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The Letter from his Majesty was this day presented by Sir Robt. Harland, near the Troops from Permaine & all that could be spared from the Duty of the Garrison attended the Ceremony.

13 The following Letters were this day wrote.

To Mess^{rs} William Martin Goodlad
John Sullivan
& Paul Benfield.

Gentlemen

Letter to the
Committee of
Nabob's Creditors
in Answer to the
General Points
proposed by them

Agreeable to what we wrote you under date the 22^d. February, we now proceed to give you all the Information in our Power on the several Points you have proposed.

A Copy of the Propositions & of the orders of the Court of Directors regarding the same you will receive herewith together with an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation held at the Admiralty House the 5th Feb^y.

The following is the Arrangement we propose, in Consequence of the Propositions above mentioned.

The said Propositions express that whatever sums shall have been received from the Nabob from Dec^r 1769 to the 22^d August 1771 the day of the Receipt of the Orders regarding the Propositions, exceeding fifteen Lacks of Pagodas shall be divided between the Company & the Creditors in equal Proportions. And as the said Propositions appear to have been founded on an Opinion that the Nabob far from paying off any of his Principal to his Creditors between

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between December 1769 and 30 June 1771, would not
now have paid off all the Interest; because the first
Article of the Propositions expresses that the Court
of Directors shall send Orders to us to use our good
Offices with the Natch to obtain immediate
Payment of such Interest as may be due to his
European Creditors therefore whatever Sum the
Creditors have received from December 1769 to 22nd
August 1771 exceeding the Interest of their Bonds shall
be added to the Sum received by the Company
exceeding fifteen Lacks of Pagodas & then the
whole be divided between the Company and the
Creditors in equal Proportions - Amounting to
which adjustment the Account will stand as
follows.

The Sum received by the Company
from December 1769 to 22nd August 1771.

exceeding 15 Lacks of Pag^{as} amounts to 333090^{rs} 13.69

The Sum received by the Creditors

during that Period exceeding the

Interest on their Bonds amounts to

To be divided between the Company &

the Creditors in equal Proportions

The Creditors share for which we are
to give Company's Bonds at 40 Cent
(According to Assignments of Natch's Bonds)

to that Amount

It is to be observed that the foregoing decision
is very favorable to the Creditors since the said
sum of Pag^{as} 333090^{rs} 13.69 received from the Natch
exceeding 15 Lacks of Pagodas was for use on
Account

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account of the Current Charges expended by the Company for the Protection of the Country Nevertheless as we are willing and desirous of showing every Indulgence to the Creditors, we consent that the same be decided in the manner herein proposed.

In Order to Carry the above Arrangement into Execution it is necessary we should obtain from you an Exact Account of the Principal Sum which was due from the Nabob to each of his Creditors the 1st Jan'y 1770, as also an Exact Account of the sums paid to them in Discharge of that Principal from the 1st January 1770 to the 22^d August 1771. As soon as we receive from you the necessary Information on these Points, we shall proceed to Carry the above Arrangement into immediate Execution.

After this Arrangement is made the Propositions express that all Monies received from the Nabob are to be applied in the first place towards the Disbursement of Current Charges not exceeding four Lacks of Pagodas in Time of Peace & whatever they may amount to in Time of War and then what remains is to be divided between the Company and the Creditors in proportion to their respective Demands.

From the above Statement which is according to the exact Letter of the Propositions it appears that no provision is made for the discharge of the growing Interest to the Creditors as Interest and Principal Payments but after complete Disbursement to the Company

to

no

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of their Current Charges whatever shall be paid by the
Nabob over and above those Current Charges is to be divided
as above. Nevertheless as we are convinced that it is the
Intention of the Court of Directors to afford all Possible
relief to the Creditors, and as it is our earnest desire to
give them every Assistance, we have been induced to
construct the Propositions in the most favorable manner
for the Creditors, and do therefore propose that after
Payment of current Charges, the Creditors shall in
the next place receive the Interest due on their Bonds
and then that the Overplus be divided between the
Company and the Creditors in Proportions to their respec-
-tive Demands on the Nabob. Agreeable to Art. 6. of
the Propositions.

To carry this Arrangement
into Execution it will be necessary to ascertain the
exact Amount of the Nabob's Debt to the Company
and of that to his private Creditors as they stood on the
22nd August 1771 you will observe by the Extracts sent
you herewith that the Specified Sum ascertained by
the Company as their Demand is ten Lacks of Pagodas
the Amount of the Creditors Demand on the said
22 August 1771. We must desire you to ascertain.

The sum remaining due from
the Nabob for Current Charges to the 29th February
amounts to upwards of Three Lacks of Pagodas
The exact Amount cannot be ascertained, as the
Accounts from the General Out Garnisements are not yet
received. It is impossible to say with any Precision what
they may amount to annually. We are now about
forming an Arrangement with the Nabob, in which
we shall endeavour to reduce them as low as the
Engineers

N.B. It will be better
to take the Creditors to
3rd Dec 1771.

received

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Exigencies of the Service will Possibly admit, but we think they will not be much Short of four Sacks of Pagodas.

We Inform you in our Letter of the 22^d February that the Answer we had Received from the Nabob left us in as much Doubt as ever with regard to his Intentions, and that we had wrote them another Letter, we have delay'd this for hopes that the Nabob's reply might have enabled us to give you some further Satisfaction, but as we have not to this Time received any Letter from the Nabob on that Subject we remain in the same State of Uncertainty, It is therefore our Wish that untill the Nabob shall make some further Declaration to us of his Intentions the Arrangements hitherto propos'd may be suspended and the Reasons are obvious, nevertheless it upon Consulting the Creditors you find them desirous of procuring immediately to the Dividends of the Surplus of the 15th Sacks due by the Company and of the late Divid^d due by the Creditors we shall appoint proper Persons to carry it into Execution forthwith.

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We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Jos. Du Pre
& a Council

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To Lieu^t Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer
Sir

Letter to L. Col.
Ross ordering him
to give Capt.
Mentzer the
necessary Instru-
ctions for Proceeding
to Trichinopoly

Having appointed Cap^t. Mentzer
to proceed to Trichinopoly in Order to form a Plan of
the Buildings necessary for Barracks Magazines
and Storehouses at that Garrison, with an Estimate
of the Expence that will attend building them,
we desire you will furnish him with the necessary
Instructions for that purpose the Plans of which
should be so formed as to admit of the Buildings
being erected by Degrees as we may not be able
to complete the whole at once, You will also
acquaint him that no Buildings are to be begun
upon untill we receive his Plans & Estimates thro
you, & we shall have given our Orders thereon,

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Serv^t
Josias Du Pré
& Council

Fort St. George
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Friday
13. March

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

M^r. Brackenbury Indisposed.

Letter from Gen^l. Smith read as follows.

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

I am honoured with

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Letter from Genl. Smith
with Proceedings of
Court Martial
on Lieut. Col. Lang

your commands of the 24th Ult^o and 3^o Instant, In
consequence the necessary orders for redeeming all Field
charges attending the Troops were immediately issued.
Capt. Lysanights Company of Grenadiers the 3rd, 8th and
the remaining part of the 9th Battalions of Sepoys
have moved from their encampments, and will
proceed early tomorrow morning on their march
to Madras and Vellore with the Lascars and
Bullocks as ordered Captain Tanyer has also been
made acquainted with your Instructions respecting
the purchase of Horses to complete his Troop.

Inclosed I have the Honor
to send you the Proceedings of a Genl. Court Martial
ordered by your Honor's Order for the tryal of Lieut. Col.
Lang, also his Letter to me explaining his address
to the Board of the 24th Ult^o in reply to the Warrants
of Consultation of the 17th which I have no Doubt
will be Satisfactory - nor have I the least occasion
to discountenance reflections on Government or the
Honour of it, in the Army, as there is not the
smallest appearance of a tendency thereto either
in the Officer or Soldiers.

I am sorry I was not sufficiently
informed of all circumstances respecting the Cause
of the difference between Lieut. Col. Lang and
M^r. Peters which your Honor's Order perceives
in forwarding the Proceedings of the Court
Martial with my Representations but as it
was designed merely to inform your Honor's
of the Facts as they happened which I apprehend had
been misrepresented, I hope it will be received as

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was intended

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Mrs. with respect

Your most Obed^t Servant
Joseph Smith

Trichunapoly Plain
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To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Sir

It gives me infinite concern
to find that in my account of a late Affair between
Mr. Peters & me I should ^{have} unintentionally used
expressions by which I have incurred the displeasure
of the Board. In obedience to their Orders I take
this opportunity of explaining myself which I
had done before had not my Lord Intervened

The Epithets of Contemptible which I
have bestowed on Mr. Peters is particularly explained
in my Defence, the following which is taken from
the Orderly Book of the Garrison of Madurai, is
one among the many well known Proofs that he
has a just Claim to that Title.

Madurai 15 Nov 1776

J. O. Doctor Peters's conduct having been
disagreeable to many in this Garrison, but by the
following Letter of acknowledgement to the
Commanding Officer, Expressing besides that he
is sorry to have displeased the Publick in the
above mentioned manner particularly to Capt.
Regent & hopes by his future Behaviour to what
he promises to fix a particular Attention, he
will counterbalance his past Faults & acquit

Letter from L. Colli.
Lang to Gen. Smith
containing his
Apology to the
Board.

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a General Esteem.

Col. Bonjour considering this
will be glad that his acknowledgements are
accepted expecting that in future his Conduct
will be Satisfactory to the Garrison,

To Colonel Bonjour

Sir

It an humble & honest
Confession of my past independent actions &
hasty capricious could be any Apology, I would
attempt to make one, but as my past behaviour
has in many respects been very unaccountable
even to myself, perhaps owing to the few
excuses I have some days ago unwarily fallen into.
I beg Sir you will not attribute any part of
my ill conduct to the want of all possible
respect to you & your Commands & if a proper
acknowledgement to any Gentleman I have
offended will be Satisfactory I should be
happy in making one as soon as possible.

(signed) James Peters

As to your Pardon, as the Board are pleased
to observe, it bears two meanings I humbly conceive
that Mr. Peters by the Force and Nature of
his Complaint, might have so far excited the
Compassion of the best of Men as to prejudice
them in his Behalf such are the propensities
to be understood from any expressions of which by
an Explanation of Mr. Peters Character I
have long wished to remove.

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informed in your letters that we find ourselves obliged
to address this to you in both characters.

When we declare in our letter to
you of the 27th December that upon the Criminal Charge
brought by you against us We should reserve our defence
to be made in Course of Law we did not mean to
preclude ourselves as Representatives of the Company
from the Benefit of replying to such parts of your letters
as might be requisite in discharge of our Trust. We do
not think it in any wise necessary to enter into a fresh
discussion of the Company's rights, or the Effects of your
Power upon them. These Subjects have been sufficiently
treated of in our Correspondence with his Majesty's late
Minister and more has been said than need to have
been said, for after all this is not the Place to try the right
and we are to waste Duras of Paper the Powers and the
Rights would still remain the same. You will be answerable
for your Conduct and we for ours. But lest our Silence
should be construed an Assent to the Opinion you have
delivered of the Nature and Validity of Treaties or Agreements
made by the Company's Representatives with the Princes of
India - that is to say - that they are to be considered merely
as transactions of private Persons made without his
Majesty's concurrence and Sanction and that the Nation
is not concerned in the Observance or the Breach
of them. We beg leave to refer you to the Company's
Charters and particularly to that granted the 3rd April
in the Year 1661 in the 13th Year of the Reign of King
Charles the 2^d. And to the Charter of the 14th January
1750 in the 31st Year of the Reign of King George the 2^d.
The construction of which we refer to you is now
apparent.

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appertain our intention herein being to assert the Rights
the Company may lawfully Claim under the said Charters
and all others.

In your letter of the 20th December you
Inform us that as soon as Circumstances will admit
you mean to begin a Negotiation with Mahadaree or
such Persons as he may think proper to depulse in his
own Name and in the Name of the Maharatta Nation
which may lead to a seasonal alliance, as we are not answer-
able for what you shall think fit to do in Virtue of your
Powers all that will rest on us will be to submit and
conform ourselves to such of your Acts as may constitute
nally and lawfully bind us; but we do not mean by
this declaration to preclude ourselves from the exercise
of the Powers derived from and under the several Charters
granted to the Company to Continue or make Peace with
any Prince or people that are not Christians in any places
of their Trade as shall be most for the advantage and
Benefit of the Company and of their Trade.

We do not mean to enter into an
Argumentative Epithy to your Letters, but we cannot help
referring to your own reflection and to the understanding
of all who shall read these Papers whether it is fair
whether it is candid to use and repeat the Words Peace and
Friendship in the sense you do in speaking of the
Marattas. You assert that we gave a Positive refusal
to their Proposals of Friendship, We positively deny that
we ever refused to accept their Friendships and to give
them ours, what we have refused is to send the Company's
Forces to their Assistance against a Power with whom
we have Engaged the Company's faith to maintain
Peace.

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Peace the like charge was repeatedly made against us by his Majesty's late Minister and was as fully refuted and positively denied.

You say when the Marattas apply to the English Nation they do not make use of the least threatening Expression, and Madarow Sadasiva's letter to you is in the most respectful Terms. What we know of the Matter is that they threaten or Use Mild Language at different Times as they think may best suit their purpose We have now a letter from Trimbuck Row in which he takes upon him to Question us for having assisted the Nabob in calling the Rajah of Tanjore to an Account, the next letter perhaps may offer both Threat and Friendship, what inference can be drawn from such Conduct? Madarow Sadasiva is here, and will no doubt think it proper to write respectfully.

Because we said in our letter of the 28th December that we could not prevent the Distress with which the Country was threatened, you say we appear desponding. Let us be fairly judged whether you or we appear most desponding. One of us, hopeless of other remedy, proposes a Submission to Terms demanded. The other thinking those Terms dishonourable and unsafe proposes a Vigorous Effort to Conquer the Enemy that the British Nation will not suffer itself or its Friends to be insulted with impunity it is true we despair of preventing the Carnatick from being distressed for distress will inevitably be the consequence of War, the way to prevent it in the present Case is to satisfy the Marattas if possible in their Demand of Chout and if that cannot be done by the Nabob the distress of War will probably follow, for it cannot be done by us. This is the Plain Sense of the Passage in our letter which you construe as despondency.

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dispendious. We must Confess that when in consequence of those Sentiments We proposed immediate preparations for repelling with Vigour the intended Invasion of this Province. We did not Expect a Proposal in Return to purchase a Respite by Employing the Company's Forces to the aggrandisement of the Moratti Power already too great and Dangerous, when their Marine and such Sea Ports ^{with} the Power of his Majesty's Squadron under your command and when even their Capital was not beyond the Conquest of our Combined Forces.

We have neither time or inclination to continue a Correspondence which has already given us much Embarrassment and therefore we shall refrain from further Remarks at present on the publick matters ~~or~~ ⁱⁿ your Letters, what we have said we thought could not be avoided consistently with our Trust, and we wish we could Stop here But there remains a Passage under which we cannot be Silent.

In the ^{6th} Paragraph of your Letter of the 20th December you are Pleased to say that you ~~are~~ ^{will} and shall upon every Important Occasion make a very great distinction between the real Interests of the greatest Commercial Body in the World and the Private Views and interested Considerations of Individuals. when does the Impartiality Egoism, and what does it allude to? Your Letter is addressed to us, it is necessary we should understand its contents. You write to us in a Petulant Character. Innumerable degrees it, Speak Plainly, are we the Individuals to whom you Impute private Views and interested Considerations contrary to the Company's Interest? If this is your meaning we dare maintain that the imputation is void of Sense.

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ingenuous. By what Part of our Publick Conduct have we merited the Language of Detraction? If it be a Crime to adhere firmly to the trust with which we are charged and to maintain the rights of our Constituents, are we not willing to Submit to the Law? Or is it our Private Conduct towards you that is exceptionable? It has been the Duty of every one of us to show you Attention, Civility, & Respect, which we thought might have merited a better Return, But whatever may be the Cause We think ourselves obliged to call upon you for the Proof of what you Impute to us, if you mean that we have been, or been to be bribed by Henry Atty. General to refuse Assistance to the Marattas. We beseech you not to spare us, alludge it in Plain Terms. We have heard it often unnumbered. Our Enemies have circulated such reports with great Industry ever since the Peace of 1769.

Since the State of Affairs has made it necessary that there should be a Correspondence of Letters between us We are deeply concerned that it should become personal when nothing ought to have a Place in it but the Propriety of Publick Measures. We cannot blame ourselves. We have given no Cause for the injuries you have done us in attacking obliquely our Probity nor for the harsh Language you use towards us. It Demands a proper Term, only when it can be legally enforced. Presumptuous and Arrogant, an Epithet that our Sovereign himself would not apply to the meanest of his Subjects. However there is a legal Course. But Vague Imputations which neither Point out the Crime nor the Persons accused are such as no Law can punish.

We are Sir

Your most Obedt and
most humble Servant
Josias Duvigne

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Before the above letter was signed, the following was received from Sir Robert Clarendon

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Gentlemen

In my letter to you of the 20th ultimo

I acquainted you that the Nabal had represented to me the improbability of preserving his Country without making up Matters with the Maharattas, and that for any thing that had been made known to me to the contrary I did not hold being of the same Opinion. That therefore I intended beginning a Negotiation with the Maharattas which for any thing I knew at present might lead to a National Alliance.

I now acquaint you that should this Negotiation take Place, I shall leave nothing in my Power undone to obtain the best Terms for the Company in every Part of India, without subjecting either them or their Servants to any inconvenience. But should it be impossible to satisfy the Maharattas without a certain assistance of Troops to Act against Hyder Ally - I am now to ask you this Plain Question, Will you in Case of a National Alliance grant any such Assistance, or will you be bound by any such stipulation, which I may find it necessary to make in the Name of the Nation. You will Oblige me much with an Answer to this Plain Question as soon as possible as Time is precious. I am

Josias DuRoi Esq^r President
of Council of Fort St George

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Rob^t Clarendon

Letter from Sir Rob^t Clarendon desiring to know whether in Case of a National Alliance with the Marattas we will grant them the Assistance of the Company's Troops.

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To which the following draught of an Answer
is now prepared and ordered to be wrote fair and sent with the
following

To Sir Rob^t Harland Bart^t
His Majestys Minister Plenipotentiary

Sir

Our address to you which accompanied
this was prepared before We received your Letter of this Date
which is in part answered by it, We have said that as
we are not answerable for what you shall think fit to do
in Virtue of Your Powers all that will rest on us will
be to Submit and conform ourselves to such of your Acts as
may constitutionally and lawfully bind us. What
remains to be answered in Your Letter of this date is this
Question, Whether in Case of Your making a National
Alliance with the Marattas we will send them an
Assistance of Troops to Act against Hyder Ally. To which
we Answer that we shall not think the Company
constitutionally and lawfully bound to send such Assistance
and that it is not our Intention to assist the Marattas
with any of the Companys Troops.

We are

Sir
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants

Josias Du Roi

C^t Laurens

The Select Committee communicate to the Board
the Sentiments of some of the Gent^ls of Directors as contained in their
Letter of 10th April last respecting the Conduct of the Government
towards the Marattas. Hyder Ally the Nabob and his Majestys
Minister together with the Committee of yesterday regarding
the Information to be given to the Nabob of this Subject.

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wrote to Trumbull Row in consequence, which the Board
approve, and ordered that a Letter to Trumbull Row be
prepared accordingly.

Jos. Du Pri

John Smith
Henry Brooke

John Whitcomb
Geo. Mackay

Monday.
8 Jan'y.

At a Consultation
Josias Du Pri Esq.
Warren Hastings
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitcomb

Present
Governor President
Samuel Ardley
George Stratton

George Mackay

W^m Brinkenden indisposed.

The Select Committee communicated to
the Board their Minutes of this day, containing the substance of
the Conference with the Nizam, respecting his Proposal of sending
his own Troops to the Assistance of the Marattas with the
remarks of Members of the Committee thereon, in which the
Board entirely concur.

The Draft of a Letter to Trumbull Row

is also now laid before the Board and approved.

Letter from Genl. Smith read as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pri Esq.
President of Governor & Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & L^{ds}.

The L^{ds} Officers, and as many

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Letter from G. Smith
containing an Account
from the Officers & Men
on the Subject of Prisoners
&c.

Every other Rank, who had been on the Tanyow Expedition
as was necessary, were assembled on the 2^d Instant, and agreed to
be the Instructions sent from your Honor of the 2^d ult. your
letter of that date, on the Subject of Prize Money was read, & that
nothing further could be done at that Time, they would be glad to
return to their several Posts, intelligence being just then
received that a Party of Merattes had entered the Carnaruk
and advanced within a few Miles of this Place. The Officers
have since had a Meeting and addressed me with a letter of
this Date, which I have the Honor to send you enclosed.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs

With respect
Your most Obedt Servt
Joseph Smith

Trusting &c.
20 Decr 1772

To Brigadier General Smith
Sir

Letter from the Officers
of the Army to G. Smith
containing their Sentiments
respecting Prisoners
&c.

It was with much concern that
we heard your read the letter from the Honble Board
relative to the Conduct and Expectations of the Army
under your command on the late expedition against
Tanyow now has the Pursuit of it with which you have
favoured us, or the mature deliberation with which we
have considered it, beyond that common

It appears to us that our
conduct has either been misrepresented to his Excellency
the Author, or that he has totally misunderstood it.

We are told that his Excellency
fully explained himself to the President on the Subject, that
he demands the right of the Army to Prisoners or Booty captured

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taken by Storm, and allows it to be the usage in this Country as well as in others, beyond that, he claims of no right Claim or pretension of any kind, to Compensation, Equivalent or Reward, upon any Consideration whatsoever. He is alarmed at the Consequences, and means not to give one Paper to the Army, while they seem to entertain such Ideas.

And that the Honble Board do therefore advise us through you, formally to relinquish all manner of Pretensions to Compensation, Reward or by what Name soever it may be called for Services, fatigues, or Hardships, past or to come, (excepting only the single instance of right before mentioned) of Places taken by Storm) and for the rest, leave the Subject now and at all future Times, to the free choice of his own feelings may suggest or appear if he should think fit. Where we think of the President, and the Honble Board in their Characters as Individuals we think of them as so many Friends, when we reflect on them in their Publick Characters, we acknowledge them to be our Superiors, Directors & Governors, that in their Hands are the Reins of Government, and that, of course, from them all instances of rewards & punishments must proceed, we therefore beg of you Sir to transmit to them our sincere thanks for their advice, and to assure them of our acquiescence therein as far as relates to the past or present pretensions which have been held out to us, and as far as relates to ourselves altogether. If after what we have to say, such a concession by them should be deemed necessary; but for our Superiors or what may happen in future, we do not think ourselves authorized to determine.

Having done this, we beg leave now to add somewhat in our Justification, which we think necessary

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misapprehensions from the misinformation, misconstruction or want
of Generous Sentiments towards the Army too glaringly
Evident And indeed Express'd by his Excellency the Nabob.

What all Times, having the former Consequence
on our Superiors here, have obey'd their Orders with cheerfulness
and that for the Service not do we believe that it ever Occur'd
to a Single Officer of the Army to inquire whether we Acted
as Promoters or Quakers on the late Expeditions.

Had we considered ourselves as auxiliaries
to the Nabob, we think that with propriety we might
have made the first Overtures to Um du Tel Omrah
Bahadur, touching the disposal of the Booty or Plunder
we might acquire, giving his Excellency the Preference to
any other Purchaser, On the contrary, the Army were to a
Man Silent, taken up with our Duty not a thought of
Plunder, Prize Money or Booty intruded upon us till the
Publication of the Orders of the 14th October last, containing
his Majesty's Settlers Patent to the Honble Company, enabling
them to take, seize, and detain, the goods & properties of
Persons and Nations, not Christians, in opposition or enmity
with them, also the generous resolution of the Honble Company
to divide all Plunder Booty &c. so acquired, into two parts,
whereof one Musty was allotted to the Army as a reasonable
encouragement for their Services, from this Time we began to
think of Prize Money but not as a Gratitude or donation
from the Nabob, but as a Thing to which we had an
Acknowledg'd claim, even the sanction of our Superiors.

Some time after this, if you remember
Sir, you convened us together, and read to us a Letter written
by Um du Tel Omrah Bahadur and address'd to the
Officers of the Army, wherein, in the Name of his Father

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He acknowledged the many Services He had received from the Honble Companys Troops, Expressing great Concern for the inability he had hitherto laboured under to reward these Services, and his Satisfaction that the Time now drew near which would enable him to do so, and at the same Time Offering a certain Sum to be paid to the Army within Three Months after the fall of Tanjore, provided that what should be taken thereon, as well as every thing else during the Expedition, should be delivered up to him. Thus in the first part of his Letter, the Nabi expressed an Intention to reward our Services while in the latter part, he made a Proposal to purchase our right, for which we returned our Thanks, but thought to reject his Proposal, upon the supposition that the Sum Offered, is far from comprehending any Reward for past Services, was not an Equivalent for our Merits of the Honour expected to be taken in Tanjore.

This our Conduct induced a second proposal from Um du Tol Amrah Bahadur which we apprehend, without further discussion with him Thanks accepted, was transmitted to the Honble Board.

The Letter here mentioned was the Spontaneous work of Um du Tol Amrah Bahadur or rather dictated, or prescribed to him by his Father, and evidently, If we may Judge from the Quantity or first part suggested by the feelings of Gratitude and from the reflection on his surprise himself of having made former voluntary promises to the Army which it had not been in his Power to fulfill, of which failure in his Part it does appear that the Army have ever complained.

The Army have never made any Claim or demand for Compensation for their Services at

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Justice, or that Account be displeased with the Army or suppose that their Conduct in this Particular case in any way tend to establish a Dangerous general Precedent.

The Expectations of the Army at this Juncture arose from his Spontaneous Offer to reward their Services in general, they were conscious of having at all Times, done their utmost for his Security & advancement in consequence of the firm Attachment shewn by their Honble Employers & his interests and they were not Ignorant that at that time they were rendering him very essential Service, so that whether Tanyon felt or not, if the War concluded to his Satisfaction and advantage as he had, of his own free will, through his Son expressed his intention to reward their Services, they surely had just pretensions to expect those Services would be rewarded.

We are clear, that no Claim has ever been made on our part, and that neither direct or indirect have been used, we have no Doubt therefore, Sir, but that when you state our Case literally as it is to the Honble Board, they will, though not under Obligation to Influence the Debate, think that our Conduct has not caused the most limited Objection of our Comorants and that we have through the whole endeavored to manifest our respect and attention to them, and that if any Error has been committed, it has been on the Part of the Debate who first taught us to pretend and now complains of our pretensions.

We cannot quit this important Subject without mentioning that from this ingenuous proceeding of the Debate in the present instance there is but little

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can left us to hope that by faithful Services, we may
in Time acquire the means of enjoying that ease & repose
which constitutions broken in India, when drawing to
an advanced age, more particularly require.

It has been so long the Custom in these
Countries for European Military, when acting in Conjun-
-tion with, or in the Service of the Country Princes to receive
pecuniary rewards for their Services, that the custom has
by long and unvaried Continuance, almost established
a right ^{we are very fully convinced that there is no just reason to} and that it is the intention of our Honble
employers that there never should. The Honble Board
however agree that in particular Cases, they may have
a right to profit by their Services, but it is such a Right
as we have Reason to think, as things are circumstanced
will never be of any avail to us.

