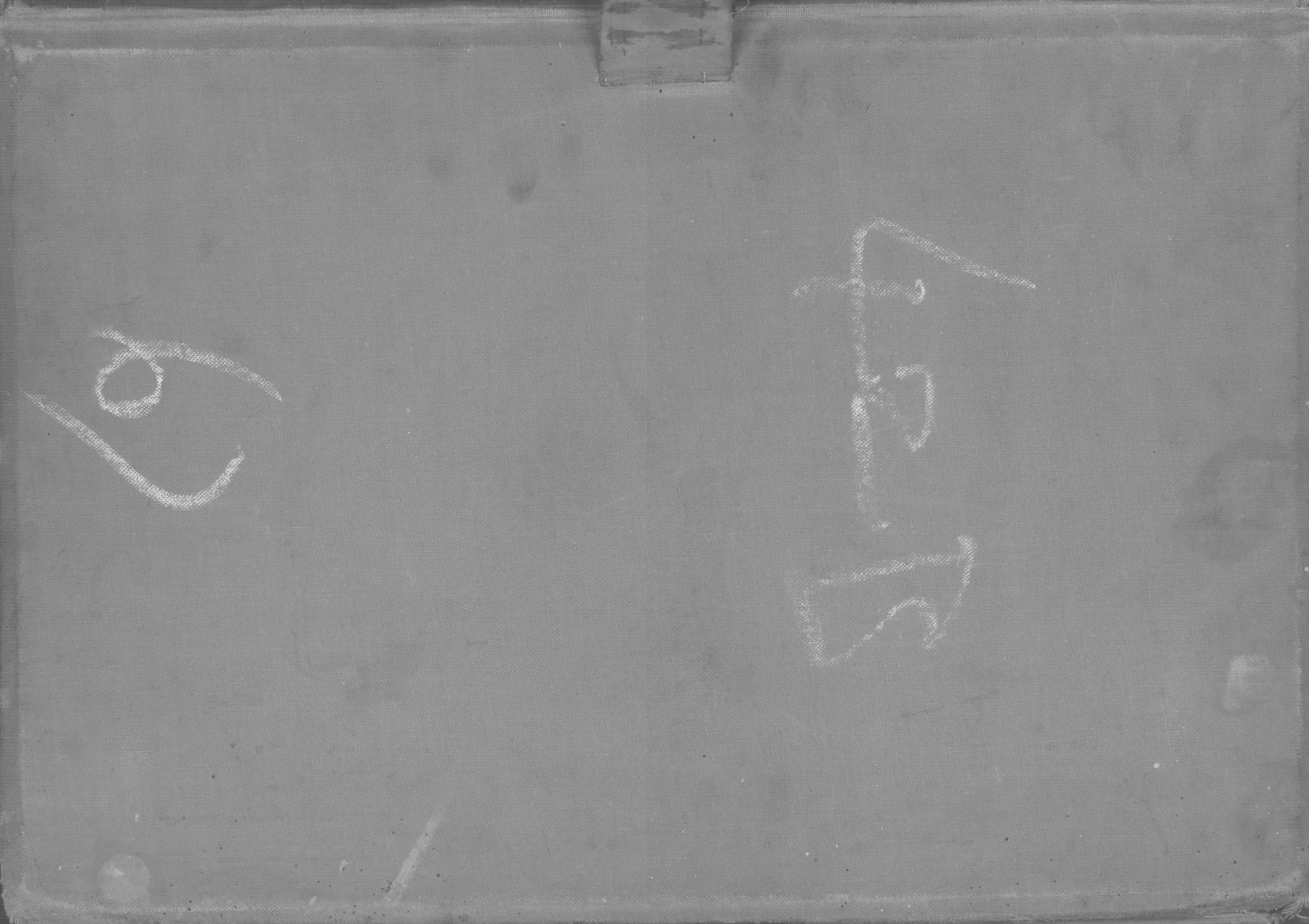

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But Sir, I am equally surprised and distressed to find that any expression of mine could possibly be construed into an accusation of Prejudging, which Implies not only judging but Condemning before hand. The Fair & honorable Tryal which has been Granted me is a convincing proof that I have not been prejudged, I am therefore doubly concerned that in the warmth of my Complaint I have used a Word which can bear a meaning so different from what I intended.

In the Course of my long Service, it has been as much my Inclination as my Duty to deserve the Approbation of my Superiors & I have never yet Conceived or willfully expressed the Smallest disrespect to the Honble Company or it representatives, may I therefore hope Sir, that you from your long acquaintance with my Conduct will so represent this matter to the Board that my Offence may be considered as a mere hasty ungaurded expression dictated at a Time when my mind was much Agitated.

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient &
humble Servant
Ross Lang

Tuchinopoly
9th March 1772

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The Board now proceed to read the Proceedings of the Court Martial held on Lieut. Coll. Lang for having treated Mr. James Peters Surgeon in a rude and unbecoming Manner by threatening to Bamboo & horse Whip him, calling him a Dirty Lying Rascal & forcing him out of his Tent.

As General Smith alone is empowered to approve or disapprove the Sentence of Court Martials appointed by him, he ought to have done so before he transmitted the Proceedings to us, unless he were in Doubt on any Particular Point & desirous of having our Opinion thereon in which case he should have informed us of such his Doubts — The Board therefore decline making any remarks on the Sentence, which must be returned to Genl. Smith for his approval or disapproval The Board however cannot avoid observing that the Defence delivered in by Lieut. Col. Lang appears to be expressed in Terms very improper & unbecoming to be used before a Court of Judicature and that the Members of the Court ought to have paid more regard to their Dignity than to have received it.

