interests may
make it convenient for a Party to give them
Vigour We thought it necessary for your Honor
for that of the Army, of the Company and of
the Nation, and for a Justification of our
Conduct to Inform you of the Report that
you might have an Opportunity of refuting it
if it were false. In your Answer of the 5 June
you inform us very Circumstantially that
the Fact as we related it is utterly without
Foundation. The Circumstances are a sufficient
refutation, for we think it impossible that
such an Insult could have been offered under
your Eye without being known to you. But

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we did hope that the Communication we made
to you of what had come to us by report would
have brought to us in your answer a clear
and Circumstantial Account of what did
actually happen that could have given rise to
such a report, but as you confine yourself
to a Negation of the Fact in time and Circum-
stances as related in our Letter We have thought
it necessary to make some Enquiry into the
Grounds of the Report and we understand that
altho the Young Nabob was not seized by the
Troops on the day you turned out the Army
to rescue him, That Insult was offered to
him the next Day or shortly after by the
European Corps as he professes the same in his
Character, We do not give you this for a settled
Fact in every Circumstance of time ~~and~~ place
of manner, but we must say that it seems
probable to us that he was insulted by the
European Troops at some time, in some place
by some manner and we are the more
Induced to this Opinion because on Enquiry
it appears to us that he was Insulted once
before at Surinam ~~after~~ after the Lanyine
Expedition by a Boy of ~~Indian~~ Indian demanding
the Gratuity Money and that to free himself
from them he made a sign to one of them
to follow him or to go to his share which the
Man did and this having been done publicly
and be no secret yet we never heard that any
man was punished of this we took no publick
Notice saying that nothing of the kind was

insulted

kind

could

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would happen again, but when we heard of
a second Insult from the Army then ordered
on a Service with the Young Major was to
attend as the Representative of his Father
we must confess We began to fear they might
proceed beyond Insult. It rests on their
Officers to restrain such Licentiousness and
on us to remind them of the necessity of doing
so, having done our part - and left them we
have done could not justify us - we can only
express our concern at what has happened -

We are
Sir

Your most Obed^t

Humble Servants

Jos: DuPre & Council

Fort St. George
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Letter from Mr. John Ross Commissary to the

Army said as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq^r

President and Governor of Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Servs.

I have this day been honored with

your Commands dated the 15th Inst in consequence
whereof I have transmitted your Honors G^d enclosed an
Extract Muster Roll of the Army, together with
a correct List of the Officers who were present when
Rumors & so forth was taken; including the Rank of
the Staff Officers, Conductors G^d as directed in your
Letter, as signed by General Smith. I should have
assured the Honble President sooner with these
Returns had not the Communication with the
Insidery

Letter from Mr.
John Ross with
a Muster Roll
& List of Officers

at Fort St. George 6th July 1772

Having been absent some time past.
no Supplies. having arrived for many Days in
Camp - I have the Honour to remain with
perfect Esteem

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient
and humble Servant

John Popham

Commanding the Army

Camp near Carrynoon
June 25th 1772

Major Green to
superintend the
fitting up the
Fixtures for the
Arms.

The President acquaints the Board
that the Major has expressed a Desire of having
a List of the Army at the taking of Ramnadapuram
Orders that a Copy of the Muster Roll of List of
Officers now received be delivered to him.

The Military Storekeeper reports to the
Board that having communicated to Major
Green the Resolution of last Consultation by
which the Engineer is directed to put up the
Fixtures for the Arms, Major Green had
represented that it would be necessary that the
Carpenters and Smiths should be put immedi-
ately under his Direction, as he cannot give
a Man for erecting them; but that the whole
must be put under his Inspection which the
Board approve, you will please that Major
Green will undertake it.

Read the following Letter from M^r W. Dickinson
Esq.

To the Honble Josias Du Roi Esq.
President and Governor of St. George and Commandant
in Chief of the Forces on the Government Coast.

Honble Sir

From the preceding enclosed

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Arrived this day the Honble Company's Ship
Fox and Duke of Albany, the former with 3
Cubits of 92. Military of the latter with 10 Cubits
now bound for this Presidency.

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To Lieut Coll Ross Lang
Sir

Letter to Lieut Coll
Ross to present
the Com.
at Vellore.

We have appointed you to the Command
of the Garrison of Vellore: You will therefore
be pleased to proceed thither for that purpose Capt
Povey who has been left on the Command is
instructed to deliver the same over to you on your
Arrival

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We are Sir
Your most Obedt Servants
Josias Du Pre de Lamoignon

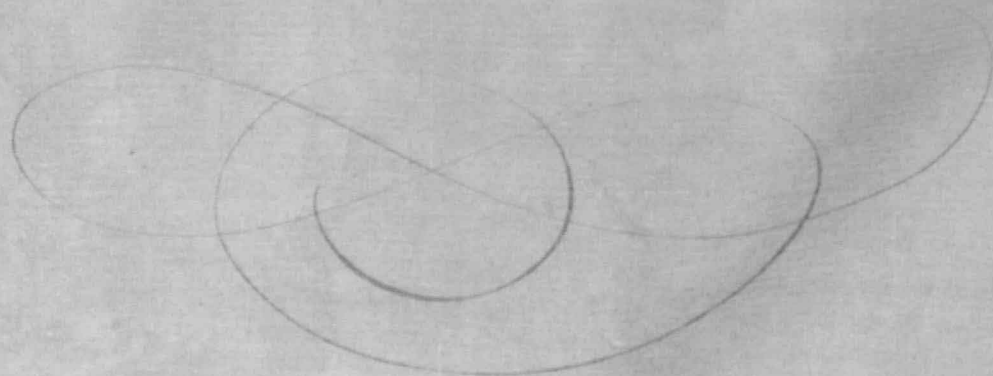
To Captain Peter James Povey
Commanding at Vellore
Sir

Letter to Capt
Povey advising
him thereof

Lieutenant Coll Lang having been
appointed to the Command of the Garrison of
Vellore, he now proceeds to take that charge
upon him, of which you will therefore deliver over
to him on his Arrival.