The Honble the President of Board
seems to agree with his Excellency the Viceroy that we have
no Right, but in the Case of Places taken by Storm, they
also think that when acting as Auxiliaries, we have a
Clear Title to all Booty or Plunder, found in the Places so
taken and are of Opinion that we shall never wage
War Offensively, but as Auxiliaries. From hence it appears
evident to us that we shall never derive any indisputable
advantages from our Services, as it will always be for
the interest of our Principals to force taking Places by
Storm for having them to the last Extremity, he may by
Granting them Terms, and accepting the Place by Surrender
or Capitulation, sufficiently answer his own Purposes, and
release himself from paying any Consideration whatever
to them. We therefore request of you Sir to refer it
to the Consideration of the ^{Honble} Board, whether
as of the Custom elsewhere, the Right of the Army

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not to be extended a little farther, so that we may derive
advantages from Places taken by Stratagem & from Surrender
-ers by Capitulation, as was the Case with the Troops
acting against Pondicherry, the Havannah, Martimeo &
as also from the Defeat of Armies in the Field where by
we may become Masters of Treasure, Camp Equipage & other
in all which Cases, we are assured were the Honble Company the
Principals they would Yield us the Share which they have
generously allotted to us, of Plunder taken in their Wars
and we have no Doubt but that the Honble Board, in all
their Transactions wherein we are Concerned, will manifest
the same generous Disposition expressed by the Honble Company
namely, to give us all reasonable encouragement and it
shall be our particular care to merit it.

To sum up the whole Sir, that you
may be at ease, and never entertain other sentiments of us
than those you have expressed, let the Conduct of His Excellency
the Govt towards us at this juncture be what it may we
shall continue to discharge our Duties with our usual
cheerfulness & alacrity so that in the end he may be convinced
that he has Gentlemen of Honor and not mercenary Soldiers
to deal with, while our Superiors and Publick shall see
that we have deserved from him those Rewards which
perhaps we may never Receive.

We have the Honor to be

with true respect Sir

Your most Obedient humble servants

R. H.

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Trincomalee
20 Decr 1771.

Rep Barrq Lieut. Colonel.

W^m Flint Lieut. Col.

Edward James

John Des. Plans

John Braithwaite

Humphry Harper

H. A. M. Cosby } for the 1st Regt.

Hen. Jones } for the 2^d Regiment

Arthur Lysaght Captain

W^m Campbell Capt. of Engineers

Robt. Wood

Jim^l Mackarell } for 1st Regt.

Charles Lucas

J. Baillie Lieut. for the Sub^l
of the 1st Batt. of 2^d Regt.

Thomas Cuts for the Capt^l
of Artillery

J. M. Hage Lieut for the Sub^l
of Artillery

Agreed that Gent Smith be acquainted that
we will communicate to the Mahr the Sentiments of the Corps
of Officers & that we shall be Glad to find in him a Disposition
to make the Army some recompence for the Fatigues & Dangers
they underwent before Tanjore.

Read the following letter from Sir Robt.
Clarendon General of the 1st Division.

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Gentlemen

Letter from Sir Robt.
Clarendon was delivered
to the Officers of the
1st Division.

As the Mahr is a very important
to the British in India, we are desirous of securing
his affection.

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application from those who chuse to address me in that character and being particularly instructed by his Majesty not only to communicate to the Nabob the good Intentions of the Company towards him, but also to remonstrate to you in the freest manner, on any grievance which the Nabob may have to complain of, it became me to acquaint you with his Highness's application to me, in such circumstances as are mentioned in my letter of 20th December. Soon after my arrival in India I had my Plenipotentiary commission before you, and read that part of my Instructions which directed me to remonstrate to you in certain circumstances and as I found my entering upon Business in Character of Minister unavoidable, I enclose a copy of the full Powers, for your Perusal.

In consequence of his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, I applied to you requiring "Light to inform my Judgement and your Reasons for refusing to interfere with the Nabob in what he thought was the only measure by which his Country could be preserved in the present circumstances; and I thought I had a right to make use of the word demand on such an important occasion, when every information became necessary to enable me to discharge the trust reposed in me to the honor of our Sovereign and the Interest of our Country surely Gentlemen, your thinking differently did not authorize you to tell me, who had the best intentions both to the Company and to you as their Representatives that I had acted unconstitutionally; I confess I did not expect such a Charge from you, who must be sensible that the Transaction itself, was no more than my Duty, and who could so well have expressed your

disapprobation

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disapprobation of any particular word the Propriety of which
might have been doubtful without making use of a term
of high censure. But when I considered, that it might
possibly be levelled at the ^{3d} Plenipotentiary Powers, consequent
ly at the Authority who gave them, I was obliged to
write with reserve.

That I always must and shall
upon every such important occasion make a very great
distinction, between the Interests of the greatest Commercial
Body in the World and the private concerns and interested
considerations of Individuals, is an general maxim, which
I have laid down as an established Rule of my Conduct and
I mean to apply it to all without exception, of every Rank
of every Station however high, however elevated, nor will I
make any exception of the Princes of this Country, when it
appears to me that their private concerns are put in competition
with so great a National Concern, as to be sorry that you made the haste to write me then gently
and that you supposed I had given you Cause for the
introduction of your personal Qualities in my
Letter. But I am glad you have done so, as it
gives me an Opportunity of acknowledging the truth
and of thanking you for them, in the same Publick
manner.

It is not my design to enter into a
discussion of the constitution or Rights of the Crown, I
have no Intention to disturb the Charter or privileges of
the Company, and it has always been the particular
my mind to give you the best advice in your Trusting
and complying with the Company's Affairs and

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months in your settlement without ever troubling you with a single Letter enquire or saying upon Business, till the fulfilling of his Majesty's engagements, as they appeared to me to be express'd in the Eleventh Article of the Treaty of Paris, and as they are explain'd to me by my Instructions came in Question, and even then not before the State of the Carnatick had made an Application to me in Character representing his own distresses and the distresses of his Country at the same time acquainting me, that you had given him your final Answer, and as he told his Country was in danger of being irrecoverably lost, claiming that protection and Assistance which he had been taught to expect, by the very friendly Letters both from his late and present Majesty and agreeable to his expectations from the definitive Treaty of 1763. It became me as Minister Plenipotentiary, to receive such Applications and in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, I made a Representation of the same to you, without meaning to enter into any dispute about Rights or Privileges. I acknowledge I am still of Opinion, that the reserve of Sovereignty in all Charters establishes a right in the Crown to ^{send} Ministers to India as well as to any other foreign Power. And that the Royal Grant is absolutely necessary to distinguish the British Treaty which binds the Nation from the Private Agreement which is obligatory on Individuals only.

I cannot help looking upon myself as particularly unfortunate, that what is of so much consequence to me to know as his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary you have chosen not to tell me. I am to your Country as to me in that Character, and I must think you have very good reasons for your Conduct, yet as they are unknown to me my Transactions as his Minister

must

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must be determined by forming the best Judgement in my Power of what comes to my Knowledge, Should any Error happen in consequence, it can never be ascribed either to intention or Inclination, but to the peculiar delicacy of my situation —

As the Affairs of this Country have been represented to me, I cannot help being of the Nabob's Opinion with respect to the Propriety of Making up Matters with the Marattas, and though I am as much against the engagement of any Power as you can be without great advantages in View, either to the Nation the Company or both. Yet as there is no knowing what may be the Event of an Hostile invasion, and what may occur in the Course of a Negotiation to prevent it, it is best, it is prudent to know how far a Negotiation may go, and what can be provided against the last extremity. and thus Produced my letter of the 1st Instant. Though I never wish to take Notice of Particular Words. Yet in an explanatory letter, sometimes it becomes necessary. In my letter of 25th December, I said that had the Marattas in consequence of your positive refusal of their ^{Proposed} Friendship, entered the Carnatick by which any one might have understood my meaning to be that you had positively refused the Terms on which they proposed to give you their Friendship. And had you been Pleased to look back to my Letter of the 20th, you might have read the express Words, That I understood from the Nabob, you had determined not to accept the Friendship of the Marattas on the Terms proposed. — I could not say that you refused their Friendship simply as you have so often expressed your desire to have their Friendship for Yours, in your letters to Sir John Lindsay, and I

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I am very happy to receive the same assurances from you as I do believe it is the sincere desire of his Majesty to preserve Peace in this Country if Possible, and from what Judgement I have been able to form a Pacifick System in India seems very much for the Real Interests of the Nation, of the Company and of Individuals and to procure which my Endeavours shall be ready on every Occasion. Our Sentiments agreeing on this Head, I have made some Proposals to the Marattas, which I could wish to flatter myself would prove Successful, of which I shall inform you, as soon as it comes to my knowledge, as I am well convinced, it will give you great Pleasure, should Peace be procured without the distress, the expence and the uncertain consequences of War.

The last Paragraph of my Letter of the 20th ult^o is very nearly in the Words of his Majestys Instructions to me, and I beg leave to Inform you, that should it become necessary for the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships to Act. I flatter myself, I shall be able to give you sufficient proofs, of my Readiness to discharge the trust reposed in me in that capacity, agreeable to the Instructions which I have had the Honour of receiving from our Sovereign.

It is thus is most likely to be the last Letter I shall have occasion to write to you, to explain my Conduct and looking upon myself to be invested with any Authority to direct you, or to enquire into the Companys Concerns, but merely to support the Kings Engagements with other Crowned Heads. I therefore desire you will do me the Justice to hold me in your Thoughts, as a Man devoted to the Service of the East India Company, as faithful

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Servant to the Crown, and a hearty well wisher to me
and all of you. I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant.

Josias Du Pre Esq^r

President &c^a
Council

Fort St. George

Rob^t Harland

It is with the greatest Satisfaction the
Board observe the very great Difference in the Style and
Sentiments of the above Letter, compared with the others
from him - whether this Change be owing to any Orders
Sir Rob^t Harland may have received, or to whatever Cause
is immaterial, it is sufficient for us that he manifests a
Desire to promote the Interests of the Company and to
cultivate and maintain harmony with us their Represen-
tatives. We on our Part shall always think it our Duty
to assure him by every means in our Power of our sincere
wish to establish that Confidence & Unanimity so
necessary for the Interests of the Nation and Company
Agreed therefore that an Answer be returned to him to that
Effect.

Letter from Sir Rob^t Harland read as follows

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

Honble Sirs

I have the Honor to transmit to you
herewith, a State of the Works of Villam, wherein I have pointed
out what I imagine to be most necessary for the Security of the
Place and the preservation of the Troops Also a Plan for a
Hospital

Letter from Sir Rob^t
with his Account of
Villam of the Indians
and Building means
there

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Hospital together with an Estimate of what I computed the Expence of putting the whole in Repair must amount to. I have omitted every Thing that could conveniently be dispensed with intending to Submit to your Consideration some additions, and the Alterations that are not so immediately wanted when I come to the Presidency for which purpose I have taken an Exact Survey of the Ground near the Fort. and several Sections to ascertain its Figure.

I am with due Respect

Humble Sir & Miss

Your most Obed. and most

Humble Servant

Patrick Ross.

Vellum
December 24. 1771

State of Vellum

December 24th 1771

Vellum or properly Batum (anciently named Chirapoor, or the City of Lyons) I find by the Ruins of the Old Fort which are easily traced along the high Ground by a Bank, and the remains of several of the Towers and bastions still very visible. has formerly much exceeded its present Limits, and what is now the Fort seems then to have been the Citadel only. It is situated on the side of a hill seven Miles S by W $\frac{1}{2}$ W of Sargoor. Its Figure is an Oval whose greatest Diameter is S by W seven Hundred yards (700) and the Breadth of it is Four Hundred (400) yards. It is surrounded with a Rampart with Towers, whose Walls have the Rock for their Foundation, which has rendered necessary a Continuation of the Rampart to the bottom of the Ditch. That is partly wet and partly dry. Whose

Width

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Width and Depth very greatly, the Wall of the Body of the Place is defended by small Square Towers, that are in general very high. But on no two Places alike, having been built to suit the Ground that for the most Part forms a natural Rampart behind it on which they raised several Canals in order to have a more secure Command of the Country. The Pettah which is now entirely destroyed extended from the high Ground to the Northward by the river to the Bottom of the hill that commands the Fort to the Southward close to the Ditch of the Fort which on that side is Broad and full of Water from the height to the Southward, that commands the Place to the Northward by the East. all the Ground is high, chiefly Rock thinly covered with Soil, out of which the Ditch is cut. It is on that ^{face} Dry except on one side of the Large Gate where there is some water received from the Neighbouring Grounds, that along this side of the Fort rise gradually from the counterscarp, which is throughout very irregular and in some Places low and uneven, The Fort is from its Figure very defective as it can only receive a flank Defence from the Gateways which may be found in a kind of Bastion, but they are not sufficiently advanced to secure the Ditch effectually or even to look into many Parts of it, which was the Place deemed of sufficient consequence, would make out Works necessary. But as these Works would require Time and considerable Expence, together with a great Quantity of Materials prepared, and a Number of Workmen previous to their being undertaken. As none of the Indian Artificers might have been collected are yet returned I shall confine myself at present to what is essentially

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essentially necessary towards rendering the Place secure and habitable.

It seems it will be proper to strengthen & repair the batteries whose Guns bear upon the high Ground and so to thicken the Parapets of the Courlines, that in case the Place should be attacked Entrenchments may be opened thereon, the other Parapets which are in many Places faulty should likewise be repaired and thickened where necessary. The Walls at the Gateways should be formed into Ramparts sufficient to admit of Guns to fire from the Ditch.

The forming and raising the Counter-scarp of the Ditch is a work much wanted, that to the Eastward should be raised so high as that the rain which falls may be conducted into the Ditches, to which the Glacis thus raised, and having the irregular Ground levelled, will form Banks, and those Banks that now afford cover to an Enemy may be removed. The Glacis will then in a great Measure cover the Trenches and add considerably to the Depth of the Ditch. As no part of the Pettah now remains, I would propose that a Glacis or Esplanade of at least Three hundred 300 Yards should be formed to the westward, and that a new Pettah should be marked out beyond that distance. The Streets of which may be so disposed as to be defended by the Foot. The Counter-scarp of the Ditch in this case should be levelled with masonry, and raised so high as to cover the Trenches, which will serve to maintain the Water in the Ditch a great Part of which is now lost running off at the low Ground. When I would propose the constructing a Line to let it out a Pleasure from

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from whence it may be conducted into the intended
Pettah, This Work may be done either Simply as a Revet-
ment to the Ditch, or a Covered way be made before it
which would add greatly to its Strength, and as the
same Quantity of Earth must be removed and the same
Quantity of Materials made use of, in either Case, the
addition of Expense cannot be considerable.

Several of the smaller Choultrys if
properly secured with good Doors, will serve as Magazines
for Powder whose Roofs may be covered with Earth
should the Place be attacked —

All the Houses in the Garrison are built
in the Country Manner with little Squares, they are low
and in General covered with Thatch, but they may
nevertheless be made habitable with the Addition of
good Doors and Windows and some Repairs of the Roofs
few of which are at present water Tight.

The larger Choultrys are capable
of receiving the Number of European Soldiers now in
Garrison & there are Shatts sufficient to Lodge all the
Sick if properly secured against the Weather so
that I apprehend an Hospital for the Reception of
the Sick to be what is mostly wanted a Plan of which
I accompany this. The two large Wards will contain
with Ease fifty Six (56) Men which Sinagom will
be sufficient, under the same Roof are four other Rooms
intended for a Dispensary, Store Rooms & Quarters for
a Surgeon, that may occasionally convert into Quarters
for the Sick, and will receive thirty two (32) Men. Some
of the Verandas which can always serve in
cases of Necessity. The Hutchins I propose to be made

Shade

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shade Tavern, the drawing for the Hospital is made with a Tiled Roof, But I would wish could Materials be procured that It should be Terraced. The Difficulty is Timber, there being Stone for Building and Chimney in Abundance, and Clay proper for making Bricks at hand, which I ^{am} informed the Expenses of will be less than that of Quarrying the Stone.

The above Place ^{will} likewise answer for Barracks as such parts of it as are intended for the accommodation of the Surgeon, will serve as Officers apartments, and the Warols I apprehend will make good ones for the Men, next to which are to be considered Sheds for the Reception of Artillery Stores and Granaries. The former is more immediately necessary as the Gun Carriages &c now in Garrison remain exposed to the Attacks of the Weather, for the latter there is not so urgent occasion as there is a large building in the Fort erected by the late inhabitants to answer that Purpose, it is very roomy and well calculated to hold large Quantities of grain, if properly laid up, should there be more of that article in the Garrison than this Place will contain. Gunns may be built for the immediate Purpose as I have already mentioned. The condition of the Houses standing within the Fort to be bad, it will be necessary to remove that Quarters for the Commandant and other Officers will be an Object of attention particularly if it is the Intention of the Board to encourage the late inhabitants to Return rather than having leave given them to occupy these old Houses will be a means of inducing them to come back. In which Case I imagine it will be proper to appropriate a Distinct Quarter of the Fort

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Fort for the Cuptain of the Troops when the Barracks
may be built for that Purpose.

The Method of procuring Timber
in this Part of the Country is by sending into the
Woods and cutting it with the Permission of the
Proprietor, and having People to bring it from thence
as occasion may require, but this mode is subject still
to many inconveniences as the Timber will require time to
Season and it will also be difficult to collect a Quantity sufficient
for any thing considerable as the communication with this is
liable to frequent Interruptions from the Colours in the
Neighbourhood. The nearest woods we can at present be supplied
from are at some Distance and by the Information which I
have received The Trees fit for the Purposes of Building are
not to be found together, so that one Thousand, Five hundred
and Seventy Six (1576) Trees of which I had a Particular Account
cannot be collected in less than 10 Miles of each other when
the Major part of them are at the Distance of Twenty, (20)
Miles from Villam. I have given Directions to look out for
Smaller Timbers fit for Common Uses, and also for Bamboos
which are much used as rafters in this Part of the Country
for Want of Better) with such Wood as will serve for Palisades
and the Purpose of Crooking, That no Time may be lost in
having it felled when I am furnished with the Boards Orders
for that Purpose To Instruct which an Application to London
must be necessary as these Materials must chiefly be
Supplied from that District as all the Timber that can be
furnished from thence will be given and consequently
 unfit for the present Purposes of working. I imagine it
may be thought Proper to Procure Seals together with Iron
and Nails to serve as Garrison Stores. The nearest way of
being

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being Supplied with those Articles would be from Negapat-
tam through the Tanjore Country provided the Rajah Permits
it.

As there is no Established Mode of procu-
ring Materials, by which I am led to compute the Estimates
of the Expenses that will accrue from carrying into Execu-
-tion what I have proposed. I am only give a General Idea of
the whole. The Expenses of raising the Ravelinment of the
Counterscarp, levelling the irregular Grounds & forming the
Glais will amount to Thirty Eight Thousand (38000)
Pagodas, if carried all round the Fort, but what is most
immediately necessary. Immagine may be done for Five
Thousand (5000) Pagodas. The Hospital if erected and
finished in the best Manner will not exceed the Sum of
Five Thousand Five Hundred (5500) Pagodas, provided
we are not Obliged to be supplied with Timber from the
Coast, but in case Necessity compels us to Execute it in a
more Ordinary Manner, I do not suppose it can amount
to that Sum. If the Barracks are also constructed on this
Plan, they will bear the same proportion of Expenses
the Expense of Strengthening the Parapets, widening the Gateways
fit to receive Guns, together with Strengthening the Casemates
will amount to Five Thousand (5000) Pagodas. Making
Shots for the Artillery Stores and Workmen will be attended
with an Expense of about Five Hundred (500) Pagodas. The
Expense of repairing and making the Roofs of the Buildings
in the Fort water Tight will amount to Two Thousand
(200) Pagodas.

Patrick Rofs
Lieut. Col. & Chas. Esq.

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Orders thereon

It being utterly out of our Power, in our present distress for Money, to make the Repairs and Buildings recommended by Colonel Ross - It is resolved that only such Repairs to the Works as are immediately necessary for the Defence of the Place be for the present set about; and the Temporary Sheds erected for Barracks & an Hospital, and if any of the Houses can be converted into Quarters for the Officers that they be appropriated for that Use.

that

Read the following Letter from W. Cotsford Resident at Ganjam.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq.
Pres^t of Gov^rs Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have duly received your Letters of
Aug^r 20th, September 5th, and 13th.

Nothing material has happened since my letter dated July 25th respecting Maunsing or the Callicote Liminary. Our Detachments have been frequent-ly after him, but they have been able to do nothing further than drive him from Hill to Hill and protect the Country. Which latter has been done effectually as he has never yet been able to do any Damage to St.

Munda. And the Rajah of Callicote having represented to me that some small Posts established near the Hills and in such Parts of his Liminary as do not lie immediately within his Power to protect, would be very serviceable to him, I accordingly have given him Permission to erect three such Temporary Works which are intended as Places of Security for the General after

Letter from W. Cotsford
addressing of the State of the
Callicote Liminary of the Rajah
of Maunsing of this
Liminary of Ganjam
where he is recommended
to be kept against

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after it is cut down. that in the case of our Detachments
marching from Thunur he may the better able to Protect
his Country.

In my letter of the 25th July I laid before
your Honors &c in as clear a Manner as I could the
State of these Zemindars - On the 23^d day of July
Rajenderoo the Zemindar of Chigully died, his Eldest Son
12 Years of Age and named Kissen Chunder immediat-
ly made Application to me for Permission to take Possession
of his Fathers Zemindary, I informed his Principals Servants
that unless a great Part if not the Whole of the
whole of the Ballance due on the Country was paid off
it must remain in the Hands of the Company, They
have accordingly since paid in Cash 30001^{..} .. Rupees
and given Security for Rupees 40001^{..} .. payable from the
Produce of the Present Year being in all Rupees 70002^{..} ..
The whole of the Ballance is Rupees 90603^{..} .. in which
the Tribute for the Year 1771 is included, so that there
will remain to be collected the next Year as follows.

The Remainder of Ballance 20601^{..} ..

The last Tribute for 1771 — 35001^{..} ..

Rupees 63602^{..} ..

I have accepted from them the above Sums to be paid
within the Course of the present Year, being as much I think
as I expect have expected to Receive and the Remainder
will be cleared off the next Year and leave no Ballance
upon the Country. However I have not yet confirmed him
in his Zemindary neither shall I do any thing further
therein until I have your Orders on this Head, The
Zemindary of Callicoot has agreed to pay by the End
of August 1772 Rupees 45001^{..} .. And the Zemindar
of

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of Mahony has agreed to pay 6500^{rs} by the same
Time.

Some Time since I called upon the Zamindar
of Hautgur to settle what he should pay for the Present
Year requiring a Years full Tribute, and the Half of the
Baltam due from him, which being one Years Tribute
makes the Demand on him to be One and a Half Years
Tribute urging at the same Time that the Season had
been extremely favourable, and he had very Plentyful
Harvest in his Country, adding withal that if he did
not begin to Pay off a Part of his Baltam now, He
certainly did not mean to do it at all, seeing the
Product of his Country amounted to four Times the
Sum demanded of him. He said if the Zamindar of
Mahony paid one and a Half Years Tribute he
would also. That Zamindar having Time agreed to
such Payment informed the Rajah of Hautgur
thereof. But he still says He cannot and will not
pay more than one Years Tribute. This Zamindar has
conducted himself with much Insolence in treating
of this Business. Hiser Bunge the Zamindar of
Goomsur merits your highest displeasure, He being
the Prime Actor therein. He has persuaded the Rajah
of Hautgur to make an effort against the Government
seeing that only these two Zamindars are in a State to
make Opposition, that if the Present Demand is
granted it will be made a Precedent for succeeding
Years and the Tribute will in consequence be increased
in has backed this advice by giving him a Reinforcement
of Men, there being now actually in Hautgur between
1500 & 2000 of the Goomsur Peons.

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The Zemindar of Hautgur has ordered all his Inhabitants to quit the Open Country and by his conduct I have very good reason to Judge that he will not Pay without Compulsion.

I have attentively considered your letter of the 20th of August, Bemadoo having agreed to pay in one Month 20000 Rupies of which I have already received 10000. -- and being more over very Old and infirm in Danger is to be apprehended from his Measures. The Zemindar of Mohary and Chigietty being under Age and having agreed to Pay large Sums nothing is to be apprehended from them By the Death of Rajendoo of Chigietty (who was of a very refractory disposition) the Spirit of Opposition is entirely Broke in that Part of the District, Our Footing in the Callicote Zemindary gives us some advantage against the Rajah of Hautgur, and the Force we have is I think sufficient to reduce him entirely after the first impression has been made on his Country and our Troops in Possession of Hautgur the Place of his Residence. - That Zemindar has concerted himself, that if he is not proceeded against then Zemindars who have agreed to Pay will waver and perhaps at last not pay according to their Agreements.

The Conduct of the Zemindar of Goomson makes every Precaution necessary in this undertaking. I have therefore this day wrote to M^r Andrews requesting of him to send me 5 or even 3 Companies of Sepoys under the Command of Captain Brownish which I have engaged to them shall be again in their Station within one Month after their Marching

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Involves in Difficulties which he may be unable to
Surmount. —

Read the following letter from M^r John Prop.
To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq^r
Presid^t of Governor & Council

of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs —

In obedience to your Commands of
the 1st Instant I have already addressed the Honble President
regarding the Situation of the Publick Affairs under the Charge
of the late Paymaster of this Garrison. Since which your
further Orders have been communicated to me by M^r
Secretary Stone, under date the 23^d Instant

On my arrival here I found in
the Cash Chest a Balance of Three Thousand Tanams
& some Copper only & all the Sepoys at this Garrison and
Ambior unpaid for last Month. the Europeans & Officers
having received their Pay. M^r Stenhouses hired Servant
produced to me the real Statement of the Company's Cash
wherein there was a Deficiency of Ringed as 4683.22.66.
Amongst the Books I have found an Account Current Book
between the said Dubash and his late Master, wherein the
Deficiency of Cash is every Month brought forward. I have
already mentioned in my address to the President that
Various Methods were taken to conceal this Deficiency
in the Publick Accounts. Altho it seems in reality to have
existed for a considerable Time back. And this seems plainly
exemplified by referring to the last or any other Months
Accounts, transmitted by M^r Stenhouse. The Disbursements
for the whole Month will appear charged therein.

altho

Letter from M^r Prop.
regarding M^r Stenhouses
Affairs —

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altho a great Part thereof was not paid until the next Supply of Money arrived from the Presidency. Which Money having Credit in a fresh Account, prevents the next Ballance from appearing. Besides which there is a Sum of Pag^{as} — 1047. 12. 35. being the Amount of Contract Sheep & Provisions sold at Ambor and Velore about a Year ago, not brought to Acc^t. altho the Money has been long ago received. This also prevented the Ballance appearing in the Accounts.

Having Examined with the Utmost Attention into the Circumstances of the Twelve hundred Pagodas paid from the Company's Cash to Ramahs Brother. I understand that the said Person had at different Times sent a large sum of Money from Madras to Velore at the Persuasion of his Brother Ramah for M^r Stenhouses use; which Sum had been always punctually discharged. That about 3 Months ago he sent the above sum of 1200 Pagodas in the same Expectation of having it Speedily repaid. At the Expiration of 2 Months not having received his Money, he came to Velore to demand it of his Brother, and it was accordingly paid him from the Sums which arrived three days before M^r Stenhouses death. I have made an Examination into the daily Entries kept by the Coniophys, and find all the Circumstances of this Transaction confirmed by them, so that I cannot discover any Thing fraudulent therein. The Money appears clearly to have been procured for M^r Stenhouses use, as had often been Practised before, and may therefore be supposed to have been paid by his Permission or Order, as it happened when he was alive. Thus much I have thought it necessary to mention to Give your Honors a just Statement of this Transaction. I have at the same Time.

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I have duly complied with your Orders for recovering the said Sum. & having sent for Ramah's Brother, acquainted him with your Injunctions there, which after much Persuasion and Argument he agreed to comply with and accordingly paid me all that Remained in his hands of the said Sum, being 650 Pagodas and signing a Bond which I drew out for the remaining 550 Pagodas. he himself proceeded to Madras in hopes of having this Affair more adjudged to his Satisfaction by your Determination. Copy of the Bond now waits of you enclosed. The other Sum of Pagodas 400. which I find had been paid at the same Time from the Company's Cash, was a Transaction between the Paymaster and Contract Commissarys whereby they only receive that Sum, which they had been Debited for in Account, the Pending Month.

There is a list of 19 Persons indebted to Cash Pag^{ts} 621. 15. 22. but they are mostly such, as the Money cannot be recovered from, for some Time.