The President lays before the Board the following Extracts of a letter from Genl. Smith

Extract of a Letter from General Smith to the Governor Dated 9th March 1772

Mr. Chollet was long since appointed to the 1st Battalion of the 2d Regiment & had done Duty under Col. Stent for these Twelve Months past, who informs me that

that Mr. Chollet has behaved with Propriety, at least so far as reached his Knowledge, this Gentle=man has done Severe Penance for his Folly & begged of me to mention his Situation to you Sir.

Mr. Bate has requested I would make favorable mention of him to you, I wish it could be done with more Propriety, this I can say for him, That during my Residence here & the Tanjore Expedition there was no Complaint against him, He's Young and does not want Sense tho' he makes a bad use of it, His late Misfortune will teach him to set a proper Value on his Commission, if you should Indulge him with it — I think he'll not in future trespass, but endeavour by a very indifferent mode of conduct to regain that reputation he has lately so often wounded. +

Agreed that Mr. Chollet be appointed an Ensign with the rank he before had.

With respect to Lieut Bate the Board are of Opinion that they cannot consistently with the Honor & Good of the Service restore an Officer to his rank, after he has been broke by the Sentence of a Court Martial for having behaved unbecoming the Character of an Officer & a Gentlemen, untill he shall have wiped off the disgrace by his good behavior It is therefore Resolved that he be appointed to do Duty as a Volunteer and that when by his Conduct he shall have regained his former Character & shall be recommended by his commanding

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Commandin

+ Captain Tanjor wants an Adjutant to his Troop and recommends Mr Gun to that Employ —

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Officer, that then and not till then he be restored to his former rank in the Service.

Agreed that Cornelt Geen be appointed adjutant of Cavalry, agreable to Genl. Smiths recommendation.

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Geo. Mackay

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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.

The President has communicated to us your Letter of the 5th and we have received that of the 9th Instant.

Letter to Genl Smith

As tho we did not in our Orders for completing the Troop with Horses limit the Price, yet we are of Opinion that Horses very fit for the Service may be purchased for 150 Pagodas each which was the Price limited in 1765 for a Private Horse & which we recommend may not be exceeded. At any rate we direct that no more than 200 Pagodas be given for any Private Horse and Horses purchased for the Officers must not exceed 250 Pagodas each

The Men of the Troop who are too tall for that Corps may be removed into the Artillery or Infantry and Men drafted from the Infantry to suit by their Places.

Captain Manderson will set out in a few Days with Instructions from the Chief Engineer to form a Plan & Estimate of the Buildings necessary to be erected at Trichinopoly. The Natives seem willing that they should be built, but it will be necessary before they are begun that the Plans & Estimates should be laid before us, that we may regulate the Expence of building them according to the Means we have of defraying it.

We have perused the Proceedings of the General Court Martial held on Lieut.

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Lt. Long. As you have not Informed us whether you have approved or disapproved the Sentence or whether you are in Doubt and desire our Opinion on any Point we have delegated to you the Power of approving or disapproving the Sentence of Court Martial It is proper that you should do so always before you transmit us the Proceedings, unless you are in any Doubt on any particular Point, and desirous of obtaining our Opinion thereon; in which case you should inform us of your Doubts a like case happened lately & was remarked in our letter to you of 31st December, we therefore now return you the Proceedings, & for the above reason forbear making any remarks on the Sentence - But when we consider the respect & deference due to the Court, we cannot avoid expressing our Concern that the Members should have so little regard to their own Dignity as to admit of a defence from Lieut Col. Long expressed in Terms very Improper and unbecoming to be used before a Court of Judicature.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedt humble Servts

Josias Du Pre

J Council

Fort St. George
16th March 1772.

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At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " ———
Henry Brooke " ———
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Monday
16th March

Mr. Stratton absent

Mr. Brukenden Surveyor

Letter from Mr. Oxford resident at Ganjam read as follows

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr
Pres.t & Govr. & Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Depart.

By my letter of the 20th of Decr. you will have been informed of the State of those Zemundaries at that Time — Mr. Andrews in Answer to my request sent me three Companies of Seapoys from Jellamore under the Command of Capt. Brennan to prosecute our Business against the Zemundar of Hautgur.

Letter from Mr. Oxford. Settles with the Zemundar of Hautgur.

Some Time before the Arrival of Capt. Brennan the Zemundar of Goomsur withdrew the Assistance he had given to the Zemundar of Hautgur having occasion for his Poms himself to quell some Disturbances which the Hill People in his own Country had made an Account of the Tribute exacted from them. The Zemundar of Hautgur finding no Dependance was to be put in the promises of Pisson Bunge of Goomsur, and moreover hearing of the Arrival of the Detachment from Jellamore in the Neighbourhood of his Zemundary.

he Judged it to be his Interest rather to pay than engage himself in Trouble he has accordingly given Security for the Payment of 51000 Rupees the Demand I made on him was 55500 but as I had some Trouble and was employd some days in bringing him to what he has agreed to, I Judged it most adviseable rather to accept than lose any more Time, or run the risque of his positive refusal should I insist on my first Demand In consequence Capt. Bowman with the 3 Companies under his Command returned again immediately to Jellinore, Had I not engaged to Mr. Andrews to return those Companies within One Month I should not have made any Hesitation as to what was further to be done, but proceed immediately against the Zemeindar of Poomsur who I dare say would have paid One Years Tribute and Half the Ballance due on him had he not he would have been compelled to it

By your letter of the 20th of August last I find I was not sufficiently clear in explaining the Proposal made by Munny doo the Eldest son of Beemadoo - the Annual Tribute of 40,000 Rupees which he engages to pay is for Pietapaghee as a Distinct Zemeindary in which Vizianagan is not considered

Account of Sums expected from the Zemeindars.