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We are Sir
Your most Obedt Servants
Josias Du Pre de Lamoignon



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Monday
13 July.

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esq^r Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
— " S. M. Stone
George Mackay

M^r Charles Smith Indisposed.

Letter from General Smith needs as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President and Governor of Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Mrs.

I have recd the Board's Commands

Letter from Gen Smith
advising the above
to the taking
of the Fort of the
Tamil with the
young Natives. The
Troops return
to Fort St. George

of the 5 and 16 June, to which I would have assented
with the utmost readiness, but the Hope of a speedy conclusion to
the matter in hand, has made me to defer it till I can give
them a satisfactory Account of the Army's Progress.

After the Reduction of Ramnad
Maram Command at Amroth Behander represented the
necessity of the Army's remaining there some days
until his Amaldars were put in Possession of
the Countries dependant thereon & that the Indian
battalions were furnished with his Order & brought
back to their Villages in consequence of this
representation the Troops halted from the 3 June
to the 15. when he signified his desire that they
should proceed against the Naticoot, Maran
Little Maravan.

On the 16 we moved & arrived at
Shueyunga the 19 in the 24 in the Evening. Lt
Bouquet's Detachment joined, but being much
fatigued

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Vatiguid would not March the next Day, on the
22^d the Corps of Grenadiers advanced to a Village
near the edge of the Callacut Woods, & on the 23^d
in the Morning the whole moved from Shengunga
to Keeransor about 7 miles West from Thala Hoil
The Colonel was reinforced with the Nabob's
Battalion of Topazes Commanded by Capt.
Martins, & Marched the same day to Thoburien
with Orders to proceed to Punganary a Village
to the Northward of it by which one of the
Principal Roads leads to Tripatore & where its
appearance would rather draw off a part
of their Attention from the Banners near to us
as you have an Opportunity of surprising them
while they direct their Views towards the Army
On our Arrival at Keeransor Omout and Omoot
Behander, received several Messages from Sanderoy
Pillak assuring that an accommodation might take
place if his Master would agree to any Terms
that should be thought proper to impose: but
as the Ramnand People had declined for two
days in their Negotiations, I cautioned him not
to give those too much Time lest they should
play the same Game of delay by amusing what
they would to sustain their Families and
Effects. He seems to believe they were sincere
in their Intentions, & would gladly embrace the
Terms offered, however the 23^d part of the
25th at Noon when Vargab returned to Sanderoy
Pillak to inform him. Matters were settled &
they had agreed to leaving the Place the next Day

As I

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as I observed them during the Treaty very busy at Work repairing a Barrier our Troops has burned & cutting a vast Number of Bushes to close up the Roads with, I was not to stop Col. Bonyours progress till I was assured from the Young Nabol of his having finally concluded this information I had from him about 10 o'clock in the morning of the 25th when he requested I would send Orders for the Colonel to Halt whenever the Letters should find him. Accordingly one was given to the Naabooty Mans Vackels to forward thro the Woods & a Duplicate by our own Heralds; unfortunately for the Rajah Col. Bonyour was then on his March to Kalam. Most of the Vackels instead of dispatching the Letters as they ought to have done the Moment they received them, dally'd the Time away in Camp & when they arrived at Lanyamundulum a Fort about 2 Miles in the Woods & where Sanderoy Pillah was with all their Force, watching our Motions, the first thing they heard was the Young Nabol's Col. Bonyours Detachment, this alarmed them exceedingly; Sanderoy Pillah went off in great Haste & confusing the Nabol's Vackels and the Maras returned to Camp.

Col. Bonyour entered the Place without loss of a single Man, the Rajah was killed near one of the Gates of several people killed in the first hurry of our Troops entering, Sanderoy Pillah & the Rajahs two Brothers

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thus Escape to the Westward, some Money
of Jewels were found in the Fort whilst the
Young Nabol Ransomed for 50,000 Pagodas, and
I shall have Occasion to say more of many
next address.

The Death of the Naacosty
Man of the Seizure of the Rane of her son at
Rannond gives the Nabol entire possession
of both their Countries & those obtained too
without the Loss of Twenty Men I have represent-
ed to his Gen. Council at Amrah Behansen
your Orders with Respect to the Army of your
wishes that they may as speedily as possible
return to their destinations, He insists on my
staying two or three days longer here if then
board with him a Detachment composed of
the Grenadiers of the 1st Batta. of the 2^d Regiment
with two Sea Pieces for the 1st Batta of Sepoys
3 Companies of the 1st Batta. Capit. Runtly
Regiment of Black Cavalry of Cap^t. Murt.
Sepoys Cap^t. London is for the Present to
Garrison Kala Kait. The Heavy Guns of
Homes to be sent to Marum of the Reg^t.
with the 3rd Batta. of Sepoys of Cap^t.
Matthews Cavalry march to Srichinsholy
all which I hope will meet with your
approbation especially as I am just now
informed that the Rajahs People have
abandoned Srichinsholy the only Fort of conse-
quence in this Country

I am of Opinion it will be