Obedient to your Orders I have made an Examination of the Papers of Accounts, which were under the Seal of the Court of Enquiry, in the Presence of the Commandant & M^r Steinhous's Brother. All that could be discovered therein gives but a very unsatisfactory Knowledge of his Affairs. It would appear that for some Years past he had paid sums of Money, & disposed of Effects, for which there are no Vouchers, nor can his Servants give any Insight into any of these Transactions. There is a Book of House Expenses wherein large Payments are sometimes Introduced and another Book kept by a Lieutenant Dubash, wherein are also large Payments but as the Concerns of many different Persons are herein all mixed together, an Estimate can be formed thereby. I found amongst these Papers

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some Vouchers and Notes, but mostly from such as
cannot, I imagine, ^{Specifically} discharge them, and his Servants seem
to think there are many Debtors of this Nature, for which
there are no Vouchers. They also acquaint me that he is
largely Indebted to others, towards discharging of which
his Effects as far as I can Judge will not produce much.
Thus therefore being the Situation of his affairs, the whole
is referred under the Seal of the Court of Enquiry, and
I presume some Person must administer to the Estate, before
any Thing further can be done, or any of his Debts col-
lected, and this Intricacy in his Affairs, will I hope ap-
-ologize for my not being able to succeed in forming any
accurate Statement of them, which is really impossible
to be done without entering into a Correspondence with
many different Persons, for an explanation of certain
different Transactions. It is evident however there will
be a great Deficiency in the Estate towards discharging
the Creditors.

The Account Remains of Stores in
this Garrison is now taking by Capt. Morgan and myself
and will as soon as Possible be transmitted to your
Honour etc.

For Disbursements for the
Month of January will require a further Supply of Six
thousand Pages as it be sent rather immediately.

Some Provisions of various kinds
able Articles, has in here and at Amboor during the
War with Hyder Ally Cawn, are I am informed entirely
spoiled & unfit for any use. There is also a small Parcel of
raw Sheet still remaining which had been provided at
the same time. Col. For seems to think that if any addition
was made to these and Liberty obtained to use them, etc.

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Shew, in case of want, for the Europeans in Garrison
it would be beneficial, I remain with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Humble Servt.
John Ross

Ordered that a Supply of Cash be
sent to Villour that the Perishable Articles of Provisions at
that Place and Ambior be sold off.

The Secretary lays before the Board
the Proceedings of a Sepoy General Court Martial received
from Capt. Putteney George Cottons, held on Panicalor
Private Sepoy in the 6th Co. 2nd Battalion for Theft and
Desertion, of which he is found guilty & Sentenced to suffer
Death - which the Board approves.

Letter from M^r Caphamajor was as
follows.

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

Before I had the honor to receive your
commands of the 30th September last, in Compliance to
General Smiths Orders, I had taken Charge of the Provisions
and other Property found in the Fort of Villour, and had
also in Obedience to His Directions disposed of Part to the
Troops - I have since detained over the remainder, with
the Money arising from the sale of the different
Articles to the Nabob's Servt. Vundatut Comr. also Richard
and have given him a Particular Account of the whole
Transaction for his Information. The Enclosed is the
Receipt for the above, which I send you, I remain your

Amk. l. m. Stock

Count & Marked on
Panicalor Sepoy for
Desertion

Letter from M^r
Caphamajor with
the Nabob's servt
Receipt for the
Articles found in
Villour

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I am with the utmost respect

Honble Sec & Servs

Your most Obed^t and

Faithful humble Servant

La^t H^t Casamajor

Trichinopoly

20th December 1771.

Ordered that the Receipt accompanying the

above Letter be deposited in the Office.

For DuBri

John Smith

Henry Brooks

John Whitchell

Geo: Mackay

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Wrote the following Letters.

To M^r James Henry Casanajor
Sir

We have appointed you to be Paymaster
and Storekeeper at the Garrison of Vellore, you will
therefore Proceed thither with all convenient expedition
& receive the Charge of those Employes from M^r John Ross
together with such orders and regulations as have Passed
regarding the same. M^r Petrie will take charge of
your Employ of Commissary to the Army until M^r
Ross who has been appointed thither joins it.

We are
Sir

Your Affectionate Friends
Josias Du Pri
of Council.

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To M^r William Petrie
Sir.

M^r Casanajor being appointed
Paymaster and Storekeeper at Vellore, and directed to
proceed thither with all convenient expedition, you will
be pleased to take charge of the Employ of Commiss-
ary to the Army until M^r John Ross who is
appointed thither joins it.

We are
Sir

Your Affectionate Friends
Josias Du Pri
of Council.

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Letter to M^r Casanajor
in ordering him to
Vellore.

Letter to M^r Petrie
ordering him to
take charge of the
Commissary's Employ
until M^r Ross arrives.

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Friday
10 Janry

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esq^r Governor President
Warren Hastings Samuel Ardley
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke " _____
John Whitehill " George Mackay

Mr Brockenden indisposed,

Wrote the following letter to Sir Robert Harland.

To Sir Robert Harland Bar^t

His Majestys Minister Plenipotentiary
and Commander in chief of His Majestys
Ships in India

Sir

Letter to Sir Rob^t
Harland.

Your letter of the 11th Instant is in
general so consonant to our Sentiments and Wishes, that
it has left us scarce a Subject for reply, but to declare our
acknowledgments for the Politeness and Candour of your
expressions and for the assurances which you have
been pleased to give us, of your hearty desire to support
the Authority, and Promote the Interests of the Company
Our Constituents.

We receive great Satisfaction in these
Declarations, as they afford us the strongest hopes, that
nothing hereafter will interrupt the good Understand-
ing, which we sincerely wish may ever subsist between
us.

Had We known that the Word
which you object to, in our Reply to your 1st Letter
as His Majestys Minister, might have been construed
in censure, We should have certainly avoided it, and
endeavored

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endeavoured to convey our meaning in Terms which might have been deemed less exceptionable. Our Intention was no more, than to assign the reason for our declining to comply with a Demand, made to us by you, in the Character of his Majesty's Minister. It was had believed that the Authority, by which you called upon us to reveal the Motives of our Transactions in the Trust reposed in us by our Constituents was allowable by the known Laws and Forms of the Constitution what reason could have been alleged for our refusal to submit to it. We might have used a more guarded Language, but the sense and Substance of our reply must have been the same, in whatever dress it had been clothed.

You have explained to us the Passage which we complained of in your Letter of the 20th December last in a manner which cannot be but satisfactory to us. We are happy to find ourselves mistaken, and thank you for undeceiving us. Perhaps We should not have been so sensibly affected by it, after having sustained like imputations from a numerous and fair and ingenious exposition which you made to us, of your Commerce and Instructions of the good uses to which it was your intention to apply them, Or had we not felt ourselves compelled with Sentiments towards you, which entitled us to a kinder Return. You seem to have been mistaken, where we said that we could not tell that we had been deficient in Personal civility. We meant

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not by that expression to claim any Merit from our Behaviour to you, in any Instance but to express Our Doubts & fears that we might inadvertently have failed in that Point. We are Sorry however that we made use of that expression, because it was liable to a misconstruction, although it has afforded us the Satisfaction, of receiving by your reply the Honorable and much desired Testimony, that our Attentions are acceptable.

We have the Honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servants.

Josias Du Roi
of Council.

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Letter from the
Nabob proposes to
send his own Troops
to join the Marattas.

Recd a letter from the Nabob as
entered in Country Correspondence N^o 3 setting forth the
of Establishing a Friendship with the Marattas. That as
we cannot send the Companys Troops, proposing to send
his own and desiring our Opinion thereon - Enclosing
also Drafts of Letters proposed to be wrote by him to
Trimbute Rao & Morari Rao in consequence N^o 1 & 2

The Board do not see what other
Answer they can return to the Nabob than that proposed
in Committee the 6th Instant and approved by the
Board, a Draft of a Letter to that Effect is therefore now
prepared N^o 4

A Draft of a Letter to Mander Rao
in answer to those received from him in Dec^r last N^o 102 &
103 is now read and approved as entered in Country Correspondence N^o 5.

The President lays before the Board

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a letter from Major Vaughan Commanding at Villam
setting forth that the usual allowance of Oil &c for
the use of the Garrison has not been Issued at that
Place.

Agreed that M^r Light the
Paymaster at Villam be directed to Consult with Major
Vaughan with respect to the Quantity of Oil, Candles &
other Articles required Month and transmit an account
thereof to the Board; and in the mean Time that he
do supply the Garrison with such Articles as Major
Vaughan may Judge necessary, agreeable to the Indents
to be delivered for that Purpose.

For Du Bré

John Smith
Henry Brook
John Whitchell
Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

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

M^r Buchanan indisposed.

Letters from General Smith read as follows.

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

Honble Sirs

I am honored with your Letter of the
31st Ult^o concerning the Proceedings of the General Court Martial
held on the Deserters which I now return, with the
several Sentences approved, and have put the same out
here in General Orders.

Indisposed I have the Honor to trans-
mit to you the Proceedings of a General Levy Court
Martial, held on Atto Muhammed Subidar in the 6th
Battalion, charged with Cowardice before Tanjore, on the
5th October. In the Course of the trial, in his Turn he
introduced the same Charge against Ensign Mayne his
principal Prosecutor, which is corroborated by the Testi-
mony of some of the Witnesses produced in his Defense.
By the Sentence of the Court the Subidar is acquitted
which must be approved according to the Evidence but
I have not done it till I am honored with your
Sentiments particularly as to the Subidar accusing
Ensign Mayne whose conduct I suspected was very
different from what it had been represented. I
therefore

Letter from Genl
Smith with the
Proceedings of a Court
Martial on Atto
Muhammed Subidar
of 6 Battⁿ.

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Therefore sent Lieut. Sauler who commanded the Party
in the Battery. Extracts from the Proceedings most
against M. Mayne, with Directions to advise me what
he knew of the Matter, I have now the Honor to Intere
you the Extracts, with the Answers thereto and his Letter
that accompanied them, from which it appears the
Subedar has acted from a Motive of Revenge, and not
only charged the Officer of his Company falsely, but
the Sergeant who is known to be remarkably brave.
As soon as it is convenient, it will be proper that
Ensign Mayne is tried by a General Court Martial
and if he is acquitted it will rest with your Honors
to in what manner to Punish the Subedar, and the
Witnesses he must have Suborned to answer his purposes.

I have carefully considered the
Honble Presidents Instructions particularly of the 6th
Ultimo which shall be punctually complied with as
far as my Department extends, but I have no hopes
of being able to procure the means of conveying any of
Grains with the Army, from the Young Nubel. Under
all Moltke, so far as to command the operations of
the Troops where their Business may be necessary.
And the Country People neither can, nor will bring
supplies to Camp when we are harassed with
War.

I have Accounts from the
Maratta Camp at Ristnagerby of two Detachments
being made from the main Body, one of Horse & Foot
and Horse, marching ^{towards the West Country} and the other ^{leading} on the road
leading to Wundewash. I suppose they are two weeks
distance their Destination is for the Caraculuck or not.
I have the Honor to be

Expenses Supplied of
from the Young Nubel
Grain

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Honble Sir & Sirs
With Respect
Your most Obedt. Servt
Joseph Smith

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To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq.
President of Governor's Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Gen. Smith
desiring to be excused from
attending to the Busi-
ness respecting Pay-
masters

I have received from your Secretary
M^r Stone a Letter enclosing the Minutes of consultation
relative to the Paymasters. I hope the Board will not
readily Believe, I should most Cheerfully obey all such
commands, as they might honor me with as far as
in my Power. In the Present Case I am unable to Discharge
the trust allotted to me, by this reputation, and at the
same Time go through the daily Variety of business
incident to my Situation which I find abundantly
sufficient to Employ me either in Garrison or Field
I therefore beg your Honor & c^{ts} will exempt me therefrom.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servt
Joseph Smith

Tribunals by
9 Janry 1772

Orders in
Consequence—

The Board having read and Considered
the Proceedings of the Court Martial held on Abbot Mahomed
Subedar of Ch. Buttⁿ of Sepoys for repeated Disobedience of
Orders & Suspension of Command, are of Opinion that the
Sentence whereby he is acquitted should be approved, and
that it will be necessary a Court Martial should be
held on Ensign Mayne, and indeed it is incumbent
on him to Demand one to clear his Character.

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As General Smith represents that the Multiplicity of Business he has on his hands will prevent his Paying the necessary Attention to the Execution of the regulations respecting Paymasters, it is to be recommended to him whenever he is unable to attend himself, that the Officer on the Spot next in Command to him do take it upon him.

Read the following Letter from M^r

James Peters.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r

President of Governor & Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs

I am laid under the Necessity of addressing the Honble Board to obtain some Redress for a very unwarranted attack on my Character, during the last Campaign, which is the more affecting to me as I have been denied every mode of Satisfaction, the Lawyers have a Right to demand - The Original Circumstances were trivial, tho the Consequences have been to me of a Serious Nature - M^r Lewis took the Liberty to say some disrespectful things of me regarding a List which I said were totally without Foundation and that he must either think of making some Apology for them, or be accountable to me for the embarrassing expressions he had made use of. Instead of following this course mode of accommodation he resorted to the General to complain of my intended Remonstrance. The General to avoid what he thought might be a Business only of Recommendation directed Lieut Col. Lang to call some Officers together & to enquire into the Affair. I was happy at this, being conscious to myself that M^r Lewis would be made sensible

Letter from M^r
Peters complaining
of the Usage received
from S. C. Lang

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of the Impropriety of his Behaviour, and all private
Umbrages from that Time be cancelled between us.
The Officers not agreeable to a Verbal Order of the
General - I was called on, and Colonel Long had
want of Candor, and Sincerity enough, to accuse me
for you have told several Damned Dirty Lies about
"an Old Tent" - Implied with (I suppose) thinking
that Bigotry was the Air of Pundit) Sir I
fear you are Bigotted - The Col. under the Sanction
of Duty (tho he were no Lash) immediately in
Passion called me Rascat Swindler and Ordine,
may forced me out of his Tent or he would Burn me,
The Officers took up their Hats, and the Court
dissolved of itself without any further Proceedings - I hope
Honorable Sir & Mrs as this is the naked unexaggerated
Truth, that you will be sensible of the Cruel unpardonable
Manner in which I have been treated - I feel it as
the severest Oppression & as I have no other means of
redress left, I request to leave to go to Madras to lay
it before this Honorable Board, & I flatter myself
The Character & future Welfare of a Young man will
be no indifferent Object of your attention and that
you will be pleased to think some means of redress
is necessary. I am with much Respect & Devotion
Honorable Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant

J^r Poley

Surgeon

Fort St. George

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Orders thereon

As the outrage complained of in the above Letter appears so great & unbecoming, the Board see no Method of doing Justice to both Parties but by a Judicial Enquiry. It is therefore resolved that a Court Martial be assembled for the Trial of Lieut. Col. Leung unless he shall make such Acknowledgment for his offence as M^r Peters shall think Satisfactory.

Letter from Captain Pascat commanding at Chinglepattam was as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq^r
President of Governor & Council
Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Captain Pascat requests bricks may be burnt there for the Works & that Timber may be sent for repairing the Bridge

Permit me to acquaint you that the clearing of the Trench, the Counterscarp & Bawn Walls are almost carried round from the Foundation with Stone and other Materials, but as this Work cannot be completed for want of Bricks, and having used all I have been able to Pick up about the Fort you will be pleased to permit some to be burnt for the above Purpose, the Store of Wood laid in for the Garrison may be used and fresh laid in, as much of it is already Damaged.

I have ^{leave} I beg to represent to you the Want of Timber for the Bridge, there is some here since placed there and has not been near us and now very much Damaged.

I have given M^r Saunders both the Dimensions of the Bridge and railing.

I am very Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt and
very humble Servant
Edm^d Pascat

Chinglepattam
January 7th 1772

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The Board approve of bricks being burnt
agreeable to Captain Pascals recommendation, and
ordered that the Storekeeper do send Proper Timbers for
repairing the Bridge.

Read the following Letter from Capt^r

Marchant.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r

President & Governor & Council
at Fort St George,

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Capt^r
Marchant Desiring
leave to resign the
Service, & to return to
the Military Service

I beg leave to acquaint you
that the Indisposition of Health in which I have been
for some years Past has made me under a Necessity
by the advice of the Physicians who have faithfully
attempted my recovery, to Return to Europe as my
only Resource, and that labouring under the additional
Misfortune of being in Indigent Circumstances, and
Disabled by Wounds which entitle me to the Provision
bills Established for the Support of unfortunate Officers
& Soldiers, I have made Application to General Smith
for the necessary certificate to obtain the same, which
Certificate I have the Honour herewith to enclose for
your approbation, I flatter myself Honorable Sir
& Sirs that you will be so kind as to give it a
favorable Reception, and under the additional
Favor on me, to grant me a Passage on the first
Ship that shall sail for England

I am ready to take the Oath
required of me on this Occasion whenever, Honble
Sir & Sirs, you shall think proper to have the same
administered to me.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

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Your most Obedt.
and most humble Servant

R. Marchand

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith,
Commanding Officer of the Honorable Compa-
ny's Troops on the Coast

Whereas it is ordered by the
Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble
Company's Fund, for the Relief and Maintenance of
European Officers & Soldiers who by their Wounds or
Infirmities, are rendered incapable of further Service
in India That they produce a Certificate from
their Commanding Officer as one of the requisites
to entitle them to the Provision made by the said
Military Fund. I do hereby that Rodolph & X
Marchand, born at Souveller, in the Bishoprick of
Basle in Switzerland, and about Thirty nine years
of Age is a Captain in this Establishment, has
served the Honble Company upwards of fifteen years
was shot through the Body, and lost a Leg in actual
Service on different occasions. That since his return
to this Coast from an Expedition (he was employed
in to Pondichy) about five years since, he has
constantly laboured under the additional complaint
of Gout, and loss of Health, therefore
become an Invalid, incapable of further Service
in India, and obliged to return to England.

In Justice to Captain Marchand
I cannot avoid remarking, that he has served with
Reputation

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Reputation and Merit, and from his Bravery
and good Behavior on all occasions is truly
worthy the Honble Company's Favor Given under
my Hand at Trichinopoly, in the East Indies, the
Twentieth Fifth Day of November, in the Year of our
Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one.

(Signed) Joseph Smith
Brig.^d Genl

To the Honble the Court of Directors
of the United Company of Merchants
of England trading to the East Indies.
(Signed) Thomas Parkinson Esq.

Resolved that Captain Marchant
be permitted to resign the Service and return to England
and that upon his taking the Oath prescribed by the
Regulations respecting the Military Fund the
above certificate be approved.

Summons from the
Majors Court comes
on the Board as
the Court of Col. Wood.
The Deputy Sheriff appears
and serves the Board with a Summons to appear
to answer at the Majors Court to answer a Suit
brought against the Company by Col. John Wood.

Ordered that M^r Sykes the
Company's Attorney be desired to appear on behalf
of the Company to answer the same.

Indent for Medicines for the Garrison of
Surgeons.
The Secretary lays before the
Board an Indent for Medicines for the Garrison of
Surgeons.

The President acquaints the
Board

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Captain Buehann
dies at Trichinopoly

That he has received a Letter from General Smith
adversing of the Death of Captain Buehann at Trichin-
opoly the 2^d Instant.

Capt. Barker dies at
Cuddalore.

The Secretary also acquaints
the Board that Captain Barker died at Cuddalore
the 1st Instant.

M^r Cappemistons
to the Service.

The Board now taking M^r
Cappers Letter of the 11th December into Consideration
as he has therein expressed his Concern for his rash
conduct which brought on him the censure of the
Board, and as the Secretary in whose Office he has
been since his arrival in India being called upon
acquaints the Board that M^r Cappers constant &
diligent Attention to his Duty merits their Conside-
ration - It is agreed that his Suspension be taken
off, and that he be restored to his Rank and
Standing in the Service.

The Honble Court of Directors
having in the 101 Para of their Orders of 10th
April 1771 expressed their Approbation of the
adjustments made of the Accounts delivered in
by the several Gentlemen employed on the Expedi-
tion to Maratha, and directed that the same
be finally settled in the most equitable manner
of the Balances discharged - Ordered that the
same be referred to the Maratha Committee for
that Purpose.

For Du Bré

John Smith
Henry Brock
John Whitehill
Geo: Mackay

also

constant

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Wrote the following letter to General Smith

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

Sir

We have recd your letter of the 26th
December, 7, & 4. Instant

Letter to Gen Smith

We will communicate to the Statob
the Sentiments of the Corps of Officers as expressed in their
letter to you of the 26th December, and we wish we may find
in him a Disposition to make the Army some recompence
for the Labours and Dangers they underwent

We return you herewith
the Proceedings of the Court Martial held on Attoo
Mahomed Subadar - The Sentence must we think be
approved, and it will be necessary that a Court Martial
should be held on Ensign Mayne and Indeed it appears
improbable on him to Demand one in Order to clear his
character - where we may be better able to Judge of
the Matter tho' we fear it will be difficult to ascertain
the Truth, when the Evidences are so diametrically
opposite For which reason it should be particularly
recommended to the Court to be very Strict and unbiassed
- spirit in the Examination of the several Witnesses, &
to every minute circumstance as to Time Place &c by which
means alone we can hope to gain a Knowledge of
the Truth.

As you represent that the
Multiplicity of Business you have on your hands
will prevent your paying the necessary attention to
the Execution of the regulations transmitted to you

Respecting

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respecting the Paymasters, We therefore recommended that
whenever you are unable to attend to it yourself, that
the Officers on the Spot next in command to you be
desired to take ^{that} ~~the~~ trouble upon him.

Enclosed you will receive a copy
of a letter addressed to us by M^r James Peters, containing
a complaint of exceeding the usage received from
Lieut. Col. Lang. The Outrage as stated appears to us
so great and unbecoming, that we see no method of
doing Justice to both Parties, but by a Judicial
Enquiry, you will therefore be pleased, upon the arrival
of M^r Peters at Trichinopoly, to order a General Court
Martial to be held for the Tryal of Lieut. Col. Lang
upon the charge to be exhibited against him by M^r
Peters, unless Lieut. Col. Lang shall make such
Atonement to him for the Offence, as M^r Peters shall
think proper to require.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant,

Josias Du Pre

Sec^y to the Court

Fort St. George

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At a Consultation Present.

Monday
20th Jan^y 1772

Josias Du Pré Esq^r Governor President
Warren Hastings
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " George Mackay
Mess^{rs} Ardley & Brudenell indisposed.

The Minutes of the
Select Committee
respecting the arrange-
ments to be made
touching the Nabob's
Debt - laid before the
Board.

The Select Committee communicate
to the Board their Minutes of the 15th Instant on the
subject of the Arrangements proposed to be made
respecting the Nabob's Debt to the Company, &c. &c. in
consequence of the Orders from the Court of
Directors transmitted to the Select Committee.

approved.

The Board approve of the
Arrangements recommended by the Committee, and the
President is desired to communicate the same to the
Nabob, and if he assents thereto, that a Meeting of the
Directors be summoned as proposed by the Committee.

Report of the the
Committee of Accounts
with Orders thereon

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

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

Report
of the following Out Garisons viz^t

Engole
Madura
Palamcottah
Vellour
Tichinopoly &c. &c. only

No^o

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Sikewis. The Camp for September
and have the following
remarks.

Report.

Madura for November 1st. Orders in Consequence

- 1 There appears a charge of 5 Pags. for a European Carpenter. Paragraph to be transmitted to the Paymaster at Madura. Carpenter and 5 others charged for November without any repairs of the Fort going on. We are of Opinion that the European may be returned to his Corps.

- 2 The Paymaster charges 53 Pags. for batteries taking care of the Tappals and as we never heard of such a charge before, We submit the Propriety of it to your Honor &c.
2 The reason for Employing batteries on this Service was probably occasioned by the want of Sappers. One of the Battalions stationed for the Protection of these Districts having been ordered to Tanjore. However as this charge is not allowed by the regulations the Paymaster should have assigned the reason in his Account. As he is to be acquitted & directed to discharge the batteries of their Service can be dispensed with.

The Camp for September

- 3 The Paymaster charges for an Acting adjutant to the European Grenadiers the usual pay of an adjutant. It does not appear by the Regulations that an adjutant is allowed to any Detachment from the Regiment doing Duty in the same Camp. We therefore think it unnecessary to present it to your Honor &c.
3 The Grenadiers of the Army were formed in one Corps to which General Smith might think an adjutant necessary. The Paymaster however should have assigned the reason for this charge, it not being allowed by the regulations of which he is to be advised.

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4 We are sorry to be under this. The Military Paymaster's
inability of remarking to being called upon to assign
Your Honor &c. that the reason why the Accounts
Military Paymaster's Journal acquaints the Board that he
is not brought up later than is sorry to say that his asst.
W^m August whereas his Asst. has not been so diligent
Accounts ought now to be as he ought to have been, & the
unpleased to Mr. Octo be Military Paymaster to inform
for they must always be in mind his assistant, & he cannot
two Months behind hand have to be more attentive in
concerning, to the distance from future.
which the several Accounts are
occurred and the time they
take in drawing out.

We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most Obed^t hum^l & Servants

Samuel Ardley

John Smith

Geo. Stratton

Rich^d. Brickenden

Charles Smith

Francis Sourdun

Geo. Moubray

John Holland

C. B. Dens

John Kenton

J. Hudson

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Letter from Captain Alcocke read as follows.

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

As I am rendered incapable of
Fulfil Service, by a Scatrick Pass in my Thigh, & for
Recovery of which, I have for two years, by many
Trials not been able to effect, rather than become an
Incumbrance to the Honble Company, or perfect
the Character I have maintained during eight
Years and a Half I have since the Company, with
your consent and approbation, purpose to Proceed to my
Native Country, for the above Reasons, and hopes recovery
of my Complaint, and request to have your Order for
a Passage for myself my Wife and a Child on board the
Lord North

I am respectfully
Honble Sir & Mrs

Your very Obed^t Humble Servant
H. R. Alcocke

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Agreed that Captain Alcocke be permitted
to return to England with his Family agreeable to his request.

M^r Edw and Saunders Paymaster
& Storekeeper at Chingleput having been appointed under
the Company's General, M^r Robert Duncan Munro is
appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper in his room.

Captain Rodolph Marchmont of
Cath presented by the Regulations for transacting the
Business of the Military Fund is now administered to
them. Ordered that Certificates be granted them.

M^r Munro appointed
his Paymaster & Store-
keeper at Chingleput.

Cath presented by
the regulations
in putting the Military
Fund administered
to by Capt. Marchmont
& Sub John Hannett.

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Letter from Lieut John Harriott was as follows,

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq,
President of Governor &c Council of Fort St. George.
Honble Sir of Sirs.

Letter from Lieut
Harriott desires to
proceed to England
by way of the west
Coast

Finding myself under an absolute
necessity of returning speedily to England, as the only
probable chance. I have now getting my Relief from my
present crippled situation & as there seems likely to be
so many Passengers going home from this settlement
which may make it difficult for me to procure myself
a Passage with any tolerable convenience. I humbly beg
you will permit me to proceed to the West Coast, on board
the Eper Capt. Parks from whence I may get a very reasonable
of convenient Passage to England in one of the Company's
Ships, that sails from that Coast in March. I have
spoken to Capt. Parks who has promised me a Passage
provided I have your consent, humbly hoping your kind
Indulgence in this Particular. I remain

Honorable Sir of Sirs

With the greatest Respect
Your most Obedt & very
humble Servant

John Harriott Lieut

Fort St. George
Jan^y 20th 1772

Agreed that Lieut John Harriott
be permitted to proceed to England by way of the west Coast.

The Letter from the Satol N. G.
in Reply to the Presidents, on the Subject of his Proposal
of sending his own Troops to the Assistance of the
Marathas, is now laid before the Board, together with
the Answer wrote him in consequence of it, which the
Board approve.

Read a Letter from the Satol

land.

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dated 1st of mid this day as entered in Country Comptroller
-dunn N. 11 with Paged as 3500 for Perannated Disturb
due the 3rd December - Ordered that the receipt thereon
be acknowledged.