The Underwritten are the Sums I expect to receive from the following Zemeindars this Year Vizt.

Callicoote	45000 " - "
Haulgur	51000 " - "
Moheny	65000 " - "
Daracoote	31000 " - "

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Mundesaw	23000 " - " -
Chigutty	40000 " - "
Bunagur	10000 " - "
Seergur	10000 " - "
Bersude	6000 " - "
Bouraursinglee	6000 " - "
Hummah	3000 " - "
Sourunglee	9000 " - "
Turlah	12000 " -

making in all Rupees 310000 " - " so that there remains none of any note except Bemadoo of Vizianagur and Kissen-Bunge of Goomsur who have not agreed to pay as much as can be reasonably expected from them.

Defers Settling with the Goomsur Zemeindar

Since the Zemeindar of Hautgur has settled his Business the Zemeindar of Goomsur has offered to give Security for the Payment of one Years Tribute being Rupees 30000 " - this Offer I have rejected, as the Annual Tribute required from him is without exception the Least (in Proportion to the Revenue of his Zemeindary) that is paid by any of them - And as he is also in Arrears One Years Tribute I have required from him Rupees 45000 " - " If I was to accept of his Proposal it would not only disgust the other Zemeindars, but give them soon Room to regard it as an Act of Necessity arising from the Consideration of his Power.

From the Motives and not being apprehensive of wanting Money, I have thought it adviseable to let his Business rest awhile, being fully Satisfied within myself

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myself that when it may be convenient to use forcible Means a proper advantage may be made of his Situation at the Time and the full Payment of his Arrears insisted on.

A few days since I received a Letter from Mr. Andrews informing me of the Elopement of Gozzeputtty from his Zemeendary of Khimedy, As also a Letter from Vizaram Rauze — Shortly after I received a Message from Putapah-doo (Brother to the late Nawaindoo) that it was impossible for the Rajah or any of his Family to remain in that Zemeendary while Sitteram Rauze had the Management thereof his Intention being to annex it to his own immediate Possessions — I have also received a Letter from him which I now inclose as also a Copy of the Cowle I have sent him in consequence.

Adviis that the Zemeendar of Khimmedy had absconded on account of the Sitteramrauze.

The Khimedy Country is I hear in the Greatest Confusion that the Inhabitants chiefly the Wild People have burnt a great Part of the Country and are determined to destroy it, I am informed that Guzzeputtty is upon his Hills between his own and (his Uncle) Bemadoos Zemeendaries.

I have made some entrance on Beemadoos Business, but this unexpected Affair has obliged me to lay it a little a side fearing the Differences between Sitteram Rauze and Guzzeputtty (Which alone must be detrimental to the Affairs of the Company) may be productive of Trouble in this District also — In a few

days

days I may be able to write your Honor &c.a more fully than I am at present on those Businesses

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
with the Greatest respect
Your most dutiful Servt.
Edward Cotsford

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The Letter from Peetapah too mentioned in the foregoing is also read as entered in Country Correspondence No. 51.

Information to be obtained

Agreed to defer coming to any determination on the above Letter untill we can obtain from Mr. Andrews who is now here all the Information he may be able to give us respecting the affair between Guzziputtly Rauze the Zemundar of Khummedy & Sitteram Rauze.

Read the following letter from Mr. Alexander Wynch chief at Masulipatam.

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

Letter from Mr. Wynch regarding the Proceedgs. of Sepoy Court Mart. not Sent thro him.

I have received your Commands of the 3d. Instant accompanying the Proceedings of a General Court Martial held on a Sepoy of the 6th. Circar Battalion.

The Proceedings of the Court Martial I have transmitted to Colonel Hart who will cause the Sentence to be carried into Execution

As the Service requires & your Honor &c.a have thought it proper to order that the Chief at this Place

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Place should have the Power of appointing Courts Martial for the Tryal of European Officers & Soldiers with Masulipatam and its Dependancies of approving & disapproving the Sentence of such Courts, I cannot help thinking that as this Power is vested in the Chief with respect to Europeans he ought also to have the Power of receiving the Proceedings of Courts Martial held on Black Officers & Sepoys and of approving or disapproving their Sentences, not but when the Sentence might extend to death either to an European or Black Native of the Country, I should transmit the Proceedings to the President to be laid before You except in such Cases, when the good of the Service required its being carried into immediate Execution

I have sent Orders to Colonel Hart for the immediate march of half the Company of Artillery & European Battalion at Ellore to the Presidency.

I am
Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
with much respect
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
A. Wynch

Masulipatam
11 March 1772

Orders regard to Sepoy General Courts Martial

The reason why no alteration has been made in the mode first laid down for appointing and approving Sepoy General Courts Martial is owing to the Doubt we have long been in with regard to the Expediency of Publishing the Articles

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Articles of War which have been printed in the Country Language as it is a Matter which requires very mature and Serious Consideration. It is however ordered that in future all Petty General Courts Martial shall be appointed and approved by the Chief of the Settlement or Commanding Officer of the Garrison or Troops having a Warrant for that Purpose.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Casamayor late Commissary to the Army.

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department
at Fort St. George.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 12th Instant accompanying Extract of the Report of the Committee of accounts on my late Employ of Commissary to the Army, and the Orders of the Honble the President & Council in consequence.

With regard to the Explanation required concerning the Wages of the Number of Servants with the Surgeons, I must remark that they were never present at the Musters taken by me, or are they included in my General Muster Roll, and Returns to the Paymaster of those entitled to pay.

In reply to the remark of the excess in Musters and Dooley Cooles to 95 Dooleys employed with the Army, I beg leave to observe, that it was entirely out of my Power to prevent

Bamboo

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Letter from Mr Casamayor in consequence of the report of Committee of Accounts

Bamboo Coolies or Patamkeen Boys for the Dooties and that I was obliged to get common Country Coolies for that business who being unused to the Bamboo, were forced through Ignorance to carry the Dooties upon their Heads, for these reasons it was thought necessary to put 6 Men under each Dooty, but as they were paid only as Common Coolies at 2 Fanams each p Day instead of 2 Pagod.s Monthly allowed to a proper Bearer, when four only are employ'd it will be found, that the Expence of Dooties for the Army, by the Method I was necessitated to take, did not much exceed what it would have been, had the Regulations been Strictly attended to. I am

Sir

Your most Obl.t and
humble Servant
Sa.l T.C.t Casamayor
Late Commissary to the Army

Bellour
16 March 1772

Orders thereon

Ordered that Enquiry be made of the Paymaster, why the Servants belonging to the Surgeons were paid, without being regularly mustered agreable to the Regulations.

The Board are Satisfied with the Explanation given by Mr Casamayor respecting the Dooty Coolies

Certificate of General Smith regarding William Hawkins private Soldier who is recommended to partake of the Military Fund, which is approved, and Ordered that a Certificate be made out accordingly

Certificate of Wm Hawkins to partake of the Military Fund

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Agree that Ensign Atwood be permitted
to take his Passage on board the Dutchford
agreable to his request.

Jno Du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Chas Lewis Spruytt
Jas. Mackay.

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The following Notification was this day published, Copy of which was transmitted a Number on the Packet to Bedford

To the Nabobs Creditors

Notification published by the Nabob

His Highness the Nabob having fulfilled the Payment of Two hundred & Sixty five Thousand Pagodas, which he had engaged to pay by the 20th Ultimo, in Cash & Bills of which Bills some are yet to be discharged when due - Notice is hereby given to the said Creditors that he has this Day paid into my hands for their use the Sum of one hundred Thousand Pagodas in Cash & Bills in part of Four Lacks of Pagodas which his Highness has engaged to pay by the End of July next ensuing The Dividends of this Money will hereafter be declared by

James Johnson
Agent to the Nabob

Madras
19 March 1772

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pre Esq[r] Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Mr Brackenbury Suspended.

Consideration of the Board on the Transmission to be taken with respect to the Nabobs Creditors in consequence of the Letter of the 10th Inst. N° 63.

The Board now take under their Consideration the Nabobs Letter of the 10th Instant recorded the day before the dispatch of the Dartford. Copy of which with the remarks thereon are sent herewith

as shall equal the share or Sum so paid in Money or Bonds to each. In Order to effect this — The Nabob must consent to such Transfer — write off so much of his Debt from the Bond of each Creditor, and give Bonds to the Company for the Several Sums so write off, or one Bond for the whole — But the Nabob positively refuses his assent to this Proposition, declares that he will not give any such Sort Bonds for the Parts proposed to be so transferd, and that he will pay his Creditors himself upon them Bonds as they now Stand.

What then Shall we Do.?

Some of the Creditors would willingly agree to make the transfers — Other as it appears to us, will not but even on respect to those that would. We cannot assent ourselves for the essential part — the Nabobs consent & grant of such Bonds is wanting

We had it in our intention to calculate the Several Proportions, to render to each Creditor his Share of the Surplus of Pollam Lacks, & to Demand of each the Companys Share of the Several Dividends they have received — to have taken security from the Several Creditors who were willing to make the Transfers, for such Part of the Principal of their Bonds as ought to be so transferd, leaving their whole Bonds in their own Possession, and in that Case they must have accounts with us for the Interest on such part whereof the Nabob stood Discharged, and also for such parts of the Principal as

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that were better avoided We are driven then to these Alternatives Viz.ts Either to remain silent and let every one take the Course he will, subject to Future Consequences Or that we propose some specific Arrangement

If we remain totally Silent without any Declaration as a Guidance of it is probable that many Creditors, doubtless what they may or what they ought to do, will be embarrassed some may take one Course, some another, and on the Payment of a little considerable therefore that a Specific Proposition is best - and as this we see no Choice, It must be this.

The Nabob has declared his intention of complying with the Engagement to his Creditors by which we understand his Declaration made through L.t Col.o Johnson at a Meeting of the Creditors on the 5th February last Viz.ts That he will discharge the amount of his Bonds, as they now stand against him simply and separately from his other Debts."

The Nabob has also declared his Intention of paying the Company Ten Lacks of Pagodas He declares this as a Present, it arising on account of the War with Hyder Ally, to commence with the Year 1773 and to be discharged by Payments of three Lacks a Year, in case of Tranquility

It is clear therefore, that long before this complete discharge either of the Debt to the Creditors or of the

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to them by the Natob on discharge of his Debt to them: and that a Paper be drawn up to be subscribed by the Governor & Council on the Part of the Company, and by the Creditors for themselves, declaring that the Monies so named by them, are and shall be held, and understood to be subject in all respects to the rights terms & Conditions of the Agreement made in England, between the Company and the Creditors respecting the same, which Agreement is understood & declared to be only Sustained and not disannulled.