The Honble Court of Directors in
the 3rd Paragraph of their Commands of 23 March
1771 of having advised us that Sir John Lindsay had
complained to the Ministry our not having refused
the Nub's a Translation of his Majestys Letter, and
the Board being utterly at a loss to know what this
can allude to; as they are Ignorant of the Nub's
having ever been denied, or having ever applied
for a Translation - A Draft of a Letter to him is
therefore now prepared N. 13 Desiring an Explanation
of this Matter.

W. D. B. C.

John Smith
Henry Brooks
John Whitehill
Geo. Mackay

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Arrived this Evening Three Majesty's
Ships Northumberland Buckingham, Orford of Hamwicke
from Trincomalee and the Hawks Sloops from the Islands
22 Wrote the following Letter to the Chief of Council at
Cuddalore,
Mil. Dep^t

To George Dawson Esq^r
Chief of Council at Cuddalore.
Gentlemen

Letter to Cuddalore
with an Invoice of
Goods.

We transmit you herewith an
Invoice of sundry Military Stores, laden on the Snow
Aunoras, Captain John Wilkinson consigned to you

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Josias Du Pre

Ch. Council

Fort St. George

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25 The following Letters were this day wrote

To W^m Robert Duncan Munro
Sir

Letter to Mr.
Munro appointing
him Paymaster to the
Chungliput.

We have appointed you Paymaster
and Storekeeper to the Garrison of Chungliput, and you
have herewith a Book of regulations for your conduct
you will therefore Prouce thither & receive the Charge of
these Comptrols from Mr. Saunders together with the
several Papers in duplicate thereto.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Josias Du Pre

Ch. Council

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to Fort St. George 27th January 1772

To Mr. Edward Saunders

Sir

Letter to Mr. Saunders
advising him thereof

Having appointed Mr. Robt. Munro
to be Paymaster and Storekeeper at Chingleput You
will deliver over to him these Emplants together with
the several Papers and Regulations which relate
thereto.

Chole

We are Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Josias Du Pre

& Council.

At a Consultation Present.

Josias Du Pre Esq. Governor President

Warren Hastings

John Smith

George Stratton

Henry Brooke

John Whitcomb

George Mackay

Mrs. Andry & Brindeman indisposed

Letter from a Committee of the Nabob's Creditors received
this Morning read as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq.

President & Governor of Council at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter for the Nabob's
Creditors concerning to
know of them any
Impediments which
prevent the carrying
the Agreement into
effect in England.

We having been appointed
a Committee of the Nabob's private European Creditors
have the Honor to communicate to you by their
Instructions, the Substance of their Resolutions, at
a Meeting held this day. The Creditors pressing the
Payment of the Nabob's Debt to them, to be very
much retarded, to their great distress and Disappoint-
ment.

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called a Meeting to take into Consideration the Situation of their Affairs, seeing thereby the necessity of bringing their Business again to your Remembrance and of intimating to you, that they did receive in the Month of September last, from the Gentlemen in England (Creditors and Attornies of Creditors) who have Transacted their Affairs there. Copies of certain Proposals made on their Behalf to the Honble the Court of Directors, and of Instructions, or Orders sent at the same Time from that Court, to the President & Council, or to the Select Committee at Fort St. George relative to and concerning these Proposals, by which the Creditors were given to understand that former Difficulties and Delays would be removed, and a more regular & speedy Payment of their Debt take place. The Creditors have waited for a Communication of this Matter from you till this Time, and had hopes of experiencing the Benefit intended thereby. When Mr. Secretary Goodlad attended this Meeting with a Report from you, that you had received from the Court of Directors the Agreements entered between the Agents of the Creditors in England and the Company, & that you meant to submit to that Agreement, and the Orders of the Company in consequence thereof. The Creditors see it also expedient to intimate to you that they are at this Meeting and previous to the Delivery of the Message by your Secretary, receive a Message in Writing from the Noble Company of which a Transcript of which as it was read is inclosed.

But as the Affairs of the Creditors do not here this standing still remain undetermined
They

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They do make of their Humble request to your Honors, to be informed whether there be any Difficulties or Impediments which did arise, before the abovesaid Orders of the Company were issued, or have since arisen to hinder these Proposals and these Orders from having that due Effect for the Benefit of the Creditors, and if there be any such Impediments or Difficulties, they do request to be particularly Inform'd of them; that they may be enabled to give the same a due Consideration, and may know how far any Demands you may have to make on the Nabob on behalf of the Company, do or may Effect their Payments. And for that Purpose, that you will be pleas'd to make such applications to and discuss such Expansions or Satisfaction from the Nabob on these Matters as may be necessary for the relief of the Creditors; and we are perswaded, that we can use no better Arguments to induce you to this, and to do every else that is in your Power, for the Assistance of the Creditors, than to refer you to what the Honble the Court of Directors themselves are pleas'd to say to the Select Committee on Behalf of the Creditors, in their Letter of the ^{last} day of April, received about 3 Weeks ago by Way of Bengal, as it is communicated to several of them, by their Friends in England who have transmitted Copies of the Paragraphs of the Company's Letter, relative to the Creditors, of which the following is an Extract.

And we omit also that You repeat to the Nabob our earnest request, that he do not permit his Private Creditors to suffer

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inconveniences and distress, by reason of any Delays
in the Payment of the stipulated Lists to the 30th of
June 1771. as such Delays must undoubtedly produce
very unhappy consequences and by the means of
greatly afflicting and much Injuring many Individu-
als the Subjects of great Britain; and as these are
Circumstances we most ardently wish to see prevented
You will intimate to the Nabob that we shall
contribute all in our Power, consistent with the
Duty we owe to the Company, to remove every
Obstructions of whatsoever nature it may be, which
shall tend to Impede the Recovery of all the remain-
ing Battaries, due from the Nabob to his said
Private Creditors, the Subjects of his Britannick
Majesty.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Servants.

Charles Smith

George Smith

Paul Benfield

Andrew Rop

Tho. Powney

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The Translate of the letter from the
Nabob to Mr. James Johnson accompanying the above letter
is also read as entered in Country Correspondence N. 90.
signifying the Expence he was at in the Expedition against
Soyne, the Want of Rain and the Depredations of the
Marallas, as the reasons of his not having paid them
10 Lakhs of Pagodas in the course of the last Year
according

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according to his Agreement of promising of they only
upon him to Pay by the End of February Pay^t 265000^{ls}
by the End of July Pay^t 400000 in Case of Peace and
Tranquillity

The President acquaints that
conformable to the resolution of last Consultation he
waited on the Nabob and after laying before him a
State of his Debt at the Dispatch of the Lapwing in
Oct: 1770 of informing him of the Purport of our Advice
on that Subject to the Court of Directors by that
Compliance, and of the Dependence the Company had
express'd on the Faithfull Performance of his Engagements
He then Proceeded to Explain to the Nabob the purport
of the Agreement entered between the Company & the
Directors in England as contained in the Propositions
sent out. when after all the President could say on the
Subject the Nabob declared he did not understand it
But desired to know if it were an Order of the Company
to which the President replied that it could not be
an Order to the Nabob, but as a mode the Company
had adopted of liquidating his Debt to the Company
and his Private Creditors & was intended to release him
from the pressing Solicitations of either to be paid
in preference. The President then Promised to wait
on him again, to give him such further Explanation
as he might be necessary. which the President is
desir'd to do, and he endeavours to obtain from him a
Declaration of his Intentions. After which it is
agreed that a Meeting of the Creditors be Summoned
conformable to the resolution of last Consultation
Read the following letter from Sir Rob. Fletcher.

the Board
into

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To the Honble Josias DuPre Esq^r

President of Governor & Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Sir Robert
Fletcher, regarding
the Suspension he is
kept in on Account
of Col. Wood's Injuries
being to have his name
restored to General
Smith.

The very disagreeable and unexpected
State of uncertainty in which Colonel Wood's Situation
and Silence have placed me, lays me under a necessity
of troubling you with this address. I embarked in the
Service of the Company upon strong Assurances given
to me by the correspondents of General Smith, Col.
Campbell and Col. Wood, that I should find myself in
the Command of the Army very soon, if not immedi-
ately after my arrival here. Col. Campbell is indisposed
to England, and the General Smith is here, and his
intentions still uncertain, yet the many amiable
Qualities of which he is Possessed Command so great
a Share of my Regard & Esteem, that I should cheerfully
consent to serve under him, were I assured of
succeeding to the Command upon his Resignation.
But I am precluded from that Hope, by the late Answer
of Col. Wood to the Bill of Complaint lodged against
him by the Company, in the Year 1769. and his unmeri-
ted being sent against them for near a Lack of
Pagodas, the Delays of which depending upon his
Pleasure, may keep the Military Establishment
incomplete and the Service in a great Measure suspended
for Years. The Affairs are in a State of Dependence upon
his Will, and I may venture to say, the Affairs of the
Company Subject to the Inconveniences of a Condition
widely different from the Intention of the Court of
Directors, which never could have been to embarrass them
with

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^{intimately} with ^{and} less Litigations. These are Grievances which I feel in Common with the Army in General, but I think my own case peculiarly hard. As second in Command, I might hope to under the Company some Service — I love my Profession and should have every incentive to distinguish myself in it, and even hopes of still gaining higher marks of the Confidence of my Employers, but instead of so pleasing an assurance in Prospect, I am only consider myself the Deputy of another a Drudge to fight through his Duties and to answer my charge whenever his Interest or convenience shall Point out the Time, and as I do not pretend to more Disinterestedness than other men, so I will truly confess that I ^{could} not exert myself with the same Activity and Labour under those Discouragements, nor would I on any Consideration, avail myself of ^{such} a Privilege as it seems it allowed to Col. Wood of leading a life of inaction and receiving the Rampance and Honor of another's Labours. I trust therefore that I shall not be thought unreasonable in Soliciting to have my Rank fixed next to Genl. Smith if it be expected of me to do the Duties of that appointment. I do not mean Gentlemen to claim this as a right, not knowing how far the Company's Orders may have it in your Power, I state it only as a Request, which I persuade myself you will not only feel, but be disposed to remedy, as far as you can. I have the Honor to be with great respect
Honble Sir & Sons.

Your most Faithful &
most Obed^t Servant
Rob^t Fletcher.

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The Orders of the Court of Directors express
that as soon as Col. Wood shall have paid and Satisfied
such of their Claims as may be decreed by the Mayor's
Court or shall voluntarily discharge such Sums as
as shall appear to be due from him to the Company
upon an Impartial Review of the Case by the Select
Committee, and after he shall have made a proper
concession to the President and Council - He shall
be then forthwith restored to the Service without
Prejudice to his Rank.

8 engaged
The Select Committee having
Judge proper to determine entering into a fresh Examina-
-tion of Col. Wood's Accounts, and the President &
Council having given up their claim to the Satisfaction
required from him - There remains then only the
last Condition to be performed for his readmission
into the Service namely the Payment of the Sums that
shall be decreed by the Court - It is very clear that
he cannot be restored until he shall have made
that Satisfaction to the Company by complying
with the Decree of the Mayor's Court, which cannot
be done till the Decree is passed but whether it was
the Intention of the Court of Directors, under Color of such
an Order to allow Col. Wood a right to resume his
Rank at any distant Period of Time, to which the Court
might be precluded, of which might extend to a Term
of Years to remove their Pay during all this Time
to keep back other Officers from Promotion of here in
Case and Inaction at home, while they are exposed
to all the Fatigues and Dangers of the Service can
hardly be supposed.

It is most natural to
imagine

readmission /

might /

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imagine that the Court of Directors intended, as they obviously must have done that in the long Interval which had passed since the commencement of the Suits they would have been either finished or near a conclusion by the Time that their Orders could be received and that nothing would have remained but for him to comply with the Decree of be admitted into the Service - But instead of bringing the Suits to as speedy an Issue as Possible, His answers to the Bills of Complaint were not delivered into Court till the 7th Instant near five Months after the arrival of their Orders a copy of which he was immediately furnished with and in Order to protract the Cause to still greater Lengths & to Increase the Difficulties attending it, he at the same Time introduced additional Matter by filing a large Bill against the Company for the enormous Sum of $\text{£}100,000$. It is moreover very worthy Remark that this Act of his passed after he had apologized to the Court of Directors for his Conduct, and within seven Days after the receipt of the Company's Advice which not only confirmed their former Orders in favor of Col Wood, but as a fresh Instance of their Indulgence to him, directed all his Arrears of Pay from the Date of his Suspension to be allowed him.

It is true that he received no formal Informations from the Board of the Company's Intentions in this last Instance of their Favor, but as it is well known that he was apprized of every other Act of the Court of Directors which had any relation to him, as early as the Board themselves, there can be no Doubt of his being equally acquainted with that

there
His

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His Conduct so immediately following it, however it may be defended by the ordinary Practice of Servants of Law, yet in a Servant of the Company, so long as so Distinguished with recent Marks of their Bounty might justly be considered as a transgression of the Condition which they had proposed to him.

Considering the Case in the above Light, We might with Strict Propriety Declare Col: Wood unworthy of being restored to the Company's Service in Virtue of their late Orders. But when we reflect on the harsh and unmerciful Sentence which our former Suspension of Col: Wood drew from Employers, We have too just Cause to apprehend that any Step which we might take to his Regard in the Present Instance would be Imputed to Contumacy to a Willful Breach of their Orders, and to Motives of unmerciful personal Resentment.

These Considerations alone induce the Board to conform to the Orders of the Court of Directors in restoring Col: Wood to the Service, so soon as he shall have performed the conditions of his resignation, tho' at the same Time they think it incumbent on them to Declare that such an Act whenever it happens will be utterly as repugnant to their Wisdom and Judgement. The President is therefore desired to acquaint Sir Robt. Fletcher that we cannot set aside the Positive Orders of the Company but that we shall refer his Request & answer it to their Attention, with which we hope he will remain Satisfied of exert his best Endeavors for the Good of the Service.

Contumacy

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Letter from Lieut. Col. Lee commanding at
Victoria read as follows.

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

I herewith transmit you the report
of the annual survey of Stores in this Garrison.

Having occasionally to
mention to the President my indenting for the Supply
of Stores in room of what was drawn from this
Garrison to Camp, he acquainted me of the Intend^d
return of the Troops to compose the Garrison of the Place
as formerly, & advised me to Indent only for what Stores
were immediately wanted until I should see what was
returned to the Garrison along with the Troops. For this
reason I have made no General Indent at this time.

It thinks it necessary to inform
you that the Arsenal is principally composed
of a long range of buildings within the Walls of the
Pagoda in which range there are two small Places
partitioned off containing Grain which is a Perpet
nuisance at Present, the grain having laid (as I am
told) ever since the Place was taken by us is become
a receptacle for Bandicots, Rats, and vast numbers
of Vermin which do infinite Damage to our Pensable
Stores; had we these two places opened and laid into
other places, it would be a means of having room to
arrange the Stores with more convenience as well as
Security, for even at present we are in want of Room
and must be much more so when the full complement
of Troops returns to the Garrison. But as the Kelladaw
cannot

Letter from Lieut. Col. Lee
Desiring that two rooms
which at present contain
Grain may be converted
into Store Rooms.

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cannot remove this nuisance without an Order from the Nabol it will be proper first an Order should be apply'd for. The Kithadun says he had an Order once to sell the Green but no person would offer an thing for it being entirely perished.

I have the honor to be
Honorable Sir & Miss

Your most Obedt and most

humble Servant

Chas. Tod.

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Vellore 25 Jan^y

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Agree that the President be desired
to apply to the Nabol for his Permission that the
Rooms mentioned by Lieut Col. Tod may be converted
into Store Rooms.

desired.

The President lays before the
Board the following Letter from M^r John Proff.

To the Honorable Josias DuPre Esq^r

President and Governor of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

Enclosed I have the Honor to trans.

mit the monthly Returns of Stores, of this Garrison
of Amboor for the three preceding Months of October
November & December. also the Account remains of
Stores taken by which there is a Deficiency of some
Articles & an Excess of others. Part of this Deficiency
will be increased, as Memorandums have been taken
of small Articles being lent out to sundry Persons
and some of it is owing to mistakes in not writing
off when expended. An exact Account will be delivered
by me to M^r Caspar Major when he arrives. Col
Tod defers pointing out the Articles necessary to
form

Letter from Mr. Proff
with Account Remains
of Stores at Vellore
& Amboor.

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a complete Indent of Stores for the Garrison, until
the proper Complement of Troops arrives - I am very

Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servt

John Robt Stowks

Valent 25th Jan^y 1772

Refered to the Committee
of Stores

Ordered the return of Stores
accompanying the above letter be referred to the Committee
of Stores who are to report thereon.

Indent for Medicines
for Vittoria to be
completed with

The Secretary lays before the Board
a letter from M^r Robt accompanying an Indent for
Medicines for the Garrison of Vittoria, which is referred to
the Surgeons to be completed with.

The President acquaints the
Board that M^r Stanhouse's Brother had returned to
him the following Account of the Debts due upon
Bond from M^r Stanhouse at the Time of his Decease &
had at the same Time informed him that the Estate
would not be near Sufficient to Discharge them.

Bond from M^r Neal Stanhouse to Captains Bowman
dated the 9th July 1769 for £ 5000

Interest from the 9th July 1769 to the

20 Jan^y 1772 at 12 Cent Annuum

355 .. 30 .. 60

Pay^d 1355 .. 30 .. 60

Bond from Same to M^r George VanSittart dated the
9th July 1769 for

1466 .. 9 .. 74

Interest from 9th July 1769 to the 17th Jan^y

1772 at 5 Cent Annuum

105 .. 4 .. 15

Pay^d 1651 .. 15 .. 9

As the above Debts on Bond must be paid in
Preference to the Ballance due to the Company, it will

Answer

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Answer in pursuance of the Company's order to administer to the Estate
The Effects must therefore remain under the Charge of
the Commandant until any of the Creditors think
proper to administer, and ordered that the Court of
Directors be advised of this Ballance due from M^r Stonehouse

Recd the following Letter from Lieut John. Mordaunt.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I humbly beg leave to make
to your Honor &c^s the following representations.

In the Year 1767 I joined the
Army under Col. Smith in the Capacity of Volunteer
with a Promise from the late President of being
promoted in my Turn as Vacancies might happen
Col. Smith in his Letter to the Board of the 10th January
1769) an Extract of which I take the Liberty to Enclose)
was pleased to recommend that I should obtain Rank
of some Sergeants / M^r Donato M^r Lord, Daniel
M^r Lord, and Sellers) whose appointment to the rank
of Officers had been prior to mine, though I must
observe I had then done Duty for nearly Six Months as
Volunteer under the command of Major Fitzgerald.

As I understood both Smith's
Recommendation of me met with a favorable reception
from the Honble Board it was with Surprise and
Grief that I found my Commission was of a later
Date than those issued to the above named Gentle-
men and what makes it a very great misfortune to me
is, that all the Lieutenants who came out in the Year
1770 take Rank next after Lieut. Sellers and before me,

advised

Letter from L^t
Mordaunt respecting
his Rank

on Fort St. George 27 January 1772

I can only attribute this Injury which I sustain in my Rank to an oversight proceeding from the Multiplicity of Affairs of greater moment which at that Time engaged the attention of the Honble Board. I therefore cheerfully submit the foregoing to your consideration and am

With great Respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

J. Mordaunt

By the Orders of the Court of Directors M. Mordaunt is appointed to the rank he enjoys before his Departure to England which was accordingly given him on his arrival - But upon referring to our Proceedings it appears that M. Mordaunt was appointed afield the 9th Nov^r 1767 The Day on which M. Sellers was promoted from Sergeant Major to Adjutant In May following M. Sellers on his application had a Brevet as Ensign given him to take rank from the Time he was appointed Adjutant, by which means he got rank at M. Mordaunt who was appointed an Ensign 11 Jan^y 1769 which would not have been done had M. Mordaunt applied, or had it been attended to at the Time - The Board therefore think it but reasonable that M. Mordaunt should have the rank he appears to have been entitled to. It is therefore agreed that he do take Rank as Lieutenant from 11 Jan^y 1770 next before Lieutenant Sellers.

Geo: Mackay

Jos: DuBre

John Smith

Henry Brooks

John Mitchell

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Friday
31 Jan^y
1772

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pri Esq^r Governor President
Warren Hastings
John Smith George Stratton
Henry Brooke Rich^d Brickenden
John Whitehill George Mackay
W^m Audley undersigned

The President acquaints the Board that pursuant to the resolutions of last Consultation, he waited on the Nabob the next day, and explained to him in the most full and ample Manner, the Sum and Substance of the Propositions received from the Court of Directors respecting his Debt to the Company and his Private Creditors, and at the same Time informed him of the Letter the Board had received from the Committee of the Creditors on the Subject - at which the Nabob expressed much Surprise, & said he was astonished at their Writing with respect to the Propositions, notwithstanding the President did all in his Power to explain them. The Nabob declared he did not understand them, and desired that he might be informed of their Contents in Writing. A Draft of a Letter in this Subject is therefore now read and approved by the Board to be transmitted - But as it will be sent some Time before we may receive his answer - It is resolved that a Meeting of the Creditors be called on Wednesday the 5 day of Feb^r next in order to lay before them the Arrangements proposed in consequence of the Propositions and that they may proceed to the Nomination of Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned.

Read a Letter #

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from Jay der Ally Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence N. 16 setting forth the advantages of our joining against the Marattas, of the Musuns ready to be taken by the Troops in this Coast and Bombay representing that there are sufficient Supplies of Provisions in all his Principal Ports. To which a Draft of an Answer is now read and approved informing him that the Orders we have received from the Company prevent our sending these Troops out of the Carnatic to the Assistance of any one.

Recd a Letter from the Nabit as entered in Country Correspondence N. 19 with one Lack of Pagodas for the Jugur due this day, and Pagodas 3500 for Promanatu - Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from General Smith, acquainting of the necessity he is under of proceeding to Europe for the reestablishment of his Health, having been reduced very low by a Fever and Ague, with which the Board acquiesce and agree that Sir Robert Fildes be desired to get himself in readiness to proceed to the Southward that he may be at hand to join the Army should there be a necessity for its moving.

For Du Bre
John Smith
Henry Brooks
John Whitehill
Geo. Mackay

there

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Write the following letter to Fort William & Snow Minerva
To the Honble John Cartier Esq^r
President of Governor & Council at
Fort William
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William

Capt. Miller & L
Stanhope permitted
to proceed thither.

Thus I come to advise your Honors
that Captain Miller and Lieutenant Stanhouse are permitted
to proceed to Bengal, having obtained leave of absence
for that Purpose

Regarding David
Langston a Soldier
assigned to that
Establishment.

David Langston a Private Soldier
is this day embarked on board the Snow Minerva for
your Presidency where he was agreed to serve but the
remainder of his contracted Term, which will expire the
9th March 1776

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Josias Du Prie

Sec^y Council

Fort St. George

1st February 1772 -

2 M^r Hastings embarked this morning on board the
Snow Minerva for Bengal

Monday
3 Feb^y

As a Consultation Present
Josias Du Prie Esq^r Governor President

John Smith George Stratton
Henry Brooke Rich^d Bruckenden
John Whitehill George Mackay
W^m Ashley unreported.

Letter from Fort William received of Lord North was as follows.

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To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq.
President of Governor & Council at
Fort St. George in their Military Department.

Honble Sirs

In reply to your letter of 4th

October, we beg leave to acquaint you that our Store of
Gun Powder in the Garrison of Fort William is such, that
we cannot without endangering ourselves, send you a supply
of that Article, But should your occasions be particularly
pressing you may depend on having sent to you on
the earliest Notice such a Quantity as we can, consider-
ing our own Situation, be justified in sparing.

We are

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants

John Carter

Sam. Middleton

PM Daines

Thomas Lane.

Ordered that the Committee of
Stores do report the State and Condition of the new
Powder Mill, and the Quantity that can be made
Monthly

Lieut. Arnold

Read the following Letter from

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

Honble Sirs

Letter from M^r.
Arnold returning to
England for the recovery of
his Health

I have the Honor
of Misfortune to lay before you a certificate from
General Smith, also one from M^r. Horatio
Surgeon

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Surgeon, and beg leave to observe, that General Smith gave me his Certificate and advice to proceed to England recommending my returning with my rank should I recover, from the Doctors advice also, I am induced to return to my Native Country, but as my circumstances are very bad, if I should not recover sufficiently, have no Subsistence at home, and my Disorder which is a tremor in my Nerves and a Bilious Fever, which frequently attacks me, by which and the heat of the Climate, I am deprived of my reason, of consequence unfit for any kind of Duty, therefore hope for your recommendation to the Honble Board of Directors as an Object worthy of Lord Clives Bounty or to be admitted to return to India again with my rank should I be so happy to recover, trusting that for other purposes, the Certificates I have the Honor to lay before you are sufficient with granting this Indulgence, and giving your Order for my Passage on board the Lord North, I shall ever esteem myself, with great respect,

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient and
Obedient Servant

W. Arnold Lieut.

Fort St. George

31st January 1772

Certifying
W. Arnold

I have the honor to certify that Lieut. Jonathan Arnold in the Honble East India Companys Service from a long Indisposed Habit of Body, by which he is rendered incapable of doing his Duty to the Honble Company & seeing but little probability of establishing his Health in this Country, it is my advice and Opinion, that his only Method is to proceed to Europe

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Europe as the surest Means of Perfecting his Cure.
Given under my hand in the Garrison of Trichinopoly
this 24th Day of December 1771

Yours Joseph Hemmley
To all to whom it may concern. Surgeon.

Trichinopoly 24th Dec. 1771.

This to certify that the Beaser Master L^t. Arnold
is under an absolute necessity of Proceeding to Europe
to reestablish his Health. The Surgeon has also
furnished him with a Certificate under his own
hand) that in case Lieut Arnold should never be
able to return to India, he may be permitted.
Lieut Arnold has always behaved himself like a
good Officer since his coming under me.

Yours Joseph Smith
Brigadier General in the Coast of
Chermandet.

Agreed that Lieut Arnold be
permitted to Proceed to Europe agreeable to his request
and as he appears a proper Object to partake of
the Military Fund in case in his Health should
not be sufficiently reestablished to enable him to
return to India. It is resolved that his certificate
be approved on his taking the Oath Presented.

Read the following Letter from Lieut Darrell

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr
Darrell desiring to
proceed to Europe for
the recovery of his
Health

The enclosed certificate from the
Surgeons of the Garrison, will I hope be a sufficient
cause for your assenting to my proceeding to Europe
on the next Ship for the recovery of my Health
and

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and for this Purpose I hope you will Please to Order
me a Passage on board her, I have at the same Time
to request the Favor of you to make such mention of
me to the Court of Directors, as will enable me to
return again to your established Service with my
Rank, which my Wound will admit of it.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Mrs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,
John Darelle.

Fort St. George
6th Jan^y 1772.

This is to Certify that Lieutenant
John Darelle, by a Wound which he received at the
Siege of Tanjore & by the Profuse Discharge that
attended it, has had his constitution greatly relaxed
& impaired & as there is a Danger of Pus & Abscesses
in his Wound from Exfoliation of the Bone, he is
advised that he may avoid any future Risk in a
hot climate, to Proceed to Europe to reestablish his
Health.

Fort St. George
Jan^y 1772.

(Signed) Gilbert Pasley
Samuel Lott Surgeons.

granted
Agreed that Lieut. Darelle be
permitted to proceed to England agreeable to his request, and
that the Court of Directors be referred to the recommendation
given of him by General Smith as entered in consultation
30 December last.

Letter from Ensign Peter Viola read as follows.

To the Honble the President & Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Mrs

It being necessary for me as

Your

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Letter from Ensign
Viola desiring to
Proceed to Europe
on account of his
ill State of Health

your Honor &c will perceive by the accompanying
certificate, to proceed to England for the recovery of my
Health, I request you will be pleased to Order me a
Passage on the Ship now under Dispatch - and as I
have it not in my Power to provide myself with
necessaries for the Intended Voyage to my Native
Country, to Enable me thereto I most humbly beg
your Honor &c will be pleased, to Order the Advance
of a few Months Pay & which will bind your Petitioner
for ever to pray For &c remain

Humble Servt & Servs
Your most Obedt &
Devoted, humble Servant
Peter Viola Ensign

These are to certify that Ensign
Peter Viola has long been Subject to Convulsions,
Fits which being incurable here he is advised by us
to Proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

Witnessed by
Gilbert Pasterg
Samuel Scott Surgeons

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Agreed that Ensign Viola be
permitted to proceed to England agreeable to his request
and as from the Nature of his Disorder it appears he was
very unfit for the Station in which he was sent out
and that no Service can ever be expected from him in
this Country and as his continuing here will be only
a constant expense to the Company, It is agreed in
consideration of his Distressed Situation to make
him an Allowance of 30 £ or 75 Pagodas to enable
him to return to England of which the Court of
Directors are to be advised.