The President lays before the Board the following Orders & Regulations which he proposes to give out as General Orders, which the Board approve — and Orders that Such of them that relate to the Chiefs of the several Settlements & to the Paymasters at the out Garrisons be transmitted to them

Extracts from the General Orders to be given out at Fort St. George 25 March 1772

General Orders to be given out respecting the Removal of Officers &c.

All Officers fit for Duty on entry to their several Stations — such whose State of Health render them Incapable of Duty are forthwith to procure a Certificate thereof from the Surgeon of the Settlement Factory or Garrison where they are, that their Residence there if not be not their appointed Station, is necessary for their Recovery And in future any Officer obtaining Leave to

remove

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The Place where they are Stationed at the they may be absent with Leave on account of Health or otherwise.

As the frequent removing of Officers from one Corps to another is detrimental to the Service - It is Ordered that whenever any Officer shall at his own request be removed from one Corps to another, he shall come into the Corps into which he is so removed as the Youngest of his Rank, but shall nevertheless retain his Original Rank in the Army - And all Officers so removed at their own request are to bear the Charges of removing themselves and are not to be allowed Travelling Batta.

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The Secretary lays before the Board the following letter from Mr Hay Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To John M: Stone Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

I am to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 12th. inclosing me an Extract from the Report of the Committee of Accounts of the 19th Feby.

Letter from Mr Hay on the Subject of Batta allowed a Serjeant at Trichinopoly for taking care of the Officers Baggage.

The Charge that the Gentlemen of the Committee of Accounts has been pleased to take Notice of in my Accounts for the Month of November of 70 Days Batta. being paid to a Serjeant for taking care of the Officers Baggage proceeded from an Order the General thought proper to give out on his preparing to take the field. He then recommended to me and all his Officers, to take with them as little Baggage as possible, and whatever they might be obliged to leave behind should be lodged in a Godown allotted for that Purpose, under charge of a trusty Serjeant, who should be answerable for every thing that was put into the said Godown on the Gentlemens return to Garrison.

Mr Hay was all along understood that the Commanding Officer Receipt was his Voucher and sufficient Authority for his taking upon him to pay any Charges of this Nature especially when time and circumstances will not permit of his writing and waiting for an Answer.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Servt.
James Hay Paymaster

Trichinopoly
10 March 1772

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the same to be landed & sold, Which if not done will be attended with very great Loss to Mr Barclay - In this Exigency therefore, Your Petitioner Humbly Prays that Your Honor will be pleased by your Interposition to obtain of the Nabob permission for the Landing & disposing of the said Pasty.

And Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Will ever Pray

Madras 25th March 1772 Will Carlisle

Agreed that the President do desire to apply to the Nabob on the Subject of the said Petition.

The President acquaints the Board that the Town Major has represented to him that having a great Deal of Writing Business in translating the General Orders given out and in other Details of Duty he was under the Necessity of constantly employing a Writer, for which no Allowance was made him.

Agreed that a Writer be allowed the Town Major at 10 Pags pr Month.

A Writer at 10 Pags pr Month allowed to the Town Major

Letter from the Nabob read

Letter from the Nabob with the Balance Current Charges to 31st Oct. Letter to the Company

on Country Correspondence N. 54 assuring of his having sent on Money and Bills Pags 5000 S. 9, 22, 60 being the Ballance due on Account of current charges to the 31st Oct. last and accompanying a Packet for the Company

Agreed that the Receipt thereof be Acknowledged and that the Nabob be acquainted that

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

To Messrs William Martin Goodlad
John Sullivan &
Paul Benfield
Gentlemen

Letter to the Committee of Private Creditors abt Arrangements proposed

In our letter of the 13 Inst We laid before you the Arrangement we had proposed as Consequence of the Agreement entered into between the Company and the Creditors in England. We have since received a Letter from the Nabob in Answer to that which we Informed you the President had wrote to him requesting a more explicit declaration of his Intentions in respect to the Payment of Ten Lacks of Pagodas to the Company. The Sum of what the Nabob informs us is that in case of a Resumption of the Carnatic Charges and in case of Tranquility he will pay the Company Ten Lacks of Pagodas as three Lacks p Annum to commence with this Year 1773 and in Respect to the Private Creditors that he will fulfill his Engagements to them, Stating this as the Nabobs ultimate Resolution and declaration We as immediately and punctually as whatever mode may be Suggested carrying into Execution the Agreement made in England between the Company & the Nabobs Creditors, perhaps every attempt might prove imprudent and as the obstruction both of the Companys Affairs and the Interest of the Creditors. Yet we do not think we can with Propriety deviate from that Agreement without the Consent of the Creditors, under these Circumstances the best Alternative which presents itself to us and which

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and Conditions of the Agreement made in England between the Company and the Coadtors respecting the same — What Agreement is to be understood and Declared to be only Suspended and not Dissannulled.