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The President lays before the Board
a Letter from M^r Alexander Davidson at Cuddalore
enclosing one from M^r Buchanan Surgeon at that
Place, setting forth that the Number of Officers
from other Garrisons who go to Cuddalore for their
Health had put him to an extraordinary Expence
for Servants & Bazar Medicines, amounting to about
10 P^{er} Month of which he had accordingly
charged on his Accounts and hopes that the same
will be allowed.

As it is but reasonable that the
Surgeons should be reimbursed any reasonable Expence
they may be at for Bazar Medicines & servants to
attend on the Officers and civil servants - It is agreed
that M^r Buchanan's charge be admitted.

The following Letter to the President
of Council at Fort Malabar was this Day signed.

To the Honble Richard Wyatt Esq^r Military Dep^y
President of Governor & Council of
Fort Malborough

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieutenant John Harriott
having requested our Permission to proceed to your
Settlement in Order to take a Passage from thence to
England We have accordingly complied therewith.

The Court of Directors having
informed us that M^r Richard Whitfield Chumney
who is appointed a Cadet for this Establishment
is now at your Presidency. We request he may proceed
to his Station.

We are

Yours &c

Honble
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Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Josias Du Puy
& Council

My Sir We have just now received a letter from Capt.
Burgall a copy of which & of the certificate referred
to is enclosed The consequence of which he is permitted
to take his Passage on the first Ship for England.

After the above Letter was signed
the following was received from Captain George Burgall
Honble Sir & Miss

It gives me great concern to find
my Constitution so much impaired, in two visits of
India, as to oblige me to excuse myself to the
Presidency of Madras, & to return to Europe.

This concern is in a great
Degree ^{however} mitigated in its relation to my Duty of
presence there as Engineer in the relation that I
could be of no more service than I have been.

For the justification of my
Consent herein to my Honble Constituents & other
Superiors in the Service I have annexed some certificates
whereof your kind representation to the Honble
Court of Directors of the Presidency of Madras will
be a further Instance of that Favor & attention
which I have been Honored with by this Presidency
of whom I cannot take my leave without rendering
my most humble and hearty thanks, not yet
without troubling them in one instance more, this
furtherance of myself & Family by the first Ship
for England. I have the Honor to be with the
greatest

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greatest respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most Obedient Servant

Geo. Burghall Engineer
& Comm^d of Artillery G. Mather

Fort St. George
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This is to certify that Captain George Burghall
in the Honble Compa^ys Service at Fort
William in the Kingdom of Bengall having
laboured under a Nervous Complaint for many
Months, for which he has taken Medicines from
several Gentlemen in the Profession of Physic but to
very little advantage. It is therefore the concurrent
Opinion of all, that the said Gentlemen should
return to Europe to try what relief the sea Air, or
his Native Climate may contribute for the establish-
ment of his Health as Witness my hand.

Calcutta
13 Feb 1765.

Richard Croft
Surgeon

This is to certify that we the undersig-
ned having examined the case of Capt. George
Burghall find that he has labored under a Nervous
Complaint together with a Pelvic Disorder of his
Bowel of continuous Eruptions of a very immoderate
kind, ever since he has been in this Country for
which he has taken Medicines from different
Gentlemen of the Profession of Physic without
any good Effect. We are therefore of Opinion that
a Removal into a colder Climate is necessary for
the Establishment of his Health. Witness
Our Hands in Calcutta this 9th Sep 1765

James Ellis
Robert Hunter

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These are to certify that Captain Burghall has laboured under for a considerable Length of Time very severe nervous Convulsive Complaints which still continue tho' in a lesser Degree during the cold Season, but as they have been obstinate in Spite of Medicine & the Strictest Perseverance in every Regimen prescrib'd. He is advis'd without loss of Time to Proceed to Europe for the restoration of his Health.

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3^d Feby 1772

Gilbert Pasley } Surgeons
Samuel Scott }

Agreed that Captain Burghall be permitted to take his Passage to England agreeable to his Request and the Postscript to the Letter to the President & Council at Fort Mather's is now added advising them thereof.

Read a Letter from the Natch as entered in Country Correspondence N^o 15. In Answer to the Presidents of the 11th December on the Subject of assisting the Marathas, & condemning the Natch's reasons for such a Measure, which being only a repetition of the Arguments which had been repeatedly urged by them and answered by us, the Board think it unnecessary to make any remarks thereon.

The following Appointments are now Ordered to take Place pursuant to the Orders of the House of Directors, and to complete the Establishment.

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Charles Clifton	Capt ^t of Artillery	{ 31 Jan ^y 1772 day of his arrival at Fort St. George }	3 Feb ^y 1772
Alca ^d Duncan	Capt ^t of Infantry	{ 5 Decem ^r 1771 day of his arrival }	Do
Ed ^d W. Montague	Ensign	{ 10 June 1771 met after the Youngest Ensign on his arrival }	Do
1 R. Howard	Ensign	{ 11 June 1771 met after Young st En on his arrival }	Do
2 Tho ^s M. Whitford	Ensign	{ 12 June 1771 appointed Cadet next after the Cadets of 1769 }	Do
3 John Munro	Do	13 June 1771	Do
4 C. B. Newman	Do	14 June 1771	Do
5 Rich ^d Chase	Do	15 June 1771	Do
6 M. C. Priddel	Do	16 June 1771	Do
7 Jonathan Donckin	Do	17 June 1771	Do not arrived
8 George Bruce	Do	18 June 1771	Do Do
9 Tho ^s Underwood	Do	19 June 1771	Do
10 James Finch	Do	20 June 1771	Do not arrived
11 R ^d Wilkinson	Do	21 June 1771	Do
12 Tho ^s Young	Do	22 June 1771	Do
13 James Waller	Do	23 June 1771	Do
14 Edward Morgan	Do	24 June 1771	Do
15 Alex ^r Watson	Do	25 June 1771	Do
16 Ang st Mackay	Do	26 June 1771	Do
17 Pine Adams	Do	27 June 1771	Do
18 J P. Howard	Do	28 June 1771	Do
19 W. Anderson	Do	29 June 1771	Do
20 William Rous	Do	30 June 1771	Do not arrived
21 John Finlay	Do	1 July 1771	Do
22 Rob ^t Beaver	Do	2 July 1771	Do
23 David Wilson	Do	3 July 1771	Do
24 David Campbell	Do	4 July 1771	Do

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25	Rui Moody Ensign	5 July	1771	3 July 1772
26	Samuel Wm D ^r	6 July	1771	D ^r
27	Peter Wright D ^r	7 July	1771	D ^r
28	Will. Ellis D ^r	8 July	1771	D ^r
29	Rich ^d Hethington D ^r	9 July	1771	D ^r
30	John Forbes D ^r	10 July	1771	D ^r
31	Robert Low D ^r	11 July	1771	D ^r

There being four Vacancies for Lieutenant Line Workers in the Artillery such of the Cadets as are desirous of accepting Commissions in that Corps are desired to send in their Applications to the Town Major on or before the 29th Instant when as many as are necessary to complete the Corps of Artillery will be appointed from among such of the Cadets as shall apply, according to their Standing in the Companies List.

For Du Bre

John Smith

Henry Brooke

John Whiteley

Gia Mackay

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Wednesday
5 Feb. 1772

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pri' Esq. Governor President
John Smith " Henry Brooke
John Whitehill, George Mackay
Mess^{rs} Andrey & Brunsden indisposed.
M^r Stratton absent

The Board having met at the
admiralty House, the undersigned Creditors appointed
pursuant to the Notice given them the 3rd ultimo
viz.

Mess^{rs} Nicholas Murre
Dawson Drake
Andrew Rofs
John Wood
Jas West
Thos Powney
James Johnson
Eleanor Moses
Peter Maritt
Charles Smith
Edward Manchester
George Smith
Arthur Cuthbert
Edward Stracey
Moses De Castro
John De Lincis
Alex Bowdall
Anthony Sadler
Paul Benfield

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The President then Proceeded to acquaint the Creditors, that the Injuncts of the Marattas, and the unsettled State in which the Country has been for some Time, had prevented the Board from Informing them that the Propositions which had been agreed to between the Company and the Creditors in England had been received. That they were now Assembled in Order to be acquainted that the Nabob had been wrote to on the Subject of them, but that his answer was not yet received, that as far as he the President could Judge from the conversations he had with him thereon, the Nabob seemed well disposed to do every ~~thing~~ ^{in his} Power to Satisfy the Company and his Private Creditors, That when his Answer to the above-mentioned Letter should be received, He should be able to give them further Information of his the Nabob's Intentions. That Although the Board do not Doubt but the Persons who signed the Letter of 25th January as a Committee of Creditors, were empowered by the Body of Creditors to write such Letter, yet as it does not appear that they have been formally and authentically appointed a Committee for the Purpose of corresponding with the President of Council, the Board could return no Answer to them nor could they correspond with them without such formal appointment, and therefore proposed that Trustees for the Purposes named in the agreement and for the more speedy dispatch of the Business should be formally appointed, with whom the Board might correspond; and the more especially as nothing without such formal appointment, nothing that those Gentlemen might write would be deemed binding on the Body of the Creditors, but only on such Individuals.

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Individuals as should sign the Letters, whereas whatever the President & Council should write would be binding on the Company. The President further Informed the Creditors that in Order to prevent the Nabob from being embarrassed with applications, the Court of Directors had ordered) and which he understood to be with the consent of the Creditors in England) that all Applications whatever to the Nabob should be through the Channel of the President & Council, or Select Committee by means of the President.

An Objection was then made to the Nominations of Trustees, before the Purposes of such Nominations were known. That the Agreement could only be considered as an express Agreement to which one of the Parties has not yet assented and that therefore it would be premature to appoint Trustees before the Nabob's Answer was received when it would be known whether he assented thereto or not.

good/ To this the President replied that it was the Intention and desire of the Board, to act for the good of the whole, namely the Nabob, the Company, and the Creditors, that the Board were ready to correspond with such Persons as should be formally and authentically appointed, or to the President would be ready to communicate to any Individual of the Creditors whatever Matters might arise respecting their Interests. That he therefore left it to the Creditors to appoint Persons formally or not, as they should see Proper.

The following Question was then Proposed to be put Vizth Whether it will be

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more conducive to the Interests of the whole, that a Committee should be formally appointed with whom the President & Council may correspond, or whether it will be more expedient that the President should from Time to Time Inform such of the Creditors as he should think proper of whatever might appear necessary for their Informations.

But before the above Question was put, a Doubt was started with respect to the Validity of the Agreement, when it was urged that it could only be considered as an *ex parte* Agreement, to which one of the Parties had not assented, and that without his Assent it would not be deemed binding on the other two. And in Support of this Opinion the Letter from Mr Brune of the 10th April to the Court of Directors was read: from which it was inferred that as there was a Failure in the Performance of the Agreement, by the Nabob's not having paid the 25 Lacks of Pagodas according to Stipulation, the same was rendered of no Effect. To which it was answered by the President, that such Failure on the part of the Nabob, could not annul the Agreement, since in the very Agreement, itself a Provision was made in Case of such Failure.

The following Question was then proposed viz^t Whether any Number of the Creditors shall be appointed a Committee formally under the Hands of the Creditors for the purpose of corresponding with the President & Council on such Matters as may arise.

Whereupon Mr James Schomberg

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said he had something to offer from the Nabob, who was aware of this Meeting, and had desired him to make the following representation to the Creditors.

To the Nabob's Creditors

I am commanded by the Nabob to signify to the Creditors now Assembled that His Excellency is determined to fulfill the promises he lately made to you of paying certain Sums of Money that he will discharge the Amount of his Bonds as they now stand against him, simply and Separately from his other Debts, and without any other Conditions annexed to them; and that any Resolutions you may now or at any Time hereafter make to the contrary, will not only be without, but expressly against his Consent - I am commanded to signify to you also the mode he has adopted for fulfilling his Intentions - His Excellency has assigned to two of the Servants of his Circar of whom I am one the Assignment or Mortgage granted to him by the Rajah of Tanjore whereby certain Countries are pledged for the Payment of Thirty two Lacks and fifty thousand Rupees and ^{one} ~~half~~ ^{and} ~~which~~ ^{is} Payable about the middle of July 1772 and the other half about the same Time in the Year 1773 in certain Lists. His Excellency has granted me full Power to receive for your Use what arrears are due which on the 2^d January last was Rs 29,34,45 ^{and} 7/5

The Rajah's Original assignment to the Nabob and the Nabob's Power to me, are now in my Possession and I am ready to carry them into Execution - Four Lacks of Rupees will be due from the said Rajah as Indebted to the Nabob about the middle of July 1772 and the like Sum, on the same Account in July 1773

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These Sums are already assigned for your use I have received 50,000 Pagodas in part of the Assignment upon About Rastine Chattron payable the 27th Instant, and when my Book is ready I shall declare a Dividend One Lack of Pagodas is coming from the Tinnevelly Countries - One half was ready many Days ago and I hourly expect to receive it. - The other half will be sent hither about the end of the Month - I am lately commanded by his Excellency to request that you will signify to him through me your firm Assent to these Proposals that they may be carried vigorously into Execution.

Madras
5 Feb. 1772.

James Johnson,

After the representation was read the President said he thought it proper that he should withdraw, But a Motion being made and seconded by several of the Coadjutors that the foregoing Question might be put, It was accordingly put, and carried unanimously in the Affirmative whereupon a Question was put, to determine the Number of which Persons Committee should consist and it was resolved by a Majority, that the Committee should consist of Three, It was agreed that the Gentlemen who had signed the Letter to the President of the 25th January should prepare the proper Powers for the Committee to be signed by the other Coadjutors, when a Meeting should be called to elect the Persons to be appointed a Committee.

Mr James Johnson then moved again that the Coadjutors should take the above Representation from the Table into consideration whereupon the President observed, that as the same

there

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did not regard the Company, whose Representative
he was, it would be improper that he should be
present, while they were deliberating thereon, and
therefore Withdrew.

For Du Bre

John Smith

Henry Brooks

John Whitehill

Geo. Mackay.

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The following Letters were this Day wrote
To Colonel Sir Robert Fletcher,

Sir

Letter to Col Sir Robt
Fletcher, ordered to
take the command
of the Troops in
Gen Smith's absence.

General Smith having intimated
that he should probably on account of his ill State of
Health be obliged to go to Cuddalore, we desire you will
as soon as may be convenient proceed to Trichinopoly and
take upon you the command of the Troops during his
absence - And as it may be necessary that the Army
should take the Field and General Smith may be unable
to reassume the Command in that case we desire you will
put the Troops of Stones in the best Order Possible for
Marching on the Shortest Notice - You are also thereby
empowered to take upon you the Command of the
Garrison of Trichinopoly during your residence there or
until General Smith should return to that Garrison.

Enclosed is a letter to the Officer
who may have been left in the Command by General
Smith during his absence directing him to deliver over
the Command to you.

We are

Sir

Your most Obed^t

humble Servants

Josias Du Pal

Sec^y Council

Fort St. George
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To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commanding Officer of the Troops on
the Coast.

Sir

We were much concerned to hear
of

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Letter to Gen. Smith
concerning him thus

of your Indisposition, and in consequence of your Intention
communicated to the President of Councils to find out
for the necessaries of your Health, We have
directed Col. Sir Robert Fletcher to Proceed to Trichinopoly
and to take upon him the Command of that Garrison
of the Troops Stationed there and in Cantonments in
the Environs during your absence - As as it may be
necessary for the Army to take the Field, We have given
him Orders to hold every thing in readiness for that
Purpose.

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We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Josias DuRoi
G. Council

To Lieut. Col. Lang
or the Officer commanding at
Trichinopoly, of the Troops in Cantonments.

and the Officer
commanding at
Trichinopoly.

Sir
Having appointed Col. Sir Robert
Fletcher to take upon him the Command of the
Garrison of Trichinopoly of the Troops Stationed there
and in Cantonments, during the absence of Gen. Smith
You will on Sir Robert Fletcher's Arrival deliver over
the Command thereof to him.

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We are
Sir
Your Obedient
humble Servants.
Josias DuRoi
G. Council

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To the Honble John Cartier Esq^r *Military Department*
President of Governor & Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William This serves to enclose a Dispatch
of our letter of the 1st Instant, and to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Favor of the 3rd January & Lord North

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Josias Du Pre

& Council

Fort St. George

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Oth The following Advertisement was this day circulated.

*Notice given by
the Nabob of a
Dividend of 2 1/2 %
Cent.*

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of 2 1/2 %
upon the Principal Sum due to the several creditors
of His Highness the Nabob on the 1st Jan^y 1772 will
begin to be paid at 12 o'clock this day at my
Office in St. Thomas's Street, being the Money mentioned
in the Nabob's Message to his creditors Assembled on
the 5th Instant received in Part of the Assignment
upon Asset Trusts & Causse, and conformable to the
Intimation therein given. His Excellency has
ordered this Dividend to be made.

Saturday
8 February 1772

Ja^s Johnson

Agent to the Nabob

To the Nabob's Creditors

It was represented at a Meeting
of the Creditors held on the 25 January that an
Expense of about 10000 Pagodas had been incurred
in England by the Agent who had collected the
affairs

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The Affairs of the Creditors there, and it was agreed that an Application should be made to the Creditors in General whether this Expense should not be borne by every Creditor of the State in Proportion to his Interest - Such Creditors as are content so to do are requested to express their Approbation upon this Paper.

Saturday morning
2th of February 1772

James Johnson
 Clerk to the creditors

9 M^r Ansley departed this Life this Morning.

Monday
10th Feby.

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

M^r Bruckner indisposed.

M^r Charles Smith takes his Seat as a Member of the Council

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transacted the Business for such Information as
they could give respecting the State of the Country
the Trade carried on to & from Achim, Quila and
Places Adjacent, & the Privileges they had obtained by
means of their Intercourse and trade with those
Parts - And Having obtained all the Lights they
can give him, He now requests that the Board will
put under his Orders (He being the Member of the
Select Committee on the Spot.) Mess^{rs} Manikton and
Devocua as also such a Number of Sepoys, which
will not at present exceed 20 with a few Artillery
men & Carriers for the Purpose of carrying the Orders
received into Execution. The President also desires that
the Military Storekeeper may be directed to furnish
such Stores and Ammunition as may be necessary
for the Service, Which the Board approve and in
Order to prevent the charges of this Expedition from
being introduced into the Books of the different
Employes, & that the whole may appear at once
It is resolved that all the Charges attending it whether
for Stores, Goods, Freight of the Vessel, Pay of the
Troops, Presents &c. be disbursed by Mr. Stratton who
is to draw for the same out of Cash & the Amount
to be carried to Heads & be entered in the General
Books for that Purpose.

Letter from the Nabob's Creditors &c. &c.
read as follows

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

Honble Sirs

As Creditors of the Nabob

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Letter from the Nabob
Gentles, advising of
the Persons nominated
a committee of
business.

In consequence of the Notification received from your
President we take the Liberty of Informing you that
we have elected M^r. Charles Smith M^r. George
Smith and M^r. Paul Benfield to be a Committee of
correspondence for transacting our Affairs with you.

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Miss
Your most Obedt^h Serv^{ts}

George Stratton
Henry Brooke
George Mackay
W^m Goodlad
Peter. Harriette
Jas. Hall
Paul Benfield
John Turing
Tho^s. Powney
John Sullivan
Rob^t. Fletcher
John Whitehill
Anth^y. Sadler
J^m Stone Es^r to the Esq^r of the
E. Monckton ^{M^r Charles Gidley}
^{of the M^r. the Duke}
Arth^r. Gathbert
for himself and his constituents
Dawsonne Drake
John D'Arcy
Jas. West
Geo. Dawson
Reynolds Adams

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Read the following letter from General Smith
To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq,
President & Governor of Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Mrs

Letter from Genl Smith
enclosing a Memorial
of Lieut Lamballais
regarding his rank

I am honored with your
letter of 17 January, in consequence of which Lieut Col.
Lang has taken upon him, the Business required by
the late regulations respecting the Paymasters—Your
other commands concerning Mr Peters &c shall also
be complied with.

I have the Honor to send
you enclosed A Memorial from Lieut. Lamballais
wherein he complains that Lieut. Sellers (tho' A sergeant
when he was A Cadet) has got rank of him by Brevet
dated 17th Nov: 1767 at a Time, I think it was intended
Mr Sellers should not rise, and therefore was not
considered as a Surpassion. Lieut. Lamballais is an
active, diligent, good Officer—He distinguished himself
particularly on the 6th of September 1760 when by
keeping up an incessant hot fire upon the Enemy
he defended his small Party till reinforced, which
would otherwise have been cut off— I have not the
least Doubt but your Honor &c will take this
Memorial into consideration, and do him all the
Justice he is entitled to

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

Your most Obedt Serv^t
Joseph Smith

Trincomopoly
1st Feby 1772

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To Joseph Smith Esq^r Brigadier General and Commander
in Chief of all the Forces in the Service of the Honble the
United Company on the Coast of Coromandel.

Sheweth

That your Memoriatist was appointed
as a Cadet in the Honble Company's 3^d Regiment
on the 10th day of November 1767.

That at the said Time Thomas
Sellers now a Lieutenant was a Sergeant

That on the 17th November
aforesaid, the said Sellers, being appointed adjutant
to Fort St. George, obtained a Brevet for Ensign by
which your Memoriatist has been superseded by the
said Sellers.

That your Memoriatist is more
sensibly affected by the said supersession, as he has
thereby lost Rank, not only of the said Sellers, but of
Thirty seven Persons.

That your Memoriatist
humbly apprehends that it was always the Intention
of the Honble Company to make Gentlemen Cadets
before more Commissioned Officers and that his appoint-
ment before said Sellers is therefore owing to some
Mistake.

That your Memoriatist served
the Honble Company to the best of his Capacity
all the last Campaigns during which he suffered
many severe hardships and Losses.

Your Memoriatist therefore
humbly hopes that you will take his Case into
Consideration and order just redress as his Service
and Character shall be found to entitle him to.

Memorial of L^d.
Lambert's regards
his Rank.

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turn to

Las Lamballais
Lieut 3^d Battalion

Casim the same.

as it appears upon reference to our
Proceedings that the Case of Lieut. Lamballais is exactly
similar to that of Lieut. Mordaunt noted in Consultation
the 27th January. It is ordered that he do take rank next
after Lieutenant Mordaunt, & before Lieutenant Sellers.

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr Hay's Letter from
Trichinopoly concerning
the resignation of the Paymaster
at Fort St. George.

in Bad State of Health, that I have
laboured under for these two years past, and the little
probability there appears of my regaining my former
good Health while I stay here, lays me under the necessity
of addressing your Honour &c^{ts} on this occasion and to
beg your permission to give up my present employ and
that your Honour &c^{ts} will be pleased at the same time
to appoint whom you may think proper to replace me,
which I much wish to be about the end of April next
by which time I hope to have every thing in readiness
to deliver over to my Successor and in the manner I
could wish to

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t &
very humble Servant
James Hay

Trichinopoly
2^d Feb^y 1772

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Agreed that M^r Hay be permitted
to resign the Empties of Paymaster and Storekeeper at
Sachinopoly agreeable to his request and that M^r Samuel
Johnson be appointed in his rooms.

Read the following Letter from Captⁿ Charles Clifton
To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq^r
President of Governor & Council
of Fort St. George

Sir & Mrs

Letter from Captⁿ
Clifton regarding his
rank

On my Arrival here I found
contrary to my expectations of succeeding to the first
vacant Company that four of the Captain Lieutenants
have been promoted to the rank of full Captains and
myself appointed under them which is a circumstance
of the highest grievance & becomes a disappointment
of the severest Nature, as these Officers so promoted
appeared on the List in England entirely out of the
View of obtaining superior Rank to the appointment.
The Honble Court of Directors then conferred on me, for as
at this Time they could not understand, there would
be more Captains than those which fill up the Companies
they consequently meant one must be Superior to one
I should you Gentlemen be
pleased to consider me now or hereafter with that
inferior rank my standing would give me in the
Infantry, according to my first commission on this
Establishment it would place me far above those
Officers you have so favor'd, and before Captain Stout
who was absent at the Time I had been near three
years an Officer of his Rank to observe that this
Gentleman I mentioned, and all the Officers below
him

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him, as thus Inferior to me, to the Honble. Directors and was a Motive to their Appointing me to that Settlement, and consequently I understood first for a Vacant Company)

I do not mean to detract from the Merits of Officers, the Honble. President and Council have been pleased to promote I truly would represent the hardships of my case, & leave it to their consideration in order to direct the Nature of a further application to the Honble Court of Directors, as may appear necessary to the recovery of my Ranks in the Service.

I am Sir & Miss
with all respect
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Chas. Clifton

Fort St George
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Orders thereon

As the Orders of the Court of Directors are very clear and explicit with regard to Capt Clifton's rank, as well as the commission granted him, which express that he is to take rank next after the youngest Captain of Artillery in his arrival at this Presidency the Board cannot deviate therefrom.

Letter from Mrs Eliza Butler Widow of L. Col. Butler was as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq
President & Governor of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Miss

Being left a Widow with five Children unprotected for by the Death of my Husband Lieut. Colonel Butler late Commander of Artillery, who died in the Honble Company's Service

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shortly after the Siege of Tangier, of a Disorder occasioned by the great Fatigues he went through during the said Siege. Am Obliged to address you Honble Sir & Miss, to grant me a Certificate, that my said Husband died in the Honble Company's Service to enable me on my arrival in Europe to apply to the Honble Board of Directors for my Pension from the Military Fund; as Widow of the said Lieutenant Col. Butler, and conformable to the Deed of the said Fund, am ready to make Oath when he is agreeable to the Honble Board, that my said Husband at the Time of his Death was not Seized, or Possessed of, or entitled unto any real or personal Estate to the amount in Value together of three Thousand Pounds.

I am

Honble Sir & Miss
Your most Obedient
Humble servant
Eliza Butler

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The Board being of Opinion that Mrs Butler is a proper Object to partake of the Military Fund, It is Agreed that a Certificate be granted her on her taking the Oath prescribed.

The Secretary says before the Board that following Letter from W. Petrie Paymaster to the Treasurers in Constantinople.

I am Sir
I have this day received your Letter of the 30th W^m accompanying an Extract from the Report of the Committee of Accounts to the President of Council, and the Orders of the Board thereon.

Letter from Mrs Butler
desiring to be recommended
to partake of the Military
Fund

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Letter from Mr.
Acton with his expla-
nation on the remarks
of the Committee of
Accounts

That it appeared necessary to
General Smith to appoint an Acting Adjutant
to the Grenadier Corps, someone would appear
from the Vouchers being countersigned by him
and as this is a charge which would not be made
without his express Authority, I hope this
Explanation will appear satisfactory By General
Orders in Camp Sep^r last Lieut^s Paterson and Philips
were appointed acting adjutant & Quarter Master to
the Battalion of Grenadiers; M^r Philips omitted
drawing his Pay as Quarter Master until the return
of the Army from Languedoc & this charge is inserted
in my Military Payments for December, I beg the
favor of you to lay this Explanation before the
Honble President & Council of Innam with much
regard.

Your most Obed^t & Devoted
servant

Will^m Petree.

Recommendation
for Private Sepoys of
13 Battⁿ Sep^r 1771

The Secretary lays before the Board
a letter from Mr. John R. J. Paymaster at V^lleur
enclosing a Recommendation for 1 Grenadier, three
Havildars and four Sepoys of the 13 Battalion to be
put on the Private List which is approved.