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obd.t humble Serv.ts
Josias Du Pré
Jr Counsel

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

Sir

Letter to Genl Smith ingarding the allowance of Batta to Sergeants as Interpreters for taking care of Officers Baggage

The Committee of Accounts having in their report remarked that an Allowance of 70 Pags Batta had been made to a Sergeant as Interpreter for taking care of the Officers Baggage, which charge appearing to be improper Ordered the Paymaster at that Garrison was called upon to explain the same, who in Answer thereto has informed us, that it was paid by Jan.y Orders

We are now to desire that the Baggage belonging to the Officers should be left hereafter under the Charge of any Person, Nor are we to allow any Extra Allowance on this Account, as we conceive he was employed thereby from other Duty and as such a Charge was wholly unprecedented, We cannot much approve our Orders aforementioned were thereof — We are the more led to this remark more

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To which the following Answer was immediately wrote

To Wm Blaauhamer Esqr
Chief & Council at Sadras

Gentlemen

Letter to Sadras.

We have been favoured with your Letter of the 23d Instant, and are much obliged to you for the Information it gives us respecting the two Deserters mentioned therein, In consequence of which a Guard is sent herewith to whom we request the said Deserters with their Arms may be delivered conformable to the Terms of the Cartel.

We are with Esteem
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Josias Du Pre
& Council

Fort St. George
25 March 1772

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr Governor Presidents
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Monday
30 March

Mr Boudonneau Interpreter
Letter from Gent Smith read as follows

To The Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr
President & Governor & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs &

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expressed, and think as the Matter appears to me now which is very different from what it did before the Tryal, they have not made Mr Peters sufficient reparation, but as the Members of the Court are composed of the eldest Officers on Establishments, Suggest it to be favourable with your Sentiments on this Point, previous to my Opinion being published in General Orders

I enclose I have the Honor to send you the Proceedings of a General Court Martial on the Tryals of Lieuts Shuckery, Slocombe & Clawson Ensign Moody & Serjeant Peper the several Sentences of the Court I have approved. As to Lieuts Shuckery & Slocombe they are unworthy the Commissions they bear, and I have no Doubt from the Disposition of their Brother Officers they will take the first Opportunity of getting rid of them

Tuticorin 29th March 1772

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sirs
with Respect Your mo Obt Servt
Joseph Smith

As the Expence of transporting Timber to Tuticorin will be attended with a very considerable Expence, the Board are of Opinion that it will be more eligible to Land the Buildings Orders on that Coast Timber is to be obtained

Orders on Tuticorin

General Smith having requested the Sentiments of the Board on the Sentence of the Court Martial held on Lieut Col Long previous to his Publishing his Opinion thereon in General

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Letter from Commdr & Sabbs Creditors

sending the Papers round to collect the sense of the whole - which done we shall again have the honor to address you - We have thought this Letter necessary lest the Expectation of any information on this Subject from us might induce you to keep your Dispatches open longer than may be otherwise thought necessary.

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^t Humble Serv^ts

Wm M. Goostas

John Sullivan

Paul Benfield

Fort St George
30th March 1772

Read the following Letter from Messrs Stratton Maubray and Saunders, the Committee appointed for stating the Accounts respecting the Several Suits with Colonel W Ord

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of your Orders We have drawn out Replications to the different Suits against Col. Ord Bell, which we have now the Honor to lay before your Approbation

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t Humble Serv^ts
Geo Stratton
Geo: Maubray
Ed^d Saunders

Letter from the Committee for Col. Ords suits with the replications & answers of the Company

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On reference to a Letter laid before us by the Commissary Genl from Mr. Roy who acted as Paymaster on the Death of Mr. Stanhouse) it appears that the above Sum of Pags 1047. 12. 35 is part of the Deficiency which he found in Cash there and is the amount of Contract Rice and Provisions sold at Ambore & Vellour about a year since not brought to Account tho the Money has not been rec'd The Military Paymaster acquaints us that the late Mr. Stanhouse on his Death was Indebted to Sundry Pags 3636. 10. 3½ this Sum being found Deficient on the Company's Cash Chest when Mr. Roy took the Charge of the Employ as made appear by his report to the President and Council dated 31st Decr. the Mr. Paymaster also acquaints us that Mr. Cazenave the Present Paymaster has given himself Credit for the above Sum in his Account Current for January.

to be Entered with the General Books under this head

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the Committee of Accounts and the Orders which the Board have been Pleased to pass thereon.

I flatter myself the following explanations will not be considered as any Deviation from the Obedience which I shall always pay to the resolutions of the Governor & Council

Letter from Mr Peters in Answer to the report of Committee of Accounts

1st The Committee of Accounts remark that there is an Impropriety in the Allowance for a Horse being paid to Lieut: Biels as an acting Engineer when he receives the same allowance as Quarter Master of Artillery. I confess I always understood it to be a general maxim that when an Officer upon any particular Service acted in a capacity foreign to his Station in the Army that he was entitled to every allowance which Officers in that Capacity receive. Some Doubts were started when Mr Biels first made this Demand but General Smith was of Opinion that it would be improper to deprive him of any part of the Allowance made to the Engineers as these additional Gratifications were no more than Assignate to the additional Fatigue and Danger an Officer is exposed to when acting out of his common line of Duty, and as I considered myself as subordinate to the Orders of Genl Smith, I conceived that his Directions in this case was sufficient authority for me to pay the Bill.

2d The Committee of Accounts observe that I have erroneously debited the Commissary General for the Pay of Regimental Staff and the Engineers, whereas this charge should have been

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carried to the Military Paymasters Account
This irregularity I imperceptibly fell into by
taking for my Guide an account kept with a
Detachment of the Army during the War in 1768
when this mode was Observed, but I shall now
carefully pursue the Method directed by the
Board charging the established Regimental Staff
and Engineers to the Military Paymaster: and
those occasionally employed for the Service to the
Commissary General. 3d The Remarks upon the
Number of Peukallies employed with the Quarter
Master General relates more properly to the
Commissarys Employ than to mine, as the number
which I paid is inserted in his return. All
Indents of this nature were countersigned by
the General & then complied with by the
Commissary.

6 I beg leave to request your
attention a little Longer until I relate a
circumstance which I think necessary to be
known as it may probably be productive
of a future Remark from the Committee of
Accounts. I frequently observed to Mr Jourdan
with whom I regularly corresponded on every
Difficulty which occurred in my Employ
that the Surgeons Bills both for Servants and
Medicines appeared to me very exorbitant at the
time lamented my Incapacity to curtail this heavy
Expence as I was by no means a competent Judge
of the Propriety of those charges, and yet must
allow that it was a delicate Point, to run the

risque

resque of depriving the Sick or Wounded of the assistance which perhaps their situation indispensably required. Mr Jourdan in reply informed me that the Surgeons Bills had often been the subject of remarks at Madras, but that he saw no Method of reducing this Expence than by Appointing a Surgeon General to whose Examination these Bills might be referred.

I remain with Esteem
Sir
Your most Obdt & most humble Servt
Wm Petrie
Payr to the Army

Trichinopoly
March 19, 1772

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr
Secy to the Milty Depart

Sir

I did myself the Pleasure last night to write you in answer to your letter of the 12th Inst and this Morning I was favoured with yours of the 16 accompanying an Extract from the report of the Committee of Accounts and part of a letter from Mr Casamayor late Commissary to the Army. In reply you will please to inform the Board that I paid the Servants attending the Sick and Wounded and preparing of Medicines in Camp according to the Bills of the Surgeons because I did not know that it was requisite to have them mustered and returned by the

Letter from Mr Petrie in answer to the Report of Committee of Accounts on the Surgeons Bill.

Commissary

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as this Method I was Informed had not been pursued during the War with Hyder Ally; principally owing I imagine to the Difficulty which would have attended a general Muster of People constantly occupied in different Parts of the Camp. I frequently remarked that the charge for Servants appeared to me very exorbitant, but the Surgeons Affirmed that the great Number of sick and Wounded rendered an extraordinary increase of Servants absolutely necessary. I have wrote you on this Subject in my Letter Yesterday, to which I beg leave to refer and Remain with Esteem Sirs

Your most Obedt Hub Sr.
Wm. Petrie
Pay to the Army.

Warriore
March 20th 1772

As Lieut. Geils received an Allowance for two Horses the one as Quarter Master of Artillery & the other as Acting Engineer by Order of Genl. Smith, Mr. Petrie is thereby exculpated nevertheless as we cannot allow of such a Charge Lieut. Geils is to be called on to refund the Same; and resolved that Genl. Smith be acquainted with our Sentiments thereon. With Respect to the Surgeons Servants the Board admit of the excuse assigned by Mr. Petrie as it does not appear that they ever have been mustered. It is However ordered that in future the Servants belonging to the Surgeons, as well as all others receiving Pay from the Company be regularly mustered. With regard to the Appointment of a Surgeon General, the Board have but little Encouragement.

Board

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Encouragement to adopt that Mode, when it appears that the Bills of Mr. Lucas who has solicited the Appointment are more exorbitant than any of the others.

Certificates for the following Invalid Military recommended by Genl. Smith to partake of the Military Fund, are now signed

No 7 Hugh Brown	Wounded at the Siege of Tanjore
No 8 Willm. Green	Wounded at the Siege of Tanjore
No 9 Willm. Smith	Wounded at the Siege of Tanjore
No 10 John Porrington	Age and Infirmities.

Ordered that they be sent to England as Charter Party Passengers on board the Lord Holland

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitefield
Charles Smith
Geo. Mackay

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Pursuant to the resolutions of Yesterday the following Letters were wrote.

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

Sir

We have received your letter of the 23 Inst.

Letter to Genl. Smith

As the Expence of conveying Timber to Tuchinopoly for the Buildings necessary to be erected, will be very great, we would recommend that they be arched instead or terrassd which will be more Durable, and less expensive in which case it will only be necessary to send what Timber and Plank may be required for Doors & Windows. You will therefore be pleased to direct Captain Montresor to form his Plans and Calculate accordingly.

As you desire our Sentiments on the Sentence of the Court Martial held on Lieut Col Lang, previous to your publishing your Opinion on it, we must declare that we think it inadequate to the Offence — From the Just Sense we have of the Propriety of circulating a great Reverence for the Proceedings of Courts Martial We are always exceedingly Tender in disapproving their Sentences Yet Justice should have no respect to Persons and if the Offence be such as required a more ample Reparation on undue favoring of the Party offending, it is so far from being extenuated by the Seniority of the Officers who composed the Court, that we think it an

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Aggravation - Nevertheless from our unwillingness to disapprove. We Doubt whether we Should have forced even this Opinion from Ourselves, had the Court Shewn a proper sense of their own Dignity in restraining the Violence of the Prisoner in his Defence - But what can we conclude, when we see a Prisoner allowed to Indulge his resentment before his Judges, in all the Violence of Language without Reprehension? If such Indecency were suffered thro' mere Inattention, it is proper these remarks should be known to put others on their Guard - and if it were allowed thro' favor what can please in Extenuation - A Publick Outrage requires in our Opinion a Publick reparation and when that Outrage is repeated in the Presence of the Judges sworn to do Justice the Offence we think is more than Doubled, As soon as you Shall have published the Sentence with your Opinion thereon, we desire that the Proceedings may be transmitted to us.