Letter from Mr. William Ellis was as follows

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. W^m
Ellis desiring to return
to England

My affairs requiring my return
to Europe as soon as possible I beg leave to resign
the Honble Company's Service, and request that
you will order a Permit to Pass for Captain
Hambley of the Lord North to receive me and my
negatives on board his Ship. I have the Honor

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to the Honble Secy & Secs

Madras Feb^y 10th 1772

Your most Obedient servant
Wm^r Ellis.

Granted.

Agreed that M^r Ellis be permitted
to return to England conformable to his request.

Letter from the Nabob read as
entered in Country Correspondence N^o 29 in Answer
to the Presidents on the Subject of Sir John Linsays
Complaint of our having refused him a Translation
of his Majestys Letter; to which the President
acquaints the Board he had returned an Answer
Translate of which he now lays before the Board
N^o 30 requesting to be Informed to what Governor
he made an Application he mentions - which the
Board Approve.

Wm^r Ellis
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Jed. Mackay

110. Fort St. George 12th February 1772.

The following Notice was this day circulated.

I am ordered by the Natsob to intimate to the Creditors that it is his desire that they do receive the Dividend of 2 1/2 % Cent which was published the 8th Instant / or before the 15 Instant as Interest has ceased from the day of the Publication. It is inconvenient to his affairs to keep Money in Suspence after having made a Tender of it to his Creditors - and that it is also his Intention to order another Dividend to be made on the 16 Ins^t.

Circulated 12 Feb^y 1772.

Ja^s. Johnson

Agent to the Natsob,

14 This day the following Notice was published, by the means of M^r. Charles Bromley Notary Publick.

M^r. Johnson, to prevent any Doubts which may hereafter arise, thinks it a Duty which he owes to the Creditors and to himself, to intimate to them that he will not think himself accountable to any of them for any Part of the Money now in his Hands, for the Purpose of a Dividend, which shall remain unapplied for after the 15 Instant / the day limited for closing the Present Payments until he shall have received the further Orders of his Highness the Natsob in regard to the same.

Madras 14 Feb^y 1772.

James Johnson.

16 The following Notice was this day given.

Notice is hereby given to the Creditors of his Highness the Natsob that I have this day received in Cash & Bills about the Sum of 110000 P^og^s on their Account that the same will be divided as fast as the Money comes in, and that a Dividend of 2 1/2 % Cent will begin to be paid to all the Creditors

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Collectors at my Office in St. Thomas's Street at 9 of Clock
to morrow Morning

Sign

James Johnson
Agent to the Natch.

16 February -

Monday
17 Feb^y 1772

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

Mr. Brudenell indisposed.

Letter from L^d Col. Lang read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Ever since your Letter to Gen^l

Letter from L^d Col.
Lang on the Subject
of Mr. Peters's Complaint
against him

Smith of the 17th Ultimo, touching an Affair which
happened between Mr. Peters and me, I have laboured
under uncommen uneasiness; not on Account of the
nature of his complaint, but of the Effect it has
produced in the Minds of the Gentlemen of the
Board, whose esteem it has been my constant
Study to discover, my Character has remained
unblemished so long, that I cannot have the smallest
apprehensions from the false or foolish assertions
of so contemptible a Person as the Complainant,
I cannot therefore omit this opportunity of declar-
ing that a hard and faithful Servitude of
Twenty Years has not lost me to the Honor
of a Line from the Board, acquainting me with

Y^{rs}

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The charge of demanding an Explanation, I had flattered myself that the bare assertion of any Person much less Mr. Peters, could never have procured an Order against me to make attornment for an Office which never has or can be proved.

However Gentlemen, as I shall always be happy to appear before the World and You not undervaluing of the Honors I have arrived at in the Service, I have long waited with Impatience for the Judicial Enquiry you are pleased to allow me, by which I shall have an Opportunity of removing your prejudices & proving the Emptiness of the accusation & the answer. I am therefore prepared to answer Mr. Peters Charge before a General Court Martial, that being the most effectual & regular method of obtaining Justice to both Parties. If in the Course of my Defence, it should appear that Mr. Peters Memory has abused him on this as on many former occasions he was only his own rashness to blame, & must atone the consequences.

As I am to answer for my conduct before a Court of Inquiry, I find it unnecessary to trouble you here with a Detail of the Transaction I explained it to the General long since, I hope to his Satisfaction, & I pay myself an extravagant compliment when I declare that I have ever had as strict a regard for the truth as Mr. Peters.

I have only to request that Gentlemen will be pleased to suspend their further Opinion till the Matter has been fully & regularly discussed & to assure you that I shall on this and

etc

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all other occasions most cheerfully Submit to the
Orders of the Board.

I am

Honorable Sir & Mrs

Your very faithful and obed^t

Servant

Robt Lang

Trichinopoly
10 February 1772.

The Propriety of Language which runs thro' the whole Letter seems not to leave an Opening to Doubt whether or not the Author comprehends the Force of the Words he uses. In the first Place M. Peters is a surgeon in the Company's Service. It is an unbecoming Liberty in any Servant of the Company, whatever his Rank, to treat any other Servant of the Company who by his Station or Profession ranks as a Gentleman with the Epithet. Contemptible. M. Peters by his Station and Profession is a Gentleman it does not appear to the Board that he has forfeited that Character, and therefore it is a Disrespect to the Board to rate him contemptible more Especially as it seems Lieut. Col. Lang makes a Judicial Enquiry which it will probably appear mathematically whether he deserves that Character or not. Lieut. Col. Lang has misquoted the Board's Letter to Genl. Smith. They never ordered him to make an Apology for having before them, in their Public Character, as representatives of the Company, the formal Charge, but not the Defence, they are not quite so absurd and unjust as to prejudge. They left Col. Lang at Liberty to make an Apology if he shall be conscious of having done the Complainant an Injury, or to clear

his

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his Character by a Judicial Examination, if he is
conscious that he hath not. Upon what Grounds
does Lieut. Col. Lang conceive that the Board should
refuse the Measures of redress to one of the Company's
servants, who formally and Publicly complains of
an Injury? But Lieut. Col. Lang accepts the mode
of a Judicial Enquiry and tells the Board that he
shall thereby have an opportunity of removing
their Prejudices - Does Lieut. Col. Lang know the
Meaning of the word Prejudice? It means a Judge-
ment before hand for or against a Person or thing.
Does Lieut. Col. Lang take upon him to declare that
the Board hath prejudices in a matter that may
possibly come before them as Judges to approve or
disapprove the Sentence of the Court Martial
before which he proposes to vindicate himself? But
whether in that Character, or as representatives of
the Company we will not suffer our Honor and
Integrity to be thus arraigned. To give Lieut. Col.
Lang an opportunity of explaining his meaning
Ordered that a copy of this Minute be sent to
Burgadier Genl Smith if that he be desired to call
upon Lieut. Col. Lang to answer it and to Inform him
that if he thought it necessary to address the
Board, he ought to have done so through the
Channel of the commanding Officer, to whom
the Board had wrote on the Subject.

The following Letter from General Smith is received
to the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq.
President of Governor & Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs
My late Inconspicuous presence

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Letter from Genl Smith
on the same Subject

me hitherto from making any reply to that Paragraph of the Honble Boards letter of the 17th of January, relative to Lieut. Col. Lang, and Mr. Peters.

Immediately after the March of the Army from Tanjore Mr. Lucas complained to me that Mr. Peters had spread some reports in the Lines very prejudicial to his Character, which for the Satisfaction of himself, and Friends he wished to have explained. Having at that Time Business more material to attend to, than private Disputes - Mr. Parkinson by my desire wrote a Letter to Col. Lang, requesting he would take this Trouble off my hands - assembling the Parties at his Tent to hear what they had to say, in respect to Doctor Lucas complaint, and make me acquainted therewith - they met accordingly and when the Colonel was proceeding to Inform them with the Cause of their meeting, he was interrupted by Mr. Peters who demanded to know whether it was a Court of Enquiry, ordered to examine into the complaint against him or not. If it was he should be obliged to call on some Witnesses. The Col. replied, he did not know of any Court of Enquiry that was ordered, but that any Witnesses he chose to call upon if he would name them should be immediately sent for. When the Col. was proceeding to hear the complaint, Mr. Peters stopped him again by declaring, to the Surprise of all Present, that he Col. Lang was prejudiced and would make every circumstance appear against him in its worst Colours, or words to that Effect

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A reflection so hurtful and to be said in the presence of a number of Officers, could not fail to irritate the General who conscious that he had no motives to show any partiality to either Party could not at the same command his Temper. He shewed Mr. Peters to the Door of his Tent, bestowing on him some epithets, that are not usually apply'd to those who are under the Denomination of Gentlemen - but Mr. Peters had previously in fact given the Genl. the worst of Epithets - he was prejudiced and would hear every thing he said to his disadvantage, Language so Injurious, as to imply every thing that is bad of the Person to whom it is address'd.

Mr. Peters has misrepresented to your Honor &c. the circumstances that brought on the Dispute with Doctor Lucas very much - for the affair of the Old Tent, which he mentions as the cause of it, and respecting which his Veracity had been called in Question - was drop'd for some Time and the occasion of his address to the Board, took rise as follows. He seems to think (and I have reason to believe unjustly) that he was ill used by Doctor Lucas in his Department, and in a conversation he had with Captain Mayne and others he said "he had fully deserved as by putting Doctor Lucas's Nose, and treating him as he deserved." This Story becoming the common chat in Camp amongst the Officers, Mr. Lucas heard of it was thus he complain'd of to me, as being

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being without the least Foundation. Indeed Mr Peters
is noted for doing mean things, and telling the
most bare faced untruths - I should not wonder
therefore if some Time or other, he suffers for such
conduct, so unbecoming a Gentleman, and the
Station he holds in this Service, His application
to the Board conveys a direct accusation against
me. for not having given him the redress he
mentions in Camp. I admit he did complain
but being thoroughly acquainted with the
character of the man, and being informed he
had by his Impertinence drawn on himself
the Harsh Language he complains of and as
Col Lang did not sit in any Judicial Capacity
no Court of Enquiry being ordered, and having
previously received such unmerited Ill Treatment
from Mr Peters, I consider his complaint as
a Personal Affair. and that if General Courts
Martials, are to be ordered in every such Case the
Officers would seldom be without Duty of that kind.
If Mr Peters had chose the concise mode of accommodation
he mentions - he need not have given himself
so much Trouble from what I have said I have
no Doubt Your Honor will give his complaint
both as to myself and Colonel Lang in a proper
Light

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

Your most Obedt Servant
Joseph Smith

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To which a Draft of an Answer is now read & approved as entered in the subsequent Diary.

Letter from the Nabob's Creditors read as Follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esq.
President & Governor & Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Mrs

As Creditors of his Excellency

Letter from the Nabob's
Creditors, advising of
their having appointed
Mr. Geo. Smith & John
Sullivan of the Committee in
the room of Messrs
Smith & Geo. Smith

The Nabob, We had the Honor to inform you in our
letter of 21th Instant that we had chosen Mr. Charles
Smith Mr. George Smith and Mrs. Paul Benfield to be a
Committee of Correspondence for transacting our Affairs
with you, but Mr. Charles Smith and Mr. George Smith
having desired to decline accepting the appointment,
We have since elected Mr. William Martin Goodlad &
Mr. John Sullivan in their room.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Mrs.

Your most Obedient humble Servants.

J. H. Stone for his
Constituents

H. Brooke

Geo. Mackay

C. E. Jones

for his Constituents

J. Eley

Jas. Call for John Call

Geo. Stratton

Arth. Cuthbert

Arth. Sadler

W. Taring for
John Taring

John Sullivan
for his Constituents

John Whitehill

Geo. Dawson

Paul Benfield

Rev. Adams

W. Goodlad for himself

Thos. Powney

Charles Smith
for his Constituents

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The following letter from the ^{Committee of} Nabobs Creditors is also now read.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the
Committee of the
Nabobs Creditors

Your President at a late meeting of the private European Creditors of His Excellency the Nabob, having been pleased to intimate the Desire of the Board that they should elect certain Persons to be a Committee of Correspondence for transacting their Affairs with you - a Majority of Creditors at a subsequent Meeting did accordingly elect M^r Charles Smith, M^r George Smith and M^r Paul Bampfild for the Purpose recommended by your President of which you were informed by certain Creditors in their Letter of the 6th Instant - but the two first mentioned Gentlemen having desired to decline that Trust, M^r ^{who} have now the Honor to address you have since been elected by a Majority of Creditors present at the then Meeting of which you have also been informed by the Creditors our Constituents.

In compliance with the Trust reposed in us, We embrace the earliest Opportunity of undertaking the cause of our Constituents and we hope that in so doing We shall be serviceable to the whole Body of Creditors - but tho' this is our most earnest wish, We think it necessary to advise you, that as our Powers are derived only from certain Creditors, so whatever may be the effect of our Negotiations the same can only be regarded by us as tending to the Interest of our Constituents

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Constituents, and by no means binding on those of the Creditors who have thought it more for their Interest to pursue a different mode for the Recovery of what is due to them from the Estate, The sum which however Obvious, seems necessary on our Part because a Committee of Creditors without such information might be regarded as a Committee of the whole Body whereas our Powers are derived only from a Part, and we beg to lay before you a List of those Creditors who have signed our Instructions, not doubting but you will be Pleased to consider them fully worthy of your Attention,

Having promised this, We think it necessary to Inform you that we are Instructed to make the Agreement entered into between the Hon^{ble} Company & the Agents for certain Creditors in England the Basis of our Negotiations with you on the behalf of our Constituents - and in order that we may have the most perfect Knowledge of the said Agreement, We request that you ^{be pleased to} furnish us with an authenticated Copy of the Agreement forwarded to you by the Court of Directors, that we may compare the same with the one transmitted to the Creditors by their Agents. We request also to be furnished with a like Copy of such Instructions as were received by you relative to the said Agreement, and we flatter ourselves with your compliance, since the Hon^{ble} Court were pleased to grant Copy of them to the Agents in England - having said that Copy was granted in England our request may appear unnecessary, but we hope it will no longer be thought so when

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When We assure you, that the utmost cleanness of Purview is
our Motive for making it.

By one of the Articles of the
Agreement transmitted by the Agents of the Creditors
in England, We observe, that in Case His Excellency the
Nabob should have complied with his Engagements
with the President and Council, by paying to the
Company the Sum of Twenty Five Lakhs of Pagodas
between the Time of that Engagement and June 1771
The Sum of Four Lakhs of Pagodas is to be paid to the
Creditors, either in Money Bounts or Bills of Exchange
upon their Assigning to the Company the like
Amount of the Debt due to them from his Excellency, but
that in Case the Payment of the said Twenty five Lakhs
shall not have been completed, in such case all that
shall have been received from the Nabob by the Company
between the Time of his Engagements and the Time
of your receiving the Company's Agreement with the
Creditors, exceeding 15 Lakhs is to be divided in certain
Proportions between the Company and the Creditors, a
like Assignment being made for the Proprietors which
is to be Paid to the Creditors. We request the Favor of
your Honors^{ships} to cause a Statement of the Sum so
received from the Nabob to be laid before us, and that
you will be pleased to inform us what Arrangements
you propose to make in consequence of the said
Payments from the Nabob and the Order of the Company
by the Agreement.

We observe further by the said
Agreement that the current charges incurred by the
Company on Account of the Nabob are to be discharged
by him, without the Creditors participating in the

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Payments made for that Purpose, Altho it is provided by the Agreement that the said Current Charges should not in Time of Peace exceed Four Lacks, yet as, We hope they will fall Short of that Amount, We request the Favor of you to Inform us in general how the Account of Current Charges stands at present, and as particularly as you will con- sider what part of the Nabob's Payments the Creditors are to expect will be annually carried to that Account.

Altho We are directed by our Constituents to regard the Agreement between the Company and the Creditors in England as the Basis of our Negotiations, yet we think it necessary to request for their Information that you will be pleased to acquaint us how far you are of Opinion the said Agreement is likely to be carried into Execution, or, in other words, what Prospects you think the Creditors have of receiving what is due to them thro the means of that Agreement. We beg of you to be persuaded that neither we or our Constituents entertain the least Doubt on the Part of the Company - our desire of Information on this Head arises solely from the Nabob's Declarations. Your Honor &c^{ts} have already been furnished with the Copy of his Letter to his Agents (W^m Johnson was at the Meeting of the Creditors the 25th Ultimo, We beg now to lay before you Copy of W^m Johnson's Letter of the 5th Instant together with Copies of several Notifications which have been since published relative to a Dividend of 2 1/2 Percent and a further Dividend of 1/2 Percent, declared yesterday - on all which We are
Doubtless

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Directed by our Constituents to request you will furnish us with your Sentiments, and we are further Directed earnestly to desire you will endeavour to obtain the Nabobs Consent to the mode settled by the Agreement.

We think it necessary to intimate to you that the Majority of Creditors present at the Meeting when the former Dividend was declared regarding the Agreement with the Company as binding on them, did postpone the Receipt of such Dividend till they should hear from your Honor^{ship} on the Subject.

We request to be furnished with Copy of the Minutes taken by your Secretary at the Meeting of Creditors held by your desire at the admiralty.

As it is the earnest desire of our Constituents that each of the Creditors as an in England may have the earliest Intelligence of the Measures pursued in consequence of the Agreement between the Company and the Agents, and as we understand that the ~~Line~~ North is to be despatched on the 20th Inst. We most earnestly entreat that your Honor^{ship} will be pleased to furnish us with a reply to this as soon as you conveniently can.

We have the Honor to be with the
Greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t Humble Serv^{ts}

W^m Goddard
John Sullivan
Paul Benfield

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List of Executors who have signed the Instructions to the Committee.

List of the Executors
who have signed
the Instructions to
the Committee.

Geo Stratton
Arth^r Cuthbert
Anth^y Sadler
W. Turing for S. Turing
John Whitehill
John Sullivan for his Constituents
Geo Dawson
Paul Bensfield
Rey^d Adams
W. M. Goodlad for himself, W. Petrie and
Tho^s Powney M^r R. Munro
J. M. Stone for his Constituents
H. Brooke
Geo. Mackay
C. E. Jones for his Constituents
John Eley
James Call for John Call
Francis Borneuall
Mary Powney
Rebecca Casamajor
Charles Smith for his Constituents
Rich^d Stanton
Sir Rob^t Fletcher
Mary Turing for self and Constituents.

The Notifications sent with the above Letter are
the same as those entered in the Proceeding Book under
Date 12th 14th & 16th Instant

President's Report of
Conference with
the Nabal

The President acquaints the
Board that he had a meeting with the Nabal on

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on Saturday Evening, on the Subject of the Arrangement to be made with the Creditors, when he assured the Nabob, that the Company in the Agreement they had made with the Creditors meant to save his Honor and to prevent his being embarrassed with constant applications; and that it was the wisest desire of the Board to settle matters with the Creditors in such manner as should be most agreeable to him - But notwithstanding all the Arguments he would use, the Nabob seemed utterly averse to any Agreement or Commission between the Company and the Creditors, he however informed the President that he would consider further of it, and desired another as last Night, that he the President accordingly waited on him, when he found that the Nabob had taken his final resolution - which was that he would have nothing to do with any Agreement the Company and the Creditors might enter into, that he would discharge his Debts to his Creditors, and would Pay the Company Ten Lacks of Pagodas and promised to send an Answer to morrow to the President's Letter on the Subject.

Agreed that the Letter from the Committee of Creditors do lie on the Table to be reviewed by the Nabob's Answer & that in the mean Time Copies of the several Papers &c^{rs} requested by them be prepared.

Letter from the Nabob with advice of one of the Magazines at Litchinopoly having been up

Read a Letter from the Nabob as intended in our correspondence. V 35 enclosing an Intelligence Paper from Litchinopoly, advising that one of the Magazines at that Place had been

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on the 14th Instant. by which considerable Damage
had been Done, the Particulars of which are not
yet received - & desiring that a Supply of Gun Powder
be sent without Loss of Time.

500 Barrels of
Powder to be got
ready to be sent
this day

Ordered that 500 Barrels be got
in Readiness to be sent to Trichinopoly

Read the following Letter from

Capt^l William Russell

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

Honble Sir & Mrs

Letter from Capt^l Russell
desires to return to
England.

In consequence of letters received
from England by the Ships of last Season informing
me of the Necessity of my personal Appearance to
adjust some Family concerns of importance to me, I
found myself obliged to determine on requesting
your permission to return to Europe for that Purpose
But the Dargie Expectation having been just then
determined on - I thought my Duty obliged me to
postpone all Personal considerations and I therefore
found the same. The same Necessity still existing
and there being now no Actual Service, I take
the Liberty this with my great reluctance to request
your Permission to Proceed to Europe in the first
Ship. I am with reluctance because my Attachment
to the Company's Service would induce me to remain
in it - of the Interest which calls me home did not
make my Presence indispensably necessary. It would
therefore be my earnest wish to return, but as I
am informed the Company require an Absolute
Resignation
I have only to request, I may Conclude I have
appeared

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to merit your approbation, you will be pleased to
make favourable mention of me to my Employers

I am with the utmost respect

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient and
of most humble Servant

Wm Russell -

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Granted.

Agreed that Captain Russell be
permitted to proceed to England agreeable to his request, and
as he is an Officer of great merit and abilities. It is
resolved that he be mentioned to the Honble the
Court of Directors in the most favourable manner.

Letter from General Smith read

as follows

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

Honble Sir & Mrs.

I have been honoured with your

Letter of the 7th Inst. and am much obliged to the Honble
Board, for the concern they have expressed on account
of my late indisposition. I have for sometime past
returned to the Country for the Benefit of the Air which
was assured the Indisposition much beyond my expecta-
tions, and I have the Pleasure to acquaint your
Honour &c. I am so well recovered, that in a few
days I expect my health will be perfectly established
The Doctors are of the same Opinion, and that there
is no necessity for my going to the East. I shall therefore
continue with the Troops, and hold them in readiness
to take the field agreeable to your Orders.

Letter from G. Smith
recommending L. Don.
Campbell, and Lieut
Cockburn

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Lieutenant Donald Campbell

Having long complained of an Indisposition, which he finds impossible to shake off in this Country, is advised by the Surgeons to return to Europe, and as he informs me he has addressed the Honble Board for their Permission to proceed on the first Ship from Madras. I beg leave in Justice to Mr. Campbell to assure the Board, that since he was honored with a commission in this Service, his character and behavior as an Officer has been unexceptionable, and entirely to my Satisfaction, which I hope will induce Your Honor &c^a to make such favorable mention of him in the General Letter that should be intended to come out again, he may return with his rank and Standing in the Service.

Lieutenant Cockburn Sunderland has also applied for your permission to return to Europe, and that he may not solicit an appointment again in this Service, I take this opportunity to acquaint the Board that he has always behaved well as an Officer, and discharged his Duty very much to my Satisfaction.

I have the Honor to be Honble Sirs &c^a
With Respect

Your most Obedt. Servant
Joseph Smith

Read the following Letters

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

Honble Sirs

An Indisposition which I

Trichinopoly

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Letter from
Lieut. Donald Campbell
desires to go home
for the recovery of
his health

I have laboured under for some time past, reduces me to
the necessity of troubling you with this address to request
in consequence of the Surgeons advice whose certificates I
have the honor to enclose) that you will grant me
permission to go to Europe on the Lord North, and that
Your Honor &c will also be pleased to make fresh
mention of me to the Honble Court of Directors as
well leave my Rank when the recovery of my health
will permit me to return,

I am with respect Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient

Y^{most} humble Servant

Donald Campbell

Lieutenant

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These are to certify that Lieut. Donald

Surgeons certificate
regarding Lieut. D.
Campbell.

Campbell of Curatory has long laboured under weakness
and relaxation of constitution the effects of repeated
attacks of Stomach in the Country which has so
impaired his natural health that we think his
perfect Recovery very precarious as relaxes are
almost unavoidable. We are therefore of Opinion that
a Voyage of cold Climate are necessary to the
re-establishment of his Constitution.

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Gilbert Pusey

Lieut. Scott Surgeons

To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq
President & Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Mrs

Having by the Ships of this
season received Letters from my Father desiring my
return

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Letter from L. Cockburn
Desires to return to
England.

return to England, I am to request your Honor^{ship} that I may have your permission to proceed upon the Lord North now under Discharge, And as I shall always retain the utmost regard for the Service, in which I hope my Conduct has met with the Approbation of my Superiors I should be happy if your Honor^{ship} would be pleased to make such favorable mention to the Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors as my Facilitate my return to this Country in the Service of the Company, in Case my Father grants me his permission, or that my Satisfaction otherwise should enable me to do so.

I have the Honor to be
Hon^{ble} Sir & Mrs
Your most Obed^t humble Serv^t
J^{no} Cockburn

To the Hon^{ble} Josias Du Roi Esq^r
President of Council & Council of
Fort St. George

Hon^{ble} Sir & Mrs

Letter from George
Lumsden desires to
proceed to England
for the Recovery of
his Health.

I beg leave to enclose you a
certificate of the State of my Health which I hope
will be sufficient for you to Indulge me with Permission
on to proceed to Europe in the next Ship for the
re-establishment of it, and when my recovery is
effected, will enable me to return to this Country
without Injury to my Rank. I am very sorry that
Indisposition obliges me to give you this Trouble,
but hope the necessity will apologize for it, as
well as for requesting you will be pleased to make

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a favourable mention of me to the Honble the
Court of Directors that no objection may arise to
prevent my returning with my rank

I have the Honor to be
very respectfully

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedt and most humble Servt

Stephen Towns

Ensign

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Surgeons Certificate

These are to certify that Ensign
Stephen Towns has for several months laboured under
a Flux which he was attacked with at the Siege of
Lango and altho he has at times been better yet as
his Bowels are much weakened & relaxed and as
he is subject to frequent relapses of his complaint
We are of Opinion that a Voyage and Cold Climate
will quickly restore him to his usual health again

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Gilbert Pasley } Surgeons
Sam^l Lott }

Agrees that Lieut. Donald Campbell

The Above Officers
be permitted to return

Lieut. Lockburn and Ensign Towns be permitted to
proceed to England agreeable to their request, and that
the Court of Directors be advised of the favorable
character given of them by Gen^l Smith

Letter from G. Smith
with a recommendation
for Lepoys to be put
on the Invalids List
approved

The Secretary lays before the
Board a Letter from General Smith containing
a recommendation of 2 Lieutenants, 2 Junior Ensigns, 9 Havildars
2 & 3 Sergeants & 33 Sepoys of the 3. 4. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. & 11.
Battalions of Sepoys to be put on the Invalids List
Which are Approved

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

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To the Honble Josias DuRoi Esq
President & Governor

Honble Sir & Mrs

Letter from Mr. Petrie
Desiring Orders regarding
purchasing Horses to
complete the Troop
of Cavalry —

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The Troop to be
completed.

Captain Tompkins having represented
that he is in want ^{of Horses} for the European Troop, and that an
opportunity now offers of purchasing to advantage, he
has applied to me for Money to answer this Purpose
but as I have no orders or directions which can authorize
me to Give Money on this Account, I take the Liberty
of requesting your Instructions how to act in this Matter

I am with respect Honble Sir

Your most Obedt & most humble Servant
Wm. Petrie

As it appears by the last returns that
the Number of Horses in the Troop is only 34, It is agreed
that they be completed to the proper Establishment for
which Purpose the necessary Orders are to be sent to Genl
Smith and the Paymaster, who are to be instructed to
incure none but such as upon a proper Survey are found
fit for the Service

Jos DuRoi

John Smith
Henry Brooke

John Whitehill
James Mather
Jed. Mackay

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The following Affidavits were this day published.

I am Ordered by the Wabot to Intimate to the Curators that it is his desire that they do receive the Dividend of £12000 (which was published the 17th Instant) on or before the 22nd Inst. as Interest has ceased from the day of Publication. It is inconvenient to his Affairs to keep Money in Suspence after having made a loan of it to his Curators. And that it is also his Intention to order another Dividend to be made on the 22nd Inst.

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Sam Johnson
Agent for the Wabot

Mr Johnson to present any Doubts of the same as before.)

Sam Johnson

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10 Wrote the following Letter to Genl Smith

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

Letter to Genl Smith
regarding the Dispute
between Lieut. Coll.
Lang and Mr. Peters

We have received your Letter of the 10th Inst. giving us a Narrative of the Cause which produced the Misunderstanding between Lieut. Coll. Lang and Mr. Peters one of the Company's Sergeants and the Complaint of the latter concerning which we wrote to you the 1st of January.

We are very desirous of preventing as much as possible the public Enquiry upon matters of personal matters and a better Judicial Enquiry by great Courts Martial in such Cases, because the Law and Revenue of such Courts should be preserved and intimated whereas by frequent use they lose the Reverence due to them and become familiar. In the Instance before us we seem to have violated

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from this Maxim we have sufficient cause. Had this Difference or any personal Difference arisen between two Officers we should not have thought to have examined into it ourselves, but as the Complaint is from a civil Servant against a Military Servant of the Company We thought we could not show greater Impartiality than in Appointing two Military Men for his Judges.

We send you herewith a Copy of a letter from Genl Coll. Lang with our remarks thereon it ought to have passed to us that your commanding Officer had the Language of the Letter here in any Instance Imperfect we should have taken no Notice of the rest but when we find the Arrangement of words apt to express the thing intended we cannot suppose such a writer mistaken in his Choice of words We have a full Proof in your Letter that he knows the sense of the words he uses. The Term Pugnacious applies to him exactly you tell us such Resentments that he stirred Mr. Peters the Director of his Lord assisting in him some Opinions that are not usually applied to those who are under the Denomination of Gentlemen and yet Genl Coll. Lang has taken upon him to Tax this Government with Pugnacious - and why? because we should declare any Sense, any Opinion or tendency to Opinion they have upon a formal and public Complaint against him given him an opportunity of Vindicating his Character before his own Corps. This Matter as merely between us G. C. & C. Lang is in itself so trivial to have merited

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so much writing, and we have given it so much
not for itself but in the hope that it may
enable your Excellencies to Discontinue and
suppress all reflections upon the Government & the
Members of Government of which you are
one and it is what we have a right to expect
from your Station

We are
Sir

Your most Obed^t & humble Serv^t
Josias DuPré
Esq^r & Council

Fort St. George
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Thursday
20th Feb

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

M^{rs} Bruckins Inaugured.

Read the following letter from Capt. Burghall.
To the Honble Josias DuPré Esq^r
President of the Council at Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt.
Burghall serves
as a confirmation
of the State and view
of the great Cabin

Presuming by my late address to this Honble
Board, that I have their Permission to return to Europe by
the first Ship of their Dispatch, I have spoke to Cap^t Hambley
of the Lord North who is ready to accommodate me with my
Family, but to surmount some little difficulties & conveniences
with respect to a passage I am obliged to address you now
honble Gentlemen on that Subject & request you will
be pleased to allot me the room of 2 Windows with the
Dining Gallery on the State and side of the great Cabin
which I hope you will not think too much for Mrs
Burghall myself and 2 Children & a maid servant, & I
flatter myself you will readily & agreeable to think
of your service indulge me with this request.

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Have the Honor to be Gentlemen
Your Obedt^h humble Serv^{ts}
Geo. Burghalls

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resolution thereon

As we understand that the Steward side of the
great Cabin is already taken up by Captain Alcock and His
belonging to this Establishment. For himself & family we cannot
comply with Captain Burghalls request. We doubt not but
that he and his Family may be accommodated in an Apartment
in the great Cabin answering to custom - Agreed that Cap^t Handy
of the Lord North be informed of Cap^t Burghalls application
& of our resolution thereon.

The President informs the Board that
M^{rs} Butler has made Oath before him that her
deceased husband Lieut Col^l Butler was not at the Time of
his Death possessed of or indebted unto any real or personal
Estate amounting ^{together} to 3000 L Sterling - Agreed to the
regulations respecting the Military Fund Orders that a
Certificate be granted.

Lieut. Jonathan Wm Arnold appears before
the Board and makes Oath that neither he nor any
Person in Trust for him is possessed of or indebted unto
any real or Personal Estate amounting together to the
Sum of 3000 L Sterling - conformable to the regulations
regarding the Military Fund. - Ordered that a certificate
be granted him.

Draft of a Letter to the Hon^{ble} the
Court of Directors to go to the Lord North and
approve - and Orders to be made thereon.

Jos. DuBre

John Smith

Henry Brooks

John Whitely

James MacKay

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Saturday
22nd Feby.

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

Wth Buckenden indisposed

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in
Country Correspondence N. 37, in answer to the Presidents
Letter of 1st Instant on the Subject of the arrange-
ment to be made with his private Creditors -
Containing his reasons for not having paid the sums
stipulated. Desiring that a letter may be writ to
him by the President of Council containing a Discharge
for the Company's Money from the beginning of their
Concerns with him - That in the Business of the Creditors
we will do nothing but what He the Nabob requested
of the President; and that the current Charges may
be adjusted agreeable to his Desire.

The President arguments the
Board that he thinks it necessary to observe to them
that in all his conferences with the Nabob on the
Subject of the arrangement to be made with his private
European Creditors, the Nabob constantly desired that
their conversations might be considered as between two
Friends, and not as publick Conferences, that he then
forbad him as M^r Du Pré to communicate them to
the Governor without his the Nabob's permission
Nevertheless he now in a Publick Letter addressed to
him as Governor refers to what he told him.

The President therefore being thus called

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upon in his Publick character he thought it necessary
to Inform the Board that having constantly
represented to the Nabob that the agreement entered
into between the Company and Creditors was intended
for his the Nabob's relief & to prevent his being
exposed to the disagreeable Applications of both, but
find the Nabobaverse to that mode, he the President
informed him that he was ready and willing to
settle privately some mode with the Creditors
that might be more agreeable to him, That the
Nabob as such need not take Publick Cognizance of
it, but proceed in his own way, only attending him the
President to arrange himself with the Creditors
privately to prevent confusion, to which the Nabob
did not Object, but desired that he would not join
the Creditors, that the Nabob having at the same
time desired to have the State of the Agreement
given him in writing and Promised an Answer
in Writing, no steps could be taken until the
receipt of his Answer which was not recd till the
10 Instant in the mean time the Declaration for
Dividends were published as related in Consolⁿ of
12th 14. 16. 31st Instant.

A Draft of a Letter to the Nabob
is therefore now prepared & it and orders to be
translated.

A Draft of a Letter to the
Committee of Creditors is also now read and approved
as entered in the subsequent Diary, and should
to be wrote to him.

Read a Letter from the Nabob

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as entered in Country Correspondence N. 40 enclosing
Extract of one from Mahomed Anwar, Cawar, advising
that Matters were made up with the Morattas
who had returned into the Baling hands.

Resolved that the Orders given
for holding the Troops in readiness to move be
countersigned and that all Battalion & other charges
on that Account do immediately cease.

The President lays before the Council
the following Letter from Genl. Smith.

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

Honble Sir

Letter from G. Smith
with a Return of
the Killed and
Wounded by the
blowing up of the
Magazine at
Sunderland

Inclosed I have the Honor to
send you a return of the unhappy Sufferers by the
explosion, of the expence Magazine on the 16th inst
which I understand that about a hundred and
Thirty Barrels of Damaged Gun Powder lodged in
a Chertlsey separate from the Musket of fixed
Ammunition, mentioned in my last, was also
blown up.

I have got two three Pounders
from Vittoria, and expect two more from Palermo.
I shall with the Summits belonging to them
also some new fixed Cannon from Captain
Cook, and all the Musket Ammunition. Col.
Bonyour can spare

We have got at the Pig-
Lead Moulds & Ladles for casting Balls, and as
all hands are Employed we shall in a few
Days be in a tolerable good condition.

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As soon as the several Articles that have not been destroyed by the explosion, can be dug out of the Ruin, and collected. I shall have the Honor to send you a Return of the Stones lost by this unfortunate accident.

Lieut. Gurr has my leave to proceed to Madras, and his son to Cuddalore for recovery of their Health. Captain Jerle has my permission also to visit the last place for the same reason.

I have the Honor to be
 Your Obedt Servt.
 J. Smith

Trichinopoly
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A Return of the Killed and Wounded from the
 Explosion of the Magazine in the Garrison of
 Trichinopoly 14th February 1772.

	Artillery						1 st Regiment of Foot				2 nd Regiment of Foot				3 rd Regiment of Foot				4 th Regiment of Foot			
	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Matrosses	Total	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
Killed	2	1	1	1	15	22	2	7	9	21	2	1	3	6	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3
Wounded	1	1	2	1	5	15	2	3	27	32	9	9	5	1	20	36	1	1	9	10	1	1
Total	3	2	3	2	20	37	4	10	48	53	11	10	6	1	31	42	2	2	10	11	2	4

Killed and Wounded } N.B. Ensign McNeat of the 9th Battalion
 John Eastwood Quarter Master Sergeant to the Garrison

As the loss of Stones is by all
 accounts very considerable. I am that a Supply
 be immediately got in readiness to be sent by Sea

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To his orders, to which I have Genl Smith is to be
directed to send all the Bullokes that can be found
with such Transport Carriages as may be necessary
for conveying them to Litchensby.

Jr. Du Bré

John Smith

Henry Brooks

John Whitely
Clerk of the Court
Geo. Mackay

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The following Letter to the Committee of Nabob's Creditors
The Draft of which was approved Yesterday is now signed.
To Mess^{rs} William Martin Goodlad
John Luban, and Paul Benfield
Gentlemen.

Letter to Committee
of Nabob's Creditors
Permitting them
to receive this Dis-
count & Subject to the
Agreement.

We have thus long deferred replying to
your Letter of the 17th Instant, on the expectation of receiving
from the Nabob an Answer to a Letter addressed to him
the 4th Instant, on the Subject of the Agreement entered
into between the Company and the Creditors in England
As that Letter was wrote to him at his own desire, We
had reason to expect that his Answer would have been
explicit and that it would have been given without
Delay - We received it but within these few Days, &
we are sorry to Inform you that it leaves us in as
much Doubt as we were before the Receipt of it
whether the Nabob really Intends to make good to the
Company the complete Sum of Twenty Five Lacks
of Pagodas, which by his Agreement were to have
been paid on or before the 30 June 1771, We must
inform you however that one cause of the Doubt
in which the Nabob leaves us, is his Expectation of
an Answer from the Company to a Letter which he
wrote to them on this Subject a Copy of a Letter from
the Company to the Nabob which we take to be the
Answer he expects, is this Day received, we propose
immediately to send him a Translation of it, the
original came in the Colbrooke & will probably
be here in a few days, that also shall be delivered
and we hope to obtain a more decisive Answer from
him.

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But ever should the Nabob consent to complete the Payment of the 25 Lacks before mentioned yet as it appears to us that he is determined not to conform to the mode proposed by the Agreement between the Company & the Creditors, that is to say by paying the whole thro' the means of the Government, but that it is his Purpose to pay the Company separately and the Creditors separately.

Having previous to the Receipt of the Nabob's Answer observed in him a Reluctance to acquiesce in the mode proposed by the said Agreement, and being at the same Time clearly of Opinion that neither the Company nor the Creditors who enter into the Agreement can depart therefrom otherwise than by the mutual consent of both, we had it in our Intention to propose to the Creditors some other mode that might be more Satisfactory to the Nabob but as the Proceedings of the Nabob in withholding from us his Answer, and by that Answer now received leaving us still in Doubt as to his Intentions, while the Declarations made by his Agent of Dividend upon Dividend with Notifications and Protests tend to alarm the Creditors, & excite their Fears, that if they did not judiciously comply with those Declarations they might lose the Benefit of the Dividend willing and desirous on our Part to give every possible relief and assistance to the Creditors and having it not in our Power to enforce on the Nabob compliance with the mode proposed to him by the Agreement We have now to declare to the Creditors, that ~~we~~ consent on the

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part of the Company to their receiving separately
their Proportions of every Dividend that shall
be made by the Nation to his Private Creditors
Provided that each for himself do forthwith pay
his Proportion of such Dividend into the Company
Chest in which case we shall immediately make
a Division thereof conformably to the Agreement
or otherwise that each Individual account with
us the President & Council on behalf of the Company
for such proportion thereof as the Company
is entitled unto by Virtue of the said Agreement
and we do promise on the part of the Company
that whenever the Nation shall pay to us any Sum
towards completing the said 25 Lakhs of Rupees
and untill the Sum shall be completed, we will
immediately Cause a Division to be made thereof
between the Company and the Creditors conformably
to the said Agreement and we do further promise
the Creditors, that without their Consent, or
express Orders from our Constituents we will not
depart from the said Agreement; but on the contrary
they may depend that conformably to the
Instructions from our Constituents in the Object
of the ^{said Agreement} ~~the~~ ^{we} shall consider their Interest and the
Company as one, and interest ourselves with the
Nation equally for both.

The Business now on hand
from the Dispatch of the Lord North prevents
our giving you the General Papers and Information
trans you desire. We conceive a few Days Delay
cannot ^{be} any way material to the Creditors, and
they

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they depend upon having them immediately after
the Departure of that Ship, when we shall
communicate to you for their Information the
exact State of the Money which has been paid by
the Nabet over and above 15 Lacks of Pagodas
to the Tune of the Receipt of the Company's
Instructions respecting the Agreement and proceed
to a Decision thereof informably thereto.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt.
humble Servant
Josias DuPoi
G. Council

Fort St. George
22 July 1772

To Brigadier General Smith
Commanding Officer of the Troops
on the Coast.

Sir

Letter to G. Smith
the Orders for holding
the Troops in readiness
countermanded
regarding the same
sent to Trichinopoly
and countermanding
the Troops of Cavalry

The Nabet having acquainted us
that the Marattas have returned into the Balaghaut
We have thought it necessary that the Orders before
given for holding the Troops in Readiness for taking
the Field should be now countermanded. You will
therefore be pleased to spare the necessary Summs
for that purpose of all Balta and other Charges
on that account are immediately to cease.

As we are getting in season
a large Quantity of Stones to replace those which
have been destroyed by the unfortunate Accident at
Trichinopoly. You will be pleased to send to Fuddalore
all the Bullocks that can be spared, with as many

Trains of Artillery

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Transport carriages as may be necessary to convey the
Guns & Carriages from thence to Trichinopoly.

The Lascars which went from hence
and Cuddalore must be returned.

We purpose as soon as the Lord
North is dispatched which will be the 20th Instant
to make the Distribution of the Troops before
resolved or of which you were advised in our letter
of the 26 November.

Having resolved to complete
the Troop of Cavalry to the Proper Establishment
orders are now sent to Mr. Pitre to purchase Horses
for that Purpose - and that none may be received but
what are fit for the Service. We desire you will
with the Commanding Officer of Cavalry & such other
Officers as you may think Proper, examine such as
are Offered for Sale, and certify the Bills to the
Paymaster. The Horses when purchased must be
entered on the Register, in the room of those that
have died or been sold off agreeable to the Regulations
Page 4. and a complete List of the whole specifying
their Age, Colour, Size, Marks &c. Number must be
sent to the Secretary and the Commanding Officer
of Cavalry must be directed whenever any Horses
die or are sold off to make an Account thereof immedi-
ately to the Secretary, conformable to the Directions
here given in the Military Regulations for that
purpose.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Josias Duple
Jr^l Command

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To M^r William Petrie
Paymaster to the Army.

Sir

Letter to M^r Petrie
regarding complet-
ing the Corp of
Cavalry.

The President having communicated
to the Board your letter of 15th Instant, it has been
resolved to complete the Troop of Cavalry to the
proper Establishment, For which Purpose General
Smith is instructed in Company with the Commad-
ing Officer of Cavalry, and such other Officers as
he may think proper to Examine fresh Horses as
are offered for Sale and to certify the Bills to you
for Payment

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24 Feb'y 1772

I am Sir

Your most Obedient humble Serv^t

J. M. Stone J. y.

To Alexander Wynch
Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam
with Invoice of
Horns

You will receive herewith an
Invoice and Bill of Lading of Sundry Stores put
on board the Snow Flora for your Settlement

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affct. Servts
Josias Du Pré
& Council

Fort St. George
24 Feb'y 1772

To George Dawson Esq^r
Chief & Council at Cuddalore
Gentlemen

Letter to Cuddalore
with Invoice of
Horns

Enclosed is an Invoice of
Military Stores sent by Bullocks for the use
of

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your Settlement

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
Josias Du Pré
& Council

Fort St. George

24 July 1772.

Received the following letter from Captain Hambley
Commander of the Ship Lord North
To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq^r
President, Governor & Council of Fort St. George
Gentlemen

Letter from Capt.
Hambley regarding
a Dispute between
Capt. Alcock &
Burgball about
Cabinets.

Agreeable to the Intimation
I recd from M^r Stone on the 22^d Instant Application
has been made to M^r Come, who very politely consented
to exchange Apartments with Capt. Burgball, in
consequence of which, I wrote to Capt. Alcock acquaint-
ing him it would be necessary to make a Door into
his Apartment in Order that M^r Burgball
might have Access to the Stairs & Gallery, which
Capt. Alcock refuses to comply with. I request
therefore Gentlemen you will Please to take this
Matter under your consideration & favour me
with your Decisions in this Case.

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To Capt. William Hambley
Sir

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obed^t Serv^t
Will. Hambley

Letter to Capt.
Hambley in answer

We have recd your letter of
this date altho the disposal of the Quarters is
by

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by Charterparty reserved to the Company it is with
reluctance we assert that right as it is ever our
choice to leave it at the disposal of the Commander
of the Ship for the accommodation of his Passengers
in such a manner as may be most agreeable to all
We hoped the Intimation we gave in our letter to
you of the 2^d Instant might have enabled you to
make Arrangements to the Satisfaction of your Passen-
gers We perceive the disagreement amongst them is
an Obstacle, To remove it we therefore assert our
right and order hereby that leaving a sufficient
passage to the Starboard Quarter Gallery the rest of the
great Cabin remain divided as it is, that Capt Alcock
and his Family have one Apartment and Capt
Burghall and his Family have another Apartment
That Capt Alcock as belonging to this Presidency
have the choice of either, that if he chuse the
Starboard Apartment M^{rs} Burghall have a free
Passage thro' it to the Starboard Gallery and that
if he chuse any other Apartment M^{rs} Alcock have
like Privilege of Passage to the Gallery for which
purpose a Door is to be made between the two
Apartments, if either Party Object to this Arrange-
ment please to inform us and we shall imme-
diately revoke our Permission in respect to such
Persons

We are
Your most Obedient humble Serv^{ts}
Josias Du Pré
Sec^y to the Council

Fort St. George
24 Feb. 1772

Received this Evening the following Letter from Sir
Robt. Harland

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your Settlement

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
Josias Du Pré
& Council

Fort St. George

24 July 1772.

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Letter from Capt.
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Matter under your consideration & favour me
with your Decisions in this Case.

Fort St. George

24 July 1772

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Your most Obedt Serv^t
Will. Hambley

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Hambley in answer

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ately revoke our Permission in respect to such
Persons

We are

Your most Obedient humble Serv^t

Josias Du Pré

Sec^y Council

Fort St. George

24 Feb. 1772

Received this Evening the following Letter from Sir
Robt. Harland

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Gentlemen

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Letter from Sir
Robt. Hartland about
of the Proposals
made by him to the
Marattas which had been
accepted of that the
Marattas had written
him the Proposals.

I acquainted you in my letter
of the fourth of January, that I had made some
proposals to the Marattas, and that I would let you
know as soon as I should be informed, whether
they had the wish for Peace or not. I now acquaint
you that the proposals I made in his Majestys
Name were, a cessation of Hostilities between
their Nation, the English and the Nats of the
Carnatick, till such time as His Majestys pleasure
should be known. I understood from the Nats
that they have assented to these Proposals, and that they
have withdrawn their Troops from the Frontiers
of the Province, of which I suppose the Nats has
given you Information.

I shall forward to his
Majesty a complete account of this Transaction
by the Ships now on Dispatch for England.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant

R. Hartland

Josias DuRoi Esq.
President of Council
Fort St. George

To which the following Answer was returned.

To Sir Robt. Hartland Bart.
His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary.
Sir.

Letter to Sir Robt.
Hartland in Answer

At the Order of Genl.
Letter to England of
20 of this month.

We are honored by the receipt of
your letter of the 23rd Inst. and shall communicate
the contents to our constituents by the Ship now
under Dispatch.

We have the honor to be

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with respect
for
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants
Josias Du Pré
La Courne

Fort St. George

25 Feb 1772

Tuesday

20th February

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esq: Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " George Mackay
Mr. Britenden indisposed.

Gen: Letter to the Honble the
Court of Directors of this date to go & Ship
Lord North read & Signed.

Ordered that the Packet be closed.

Jos. Du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Geo: Mackay

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Monday
2^d March

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pre Esq^r Governor President
John Smith „ George Stratton
Henry Brooke „
John Whitchill „ Charles Smith
George Mackay
Mr. Buckenden indisposed.

Orders prepared for
changing the Garrison.

Pursuant to the resolution of the 26th
November last for changing the Troops in the different
Garrisons letters are now prepared as entered in the
Subsequent Diary for that purpose.

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The President acquaints the Board
that he has wrote to Mr. Dawson to order Captain
Kellys Battalion of Sepoys, which has been sent from
Trichinopoly to escort the Stores from Cuddalore, to
march on to Madras, and that he had given Orders
for Captain Hopkin's Battalion to proceed to
Cuddalore to take charge of the Stores to Trichinopoly.

The Artillery to be
completed by Draft.

The President acquaints the Board
that he had given Orders for drafting men from
Ponnammallu to complete the Artillery Corps, but
that only 55 Men were found fit for that Corps
which requires 84 to complete it - agreed that
Gen^l. Smith be directed to draft what may be wanting
from the Troops stationed at Trichinopoly.

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs We have examined the

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the Accounts of the following out Garrison.

Madura ... December

Palamcottah D^o

Treichinopoly Nov^r & Decem^r

Vellum ... December

And the amount of The Camp for Oct. & Nov^r

Report
The Camp for October.

and have the following remarks.
Orders in consequence.

Report of the
Committee of Accounts

The Hospital Bills (as usual) are very high, The Charges appear very
very high, The Wages of the servants ^{exorbitant} - Order that Appli-
cations be made to the Commissary
belonging to the General Surgeons in Camp to explain what servants
are as follows. men employed and on what account

M^r Davis's ... 09 " " and to Inform us whether they
were regularly mustered (as also

M^r Lucas's ... 140 " 36 " why the Number of Mastangs

& Drury Cooks so much exceeded

M^r Peters ... 10 " 10 " as much the Number allowed
by the Regulations.

M^r Taming ... 22 " 36 "

Besides which
are charged 4 Sub Assistant
Black Assistant & 3 European
Assistants Likewise 105 doctes
33 Maistries & 570 Cooks, altho
by the regulations only 24
Maistries & 360 Cooks should
have been charged. On the Article
of Medicines &c^o we cannot
make remarks but we beg leave
to submit to your Honor &c^o
whether in any future Exp-
edition it might not be more
eligible to appoint a surgeon

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Surgeon General in the same manner as in the French War at the charges at that time were greatly inferior to what they are now.

2 The Number of Artificers greatly exceed the regulations but as the Army was employed in ^{the Siege} Carpenters may have been greatly wanted, as 10 Maistons and 37 Carpenters appear a great number.

3 Mr. Geils acting as Mr. Geils could only act Engineer is allowed a Horse in one Capacity - Ordered that that Capacity and 4 as Dr. this charge be refunded, and that the Company General Mas. of Artillery, as he could do both the Paymaster's not do Duty in both Stations ^{Camp for it} We think one was quite sufficient.

4 The Pay of Donald & Orms that this Charge be Campbell Quarter Master of ^{private back from the State} the first Battalion, second ^{Debit to the Military Paymaster} Brigade is unanimously charged to the State, altho the Pay of the Regimental Staff is paid by the Company.

5 The Pay of the 5 The Established Ordinary Pay of the Corps of Engineers must always be charged to the Company the State, where I think any Extraordinary pay be allowed as the Company acting as Engineers during the Expedition should be charged to always pay them whether the State, ordered therefore that they are in the Field or Garrison the State's Debit to the Company.

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6 By the return of 6 Orders that this charge be
Puckallies it appears that the ^{expended} and that the ^{Commissioner}
Quarter Master General is as Paymaster in Camp for it
allowed Six, which considering
the very high pay and Battal
allowed him, We think he
ought not to have had.

7 The Paymaster
charges sundry Sums as rewards
to Persons employed in danger-
ous Service, but all the
Bills are signed by the General.

8 The Sum of 445. 11. 0 The Paymaster ought not
has been paid for Shot and to have paid for any Shot
Shells picked up in the Trenches ^{picked up, without running from}
the Number of which the ^{the Commissionary of Shot or}
mentioned in the Account ^{certificates of his having acq.}
should be carried to ^{brought them to Account. Ordered}
Account of the Gunkeeper ^{that the Military Gunkeeper}
The Camp for November. ^{do Inspect the returns and see if}
^{the Shot here charged are brought}
^{to Account, and at what Price they}
^{was paid for.}

9 In the Hospital
accounts there is a great de-
crease when compared with
those of the last Month, the
Number of Artificers & Porters
are but little reduced.

10 In the Head of charges
General there is pay & batta for
E. Ponce's Baggage master, which
Post we beg leave to take
Notice is not allowed by the
Regulations.

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Your most Obed.^t humble Serv.^t

Geo. Stratton
Charles Smith

read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Mrs.

Letter from four members
of the Tobacco Growers
Association paying
them the Louisiana
72 1/2 of 1 1/2 D. cents

Application has been

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has since made to the Nabob's Agent for the Payment of the several Dividends which have been declared by his Excellency - which were 2½ % Cent on the 1st 4½ % Cent on the 16th and 5 % Cent on the Instant. But the Agent declares that he can only pay the 5 % Cent now dividing and that he will not pay the 2½ % Cent and 4½ % Cent abovementioned without further Orders from the Nabob the Books for those Dividends being lodged with his Excellency - We are therefore to request of your Honor^{ty} to make Application to the Nabob that he may cause the immediate payment of the said Dividends to be made to our Constituents, who are by this refusal on the part of the Nabob's Agent subjected to the Inconvenience of having their Money detained from them, and to the Loss of Interest thereon, both which might in this Instance have been prevented, had they not regarded the Agreement between the Company and the Agents in England as binding on themselves - But they have determined to abide by that Agreement & we can have no Doubt but your Honor^{ty} will readily support their just Claims on the Nabob, since you have been pleased to declare to us that you are willing and desirous to give every possible Relief to the Creditors, that you will consider the Company and their Interest as one and Interest yourself with the Nabob equally for both.

As soon as your Honor^{ty} shall have procured the Nabob's Orders for the Payment of the said Dividends, and our Constituents shall in consequence have received their Proportions We shall have the Honor to Inform you what sums may have been so received by each Individual

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under the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.

We have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most Obedt^h humble Servants

W. M. Goostae

John Sullivan

Paul Benfield

Fort St. George

28 February 1772

Letter to the Nabol
in consequence.

In consequence of which a Draft of
a letter to the Nabol is now read & approved as
entered in country Correspondence N. 45 Desiring he
will give Orders for the Payment of the Dividends
of 2 1/2 & 4 1/2 Cents to his Creditors.

Letter from the Nabol
desires to confer with
the President respecting
respecting the Questions
faint & back of Page
for Current Charges
of a letter to the Com.

Read a letter from the Nabol
as entered in Country Correspondence N. 43 in Answer
to the Presidents of the 24 February desiring to confer
with the President therein - Enclosing Bills for one
Dutch of Pages as an Account of Current Charges & a
Letter to the Court of Directors

The above Letter having been
received just as we were closing our Despatches by the
Lord North, we could only forward the Nabol's
Letter to the Company of the Contents of which we
are entirely Ignorant - We did however furnish us
with a Copy thereof, which he never before
omitted doing, whenever he sent Letters that was to
the Company - A Letter is therefore now wrote here
in Answer N. 47

Letter from the
Nabol with 3500
Pag^t for Penamaten

Read a letter from the Nabol as
entered in Country Correspondence N. 46 with Pag^t
3500 for the Penamaten District for February
Answered

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Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged.

The President acquaints the Board

Letter to the Natch
regarding Lieut. Burt.

that having made the Natch acquainted with the
Company's Orders respecting Lieutenant Burt, he had
promised, tho with great reluctance to discharge him
from his Service, but that he has not heard any
thing further from him - A Draft of a Letter to the
Natch is therefore now prepared on the Subject
N^o 46.

The following copy of a Memorial
of Captain Charles Clifton to the Honble the Court
of Directors, which went a Letter in the Packet
of Lord North is now Ordered to be entered.

To the Honble Court of Directors
for Affairs of the ^{of the} United East India
Company of Merchants, trading to
the East Indies

The Memorial of Captain Charles

Clifton.

Sheweth

That contrary to your Memorialist

Memorial of C.
Clifton to the
Court of Directors

expectation of succeeding to the first vacant Company
according to the Establishment of Companies, he finds
on his arrival here a promotion taken place of 4
Captains Lieutenants, to full Captains, & that your
Memorialist ^{apprehends} is ~~under~~ there, He therefore begs leave
to observe this unexpected appointment being unknown
to the Honble Court of Directors, they never could
Intend from the List of the Army, & the Nature
of their Memorialist request, to have placed him
below them as he particularly mentioned the inferior
ranks of Captain Stout, then Captain Lieutenant
on

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The List, who was a Cadet when your Memoriatist was of three Years standing in this Establishment and thus was a particular motive then for requesting the Appointment of Youngest at Madras, as coming before this Gentleman could not be Injurious to him. But as the Tenor of your Memoriatists Commission says, he is to take rank as Youngest on his Arrival not expressing him next to any one. From this Circumstance not foregoing the Appointments made contrary to the Establishments of Captains for companies he is much disappointed in the Favor he imagined the Honble Court of Directors had conferred on him, and as this was out of his Power to foresee, or even to prevent, with the lateness of his appointment, which renders it impossible to obtain the Attention of his Commission in expressing their Memoriatist youngest next to a Company, he therefore intreats for the Appointment he understood was given him, & begs to be placed accordingly before Captain Stout on this Establishment - or a removal to Bengal with his proper rank there (most Officers mistakes being insisted to their Proper rank) For which Favor your Memoriatist will have a grateful remembrance & is with all Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
C. Clifton

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26th Feby 1772

Translat of a Letter from the Chief of Council at
Madras and as follows.

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Translation

To the Honble M^r Du Pré
President of the Honble the East India
Company on the Coast of Choromandel
& Orissa & Gov^r of Fort St. George & also the
Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Sadras
regarding a Deserter

A Soldier whose Name is John
Joseph Duvits, born at Winterburg having deserted from
this Garrison, we take the Liberty to request that you
will Inform us whether he is come over to you, in
order that we may send for him agreeable to the
Order of the Council

We have the Honor to be
with much regard

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t

Suble Servants

W^m Blauetkammer

J. P. Denys

Sadraspatnam

14 Feb^y 1772

Search an Answer is now made or entered
in the subsequent Diary

Agreed that M^r Stratton

Committee appointed
examine the accounts
of the late Mess^{rs}
Messrs and Co^{rs}
etc.

with the Accountant and Deputy Commissary
General be appointed a Committee to examine the
Accounts annexed to Col. Woods Answer and Co^{rs}
Bill filed in the Mayors Court

J^r Du Pré

John Smith

Henry Moore

John Whitely

Charles Smith

J^r Macrae

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Write the following letter to Sadras
To William Blaaukamer Esq^r
Chief of Council at Sadras
Gentlemen.

Letter to Sadras.

We have received your letter of the
14 February, and having made Enquiry respecting
John Joseph Dink who you inform us has deserted
from your Garrison we have not been able to learn
any thing of him. Should he come to this Place
we shall advise you thereof that you may send for
him conformable to the Terms of the Article.

We are with regard
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Jos. DuPré
Esq. Council

Fort St. George
2^d March 1772

3 The following letters were this day wrote
To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commanding Officer of the Troops on the
Coast.

Sir

Letter to G. Smith
regarding the Disposi-
tion of the Troops
&c.

Having resolved to carry into
Execution the Arrangement & Disposition of the Troops
advised in our Letter of the 26th November, as far as
can at present be done you will be pleased to Order
the 3^d Battalion of Sepoys to proceed to Villour Capt.
Lysaghts Company of Grenadiers which belongs to the
2^d Battalion of the 2^d Regiment, with the 1st Battalion
of Sepoys must be ordered immediately to Sadras
Orders have been sent for
the

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the 9th Battalion of Sepoys Captain Kellys which was sent to Cuddalore to escort the Stores from thence, to proceed to Madras; and the 5th Battalion of Sepoys Capt. Hoptons is ordered to Cuddalore to take charge of the Stores from thence to Trichinopoly. On the Arrival of Captain Kellys Battalion at Madras, the 2^d Battalion Captain Johnson will be ordered to Trichinopoly.

We have ordered the 12 Battⁿ of Sepoys Captain Evans to proceed from Villour to Trichinopoly where it will remain till further Orders.

M^r. Wynch Chief at Masulipatam is directed to order half the Company of Artillery & half the 2^d Battalions of the 4th Regiment to proceed immediately hither, on their Arrival or as soon as it may be convenient we shall order the 2^d Battⁿ of 2^d Regiment with the Company of Artillery doing Duty here to proceed to Elloor, where the remainder of the Artillery and of the 2^d Battalion of the 4th Regiment now at Elloor is to march to Madras.

By the above Disposition you will observe that the Artillery as well as the European Infantry doing Duty in the Circars are to be exchanged.

The Force then remaining in the South will be as follows. viz^t

Artillery All at present there

European Infantry { The 1st Battⁿ of 4th Regiment
1st Battalion of 2^d Regiment

1 Battⁿ Captain Hoptons

2 Battⁿ Captain Johnson

5 Battⁿ Captain Cosby

10 Battⁿ Captain Bruce

12 Battⁿ Captain Evans.

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4 Batt^y Capt Colliers. Vellore

7 Batt^y Capt Cooke. Madras &
Palanikota

We have endeavored to complete
the Artillery Corps from the Troops at Ponnaimale, but
have been able to get 35. Men who are fit for that
Corps. We therefore Desire you will complete it by Drafts
from the Troops stationed at Trichinopoly.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Josias DuRoi

Ye Command

Fort St. George

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To Lieu^t Colonel Tod

Commanding at Vellore

Sir

Letter to Lieut. Tod
on the same Subject

You will on the Receipt hereof
order the 12 Batt^y of Sepoys commanded by Capt^t
Owens to march to Trichinopoly. The 13th Batt^y
Captain Powney is ordered from Trichinopoly to Vellore
The 5 Batt^y of Sepoys intended for Vellore and Amboyn
is ordered for the present to remain at Trichinopoly

It being intended that the 2^d
Batt^y of L. Regiment at Vellore shall be returned
by the 2^d Batt^y of L. Regiment, now stationed at
Madras Vellore and Ponnaimale and that the 1st
Batt^y of the L. Regiment with the 1st Company of
Artillery shall be removed to Vellore. We shall hereafter
give the necessary Orders for that Purpose.

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We are

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servants

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To Alexander Wynch Esq:
Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir

And to Mr. Wynch
on the same

Having noted that the 1st Company
of Artillery now doing Duty at Elloor shall be relieved
by the 1st Company now at Madras and that the 2^d
Battⁿ of the 1st Regiment of Europeans also at Elloor
shall be relieved by the 2^d Battalion of the 1st Regiment
stationed at Madras Villour of Ponnaswale
you will be pleased on the Receipt hereof to order
half the Company of Artillery & half the Battalions of
Europeans now at Elloor to march immediately for
Madras - On their Arrival or as soon as it may be
convenient the 1st Company of Artillery with the 2^d
Battalion of the 1st Regiment of Europeans will proceed
to Elloor and on their Arrival there you will order
the remainder of the 1st Company of Artillery, and of
the 1st Battⁿ of the 1st Regiment of Europeans to
march to Madras.

Captains M^r Dargall of Edinburgh
being appointed, the 2^d Battⁿ of 1st Regiment, are to
remain at Elloor.

We find you herewith the
Proceedings of a Sepoy Gen^l Court Martial held at
Samaratata on Particulars Private Sepoy in the 6th Circuit
Battalion which have been transmitted to us agreeable
to the regulations, The Sentence we have approved
of which you will therefore be pleased to order to be
carried into Execution

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We are Sir

Your affectionate Friends
Jos. Du Prie
Jr Council

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To George Dawson Esq^r

Chief at Pondichery,

Sir

Letter to Mr. Dawson
reaching him 10 Jan^y
26 Instant 10 go by
the Deptford

As we shall have an Opportunity
of sending to England by the Deptford some of the
Pensioners & Invalides Military you will be pleased to
send hither Twenty of those now at Pondichery, for which
purpose you will give Orders that such as are desirous
of going do deliver in their Names & of their Number
should exceed Twenty, you will Cause them to draw
Lots who shall go.

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I am Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Jos: DuPre

5 The following letter from Sir Robert Hartland was this
day received.

Gentlemen

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Letter from Sir Rob^t
Hartland a message
of his Intention of
proceeding his Maj^y
style letter to the
Nabob

I have had the Honor of
receiving a Letter from his Majesty for his Highness the
Nabob with Directions to deliver it in a proper manner
and now to acquaint you that I mean to do this on
Tuesday the 10th Instant about 9 o'clock in the Morning
with the usual honors, and I make no Doubt but you
will give what assistance you can on that occasion.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

Josias Du Pre Esq^r
President of Council
Fort St. George.

Your most Obedient, and
most humble Servant
R^t Hartland

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To which the following Answer was immediately wrote
To Sir Robert Hartland Bart.

Rear Admiral of the Blue, Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India
and his Minister Plenipotentiary

Sir

Letter to Sir Robt
Hartland in Answer.
We have had the Honor to receive
your letter of the 4th Instant, and shall give Orders for
all the Troops off Duty as well as those at Promenade
to be in readiness to attend on the occasion of the delivery
of his Majestys letter to the Nabob - The Town Major
has directions to wait on you to learn the Order of
Parade.

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servts

Josias Du Pré
& Council

Fort St. George
5 March 1772

Monday
9th March

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esq^r Governor President
John Smith „ George Stratton
Henry Brooke „ John Whitehill
Charles Smith „ George Mackay
Wth Breckenden Insps. presid.

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report
Having examined
the Printer's Bill in the Black Town designed
Armenian
Orders that an
Estimate be prepared
and laid

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Report of Com.^{rs}
of Mills, and Powder
Mills, Powder Gun
Cannages &c.

by Capt. Mientner, we find it does not last before the Board
fully answer all its intended purposes of the charge found
occasioned by some Original Defects another Powder Mill
in the Construction - The Large Wheel and as almost two
was not made sufficiently Steady, & years have elapsed
the smaller Wheels are not properly still was uncertain
proportioned - This occasions extraordinary and now it is complaint
many Friction of Gears and increase of power defects, the
in the Power necessary to work the which Engineer is
Mill, & on this account Captain desired to inform the
Pittman hath discharged the Mill of some he will
of half the Lift of the Artillery, as the uncertain to complaint
Power necessary to work it was more such new Mill
than could be conveniently supplied
but this reduces the Number of Shots
given by the Pistols to half what
were intended & therefore only half
the intended quantity of Powder can
be made by it. Further the Building
in which the Large Cog Wheel
works, is so small, & almost of
Timbers of sufficient length to carry
round the Wheel to the most advant-
age. The Mortars also that receive
the Composition are rather too
small, to contain the Quantity that
should be worked upon at one
Time, and the Pistols are not suffi-
ciently broad at Bottom. The
Mortars contain 16th of Composition
each, and are 24 in Number, so

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We worked upon at the same time we
were present at a Tryal both by Buttricks
and Coates, & observed that the Pestles
struck about 7 Times a Minute when
the Mill was worked Briskly so that
in about 24 hours each Pestle will
give about 10,000 Strokes, which is
the least number that should be
given to any Powder 304 lb of Compo-
sition / the Quantity the Mill works
at one Time / will yield three fourths
powder and one fourth Dust therefore
the Mill in its present State if
constantly worked with all the Pestles
will make 2000 lb of Grained Powder
every 24 hours

A Mill propor-
ly executed or the Defects of this Mill
remedied will give with each Pestle
20,000 Strokes in 24 hours and will
admit 400 lb of composition to be
worked upon at the same Time and
supposing the Powder to receive 10,000
Strokes, such a Mill will of course
beat down that Quantity in 24 hours
therefore attaining the above propor-
tion of grained Powder and Dust
720 lb of grained Powder will be made
by a Mill properly executed every
24 hours, The Buildings are all
completed, & in good Order, and are
sufficient, & as apt for another
Mill, or two more should they
be

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be required. Taking into our consideration the Cost of the Different Machines for making Powder we have to observe that the cost of putting up one Great Beam, like those at Egmore will be 140 Pagodas if that according to the Present mode of Working by Beams at Egmore, it will require 12 Beams to make 500 lb of Powder per Day which will amount to 1680 Pagodas, exclusive of the Buildings to contain such Beams, which will be an expense greater than that of putting up a Mill, properly constructed and executed, and will answer all the Purposes we have before set forth. We are therefore of Opinion that such a Mill should be erected which will remove the defects of the present Mill may be removed, but that in the mean time the latter be employed to the best advantage as at near Hand.

The Working the present Mill hath been attended with extraordinary Expenses, owing to its Defects, but when those Defects are removed, we are clearly of Opinion that Powder may be made at a less Expense than

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In a few days eleven Beams
will be employed then, which will make
360 lb per Day. We understand
that the Powder made in this Country
hath always been prepared with chunnam
Water, and that no Spirits are used - and
by the present contract it is to receive
10,000 Strokes. It hath been long
experienced that the Country Powder
loses its strength very considerably
after being kept some Time, which is
often attended with very great Incon-
-veniences in some of Service, and as
it therefore cannot be depended on,
the Importation of Europe Powder hath
been absolutely necessary.

The want of Spirits in preparing
the Country Powder, and not being
sufficiently beaten, are the Causes of
its not retaining its strength in the
same Manner as Europe Powder. We
are sensible that chunnam Water will
make Powder for immediate Use
nearly of the same Strength with
that prepared of Spirits, but such
can only retain its strength for a
Short Time, as the Virtue of the
Chunnam is soon destroyed by the other
Ingredients. In Europe Powder is
always made with spirits and receives
at least 20,000 Strokes but generally
more and sometimes 30,000 and as we
see no reason why the Powder made

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made here should not be equally
good in every respect with Europe
Powder We directed the Powder Master
to prepare Musters of Powder worked
with Spirit in the same Manner
as in Europe, proofs of which we
have now the Honor to lay before
you - by those it will appear that
the Country Powder may be consi-
derably improved - This Powder
is now as strong as what we
generally receive from Europe
very even grained, and proper for
Musquets as well as Cannon, and
we are of Opinion will retain its
Force equal with Europe Powder
The Importation of which would
be unnecessary if all the Country
Powder were made equally good
with this Musters, and would be
a considerable saving to the
Company.

We learn from the Military Storekeeper that a small Quantity of Powder has been made by the Vellore Powder Master on report of the Proof thereof at Vellore and at this Place we now lay before you, by which you will observe that it is greatly inferior even to the Powder made here

As there is no Secret in the making of Gun Powder in good manner we be assured why it should not be made as good at Vellore as at this Place. The Military Storekeeper is now to deliver and to deliver the Powder made there will not be removed from the Proof and of those

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We have desired the Military Store and cannot make it
-keeper to write to the Stenkeeper ^{Procl. they must desert} and the whole must be
at Vellore, that for the Present determined over to the
he will only unmake the dust of ^{Nabobs People. The} Bo and agree with the
which there is a great quantity ^{Committed that for a}
unmaking and if on the Proof of it ^{by at the Stenkeeper}
it should turn out better we are ^{at Vellore he directs}
of Opinion that he should continue ^{to unmake some of the}
to make it there, - A few Days since ^{Dust, & send a Sample}
we had the Honor to say before you ^{but to be proved}
our General Incident of Stores for 1773 ^{Approved and}
which we request your Honor ^{Ordered that a Parag-}
will recommend may be ^{graph be inserted}
complied with, The Stores received ^{accordingly in the}
from England in 1771 are in good ^{General Letter}
Order, ^{Four} Dusters captured, which are
quite rotten, owing to the manner
in which they are packed, This
we have before frequently expressed
- so, The Limbs and Pouches are
the best that ever were sent out
and we recommend that those in
future sent out may be every
way equal to them. We have
received the following Gun Car-
riages since we had last the honor
to accept your Viz^t On the 19th Nov^r
40 10 Pouches.

23 Dec 40-10 - d^t

15 Feb 30-10 - d^t

12. 26 d^t

Fort Garrison Carriages which
are

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are equal in every Respect, to those
we expressed our Approbation of
in our Minutes of 7th Sept. 1771
and in Justice to the Contractors
we take this Opportunity of
acquainting your Honor & that
we have from the chief Engineer
of the Company of Stores that
the Heavy carriages lately sent
to Camp, tho' they travelled from
hence to Tanjore with their Guns
Mounded, which were lost some
days above a hundred Rounds
did not receive the least injury
The Jamie report is likewise made
of the Light Carriages, some of which
were sent with Captain Mathews
across the Country through Paddy
Fields &c. and others fired with
Mounds at some Time.

As it appears from the
returns of Stores received from
Sutchampally, Vellore, Madurai, &c. that they are greatly
in Want of Gun Carriages, we
propose if it meets with your
Approbation, to send a Supply
to each Place. We have
received from the Secretary an Intent
of Stores for Fort Mathurain
in which are mentioned that of
Ordnance that a Proper
number of the Heavy
Gun Carriages be
sent accordingly.
Circumstances that Fort
Mathurain & Supply
necessarily & a Supply
that Paragraph has
mentioned therein.

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of a Particular Diameter we conclude
they are for 26 Pounders as they
have indicated for Carriages of that
Size, but as we have neither the
Shot or Carriages in Store, we
recommend that two 24^{lb} Pounders
with their Carriages and a proper
Proportion of Shot be sent thither
and as they have not mentioned
the Particular Size of the Lin Cases
for Grape we are of Opinion that
they should be Supplied with 200 Cranes that all the
Cases for 12 Pounders, and 200 ^{cases} of good Carriages to be kept
Pounders with the other Articles of those that are decayed
mentioned in their Indent be used on the Ramparts
during this Term of

We have taken a Survey of the
unserviceable Gun Carriages in
Garrison which we now lay by
before your Honor^{ty} and request
your Orders thereon.

We are with great respect

Stentle Sir & Sons
Your most Obedient
humble Servant.

Geo. Stratton
^{Adj^t Genl}
Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer

Abram Tarzan Major
Commanding the Infantry
in the Garrison

C. Clifton
Commanding the Artillery

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Account of Repairable & unserviceable
Gun Carriages in Garrison, Surveyed
by the Committee of Stores Viz.

Truck Carriages	Repairable	Unserviceable
32 Pounders	6	12
24 D ^o	47	23
10 D ^o	5	3
12 D ^o	9	11
6 D ^o	10	
Total	77	49
Trail Carriages		
42 Pounders	1	
32 D ^o		1
24 D ^o	3	3
10 D ^o	2	1
12 D ^o	43	1
9 D ^o	21	1
6 D ^o	1	
Total	74	7
Field Carriages		
12 Pounders	4	1
6	6	
2	2	
Total	12	1

Geo Stratton *Surveyor*
Patrick Rofs *Chief Engineer*
Abraham Sargant
Major & Commandant of the Garrison
C. Clifton *Commissary and*
Adjutant at Fort St. George

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The President lays before the Board the following
Letter from Gen^l Smith

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

I have had the Honor to

Letter from G. Smith
recommends recom-
giving some of the
Men of the Troop
regarding horses to
be purchased upon
the necessity of
building Barracks
Magazines &c at
Trichinopoly

acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ult^o
and to advise that the Board's commands of that
date had been complied with, respecting the redemption
of all charges occasioned by holding the Troop in
readiness to take the Field

Several of Captain Snyers

Snyers who were recruited young, are now grown
too tall and he is desirous to have them exchanged
for Men of less Size. He tells me that some of
his Horses are unserviceable, which will increase
the Number wanted, The greatest care should be
taken in the Purchase of them, and as the Board
has not settled the Price, they may be got young
and fit for Service.

A Grand and Expensive

Magazine, Store Rooms, Laboratory, and Artillery
Park are wanting, and as it is impossible to manage
without some of those necessaries, an Engineer
to direct a General plan would be useful, that
the Expense of erecting such Park, as is now also
absolutely necessary may not be lost, but go so far
towards completing the General plan. I mention
this Circumstance to you that you may take
further Steps therein as you will think Proper.

It is agreeable to you, I
am of Opinion Cap^t Minter would Execute

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what is to be done here to your Satisfaction and the
Janer the Engineer is ordered on that service the
letter.

M^r Peters arrived here the 25th
and Yesterday gave on his charge against Lieut.
Col. Lang. who is in arrest. A Court Martial
Ordered, and the Witnesses summoned to attend.

I have the Honor to be
Dear Sir with Respect
Yours Obed^t Serv^t
Joseph Smith

Trenchinopoly
4th March 1772

Orders on
Consequences

Agrees that such of the Men
belonging to the Cavalry, who are too tall for that Corps
be numbered into the Artillery or Infantry if that others
be drafted to Supply their Places - That it be recommended
as to Gen^l Smith to limit the Price of the Horses
to be purchased to 150 P^g each which was the
Price paid in 1765 for which we think Horses fit
for the Service may be procured and on no account
to exceed 200 P^g each.

The President recommends the
Board that he has conversed with the Watch on the
Subject of building Barracks Magazines &c
at Trenchinopoly, who has consented that what are
necessary be erected.

Resolved that Capt. Montrose
be directed to proceed to Trenchinopoly with Instructions
from the Chief Engineer to prepare a Plan of Estimate
of such Buildings as are necessary to be transmitted
to us before they are begun, that we may regulate
the Expense according to the Means we have at

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depraying it.

The Natch
business to pay the
Dividends to the
Creditors.

Letter from the Natch read as
inserted in Country Correspondence N. 50 advising
that he has given Orders for the Payment of the
Dividends of 2½ & 4½ sent to the General Creditors
In consequence of which the following Letter is now
wrote to the Committee of Creditors.

To Mess^{rs} William Martin Goodlad
John Sulvan
Paul Benfield
Gentlemen

Letter to the Committee
of Creditors in
consequence.

In consequence of your Letter of the
20th ultimo, a Letter was wrote to the Natch advising he
would direct Payment to be made of those Dividends
which you informed us his Agent had withheld. In
Answer to which the Natch has informed us that he
has given Orders to Mr Johnson to pay those Dividends.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servants
Josias De Pre
& Council

Fort St George
9th March 1772

The Secretary says before the Board
the following Letter from Mr Cuming Paymaster
at Madras.

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

I have received your Letter of
the 31st Dec^r enclosing an Extract from the

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Letter from Mr. Cuming
on the Report of
Committee of Accounts.

Minutes of Consultation of the 30th Dec^r to which
I shall pay proper attention - I have since rec^d
Yours of the 30th January enclosing a Report of the
Committee of Accounts of the 15th of that Month
In regard to the Observations on the Madras
Accounts for Nov^r you will Please to Inform the
Honble President & Council, that ever since the
taking of that Fort, a European Carpenter has
been constantly employed & is very Efficient in
a Garrison like that where the Master Artificers
are very far from being such good Workmen as at
Madras - With respect to the charge for Clothes
The Honble Board have themselves assigned the
Reason why they were Employed, as soon as this
Garrison has the proper Complement of Sepoys, they
shall be discharged & my not assigning my reason
for such a Charge was, because I sent the Command-
ing Officers Note for the Amount among my
Vouchers for that Month.

I am

Your most Obed^t Servant
William Cuming
Paymaster

Madras

9th March 1772

The European
Carpenter not
attended

As the Board are of Opinion that
an European Carpenter at Madras is unnecessary
Resolved that the Allowance on that Account be
discontinued

The Board at
Jellum Court
Dated

The President says before the Board
a Letter from Mr. Perrow at Vizagapatam dated the
25th February enclosing one from Capt. Bannister
at Jellumore, advising that by some Account one

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Orders to be
Repairs?
of Sepoy Barracks at that Garrison has been burnt
down, and as the Sepoys had no Shelter, the M^r
Perring has ordered the necessary Repairs to be made
which is approved.

There being Vacancies for one
Captain, five Lieutenants and eight Ensigns the
following Appointments are ordered to take Place.

Names.	Ranks	In the room of	Date of rank
Lieut Rob. Watts	Capt ^l of Infantry	Lieut. Dupell	17 Feb 1772
Ensigns Edm ^d Woodward	Lieut of Infantry	Lieut. Hammett	20 Jan 1772
John Baillie	D ^o	Lieut. Bate	3 Feb 1772
C. H. Wilson	D ^o	Lieut. Arnold	4 Feb 1772
Urban Vigers	D ^o	Lieut. Watts	17 Feb 1772
Francis Shyrene	D ^o	Lieut. Pouchin	10 Feb 1772
Miss ^{rs} A. McPherson	Ensign	En ^l Woodward	21 Feb 1772
William Mutch	D ^o	En ^l Baillie	3 Feb 1772
John Lupton	D ^o	En ^l Viola	4 Feb 1772
James Sinks	D ^o	En ^l Wilson	5 Feb 1772
William Laje	D ^o	En ^l Harkness	10 Feb 1772
James Melhu	D ^o	En ^l M ^r Nat	14 Feb 1772
Stephen Swain	D ^o	En ^l Vigers	17 Feb 1772
Gen ^l Brannan	D ^o	En ^l Shyrene	10 Feb 1772

There being five Vacancies for a 3^d Lieut. of Artillery
in the room of Lieut. Cockburn assigned 3^d Lieut. M^r
Lydenham is appointed thereto to rank from 16 Feb^y
and Lieut. Jameson. Joseph Moorhouse is appointed
3^d Lieut. in the room of Lieut. Lydenham to rank
from the 16 February

There will then be five Vacancies
for Lieut. Line Workers, and the President acquaints
the Board that only Miss^{rs} Joseph Johnston and
Daniel Kennedy of the Cadets have applied for

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for Commissioners in that Corps - Ordered that they be appointed Lieut. Serravallo accordingly the first to rank from the 20th January, of the latter from the 2nd Instant

The President lays before the Board two Letters from Genl. Smith dated the 5th & 20th Feb^y, recommending Sergeant David Smith who has acted as Conductor in Camp, to be appointed a Lieutenant Serravallo - Ordered that he be appointed accordingly to rank from this day

Ordered that the Secretary do deliver Lists of all Commissions granted to their Military Paymaster at this Place, by whom the Fees are to be paid and who is to advise the General Paymasters when the Officers are such that Stoppages may be made for the amount from such Officers, who are to be recommended that their Commissions will be delivered from the Secretary's Office upon application by themselves or others, Agreeable to the Usage in his Majesty's Service - And Ordered that an Account thereof be kept by a Memorandum to be made for that purpose

The Commissary General acquaints the Board that he has recd a Letter from Mr. John Phipps who was sent to Dublin to take Charge of the General Papers & Accounts of Mr. Stenhouse's Deane, representing that he had been obliged to retain several of Mr. Stenhouse's Servants in his Employ to explain many Articles in the said Accounts whose wages amounted to 50 Pounds which he requests he may be allowed to charge on

all the money required the Board that it be paid to the said Mr. Phipps in full by the said Mr. Stenhouse

Ordered that the Paymaster of Fees for Commissions

Mr. Phipps applies for Discharge of his wages to Mr. Stenhouse's Servants

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Ordered that only two Days Battā
be allowed to Soldiers marching from hence to Pona-
male, or from thence to Maeros of the same to
Officers when they March with the Troops, and that
only one Days Battā be allowed to Officers going
to or coming from thence without a Detachment.

Two days Battā
to Soldiers from
Ponamale

For Du Bré
John Smith
Henry Crook
John Whitehill
Charles Griffith
Jed. Mackay