We desire you will Order Lieut Slocombe and Ensign Moody who have been dismissed the Service to proceed to Madras together with Lieut Stuckey and Clawson as we never mean that any Officer whose conduct has been exceptionable shall enjoy the Subsistence of half Batta unless the Service requires it.

The Committee of Accounts having remarked that an allowance for two horses was made to Lieut Geels one in his Capacity

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of acting Engineer and another in that of Quarter Master of Artillery, the Paymaster in Camp was called upon to assign his reasons for Paying it by whom we are informed that it was in consequence of your Directions — As we cannot but look on this Charge as irregular and improper since Lieut. Geils could only Act in one Capacity at a Time, and therefore ought not to have drawn for the Allowance of a Horse, any more than for Batta in two Capacities — We have therefore directed the Paymaster to call upon him to refund the Allowance which he received for a Horse as Acting Engineer — Indeed we must Observe in General that the accumulating of Officers on any Individual should as much as possible be avoided, for in that case they become nominal and cannot be executed.

We are Sir
Your most Obdt. Hubble Servts.
Josias Du Pré & a Council

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To Mr. William Petrie
Paymaster to the Troops in
Cantonments

Sir

Letter to Mr. Petrie

I have received your Letter of the 19th & 20 Instant which I have communicated to the Board, As it appears that Lieut. Geils was paid for a horse as an acting Engineer when he recd the same allowance as Quarter Master of Artillery done by Order of General Smith

the

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the Board exculpate you therein, but as they cannot allow of the charge which appears to them impro=per and unreasonable since Lieut. Geils could only act in one Capacity at a time they now write to General Smith on the Subject; and have directed that you apply to Lieut. Geils to refund the Allowance he received for a horse as acting Engineer

With respect to the charge for Servants belonging to the Surgeons, and other Hospital Expences, the Board have long wished to fall upon Expedient to reduce them & put them under proper regulations; but numberless Difficulties occur to every mode which has been ~~been~~ Suggested; and as to the Appointment of a Surgeon General the Board see no cause to regret their not having adopted that plan in favor of Mr. Lucas who Solicited the Appointment when they observe that of all the Bills on which the Committee have reported his appears to be the most exorbitant. As it appears that it has not been usual to muster the Servants belonging to the Surgeons the Board admit of that reason for the Present nevertheless as they see no good cause to prevent their being mustered, they have been pleased to direct that in future they as well as all others who receive pay from the Company be regularly mustered which will at least be Some check, tho perhaps not a sufficient one on the Charges on that account

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I am Sir
Your most Obd Servt
J. M. Stone Secy

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April 1

3 The Nabob having express'd his desire that the Companys Letter might be presented to him this Morning - The Council assembled at the Garden House from whence they proceeded to the Nabobs house at Chepauk where the Letter was presented under a Discharge of 21 Guns.

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
"
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Friday 3

Mr. Brooke and Brickenden Indisposed.

The Nabob gives an Account of the Maravar & Naalcooty & desires the Expedition may be immediately undertaken.

Letter from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence No. 57 Containing an Account of the Maravar & Naalcooty Polygars and desiring that the Expedition may be immediately undertaken against them - In consequence of which the following Letter was wrote to Genl. Smith.

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

Sir

Letter to Genl. Smith in consequence

Upon the Representations which were made to us by the Nabob immediately after the Tanjore Expedition We intimated to you the Probability that it might be necessary to assist the Nabob in reducing the Maravar and Naalcooty Polygars and we therefore desired you to obtain the best Information you could of their strength and give us your Opinion of the

Know All Men by These Presents

That I [illegible] of the County of [illegible] and State of [illegible] for and in consideration of the sum of [illegible] Dollars to me in hand paid by [illegible] of the County of [illegible] and State of [illegible] the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said [illegible] his heirs and assigns forever, all that certain [illegible] situate, lying and being in the County of [illegible] and State of [illegible] and bounded and described as follows, to wit: [illegible]

To have and to hold the above granted premises, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said [illegible] his heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby covenant with the said [illegible] that I am lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid; that they are free from all incumbrances; that I have a good right to sell and convey the same to the said [illegible] his heirs and assigns, as aforesaid; and that I will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this [illegible] day of [illegible] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [illegible]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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that may be necessary for this Intended Service taking into the Account such of the Nabob's Forces both Cavalry and Infantry that are Intended by him to be employ'd on it of which the Detail will be communicated to you by Omdut ul Omrah Behauder, and having done so we desire you will take such Measures as may be proper for having the Forces you shall think necessary, held in readiness for this Service, And on this Subject we have only to recommend that the Detachment may not be Larger than in your Judgment the Service may require and this as well from a Motive of Oeconomy as because the Precedent may be inconvenient and teach the Country Powers to undervalue a small Force when it may not be in our Power to employ a greater. When you shall thus have ascertained the Force proper for the Service we shall leave it to you to take the Command of the Expedition yourself or to decline it if the Force should be such as may not require your Presence and in the latter case we shall appoint Col. Sir Robert Fletcher to take the Command, but in case you should take the command of it yourself Sir Robt. Fletcher is then to take charge of the Garrison of Trichinopoly.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedt.
humble Servants
Josias Du Pré
&c. Council

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The President lays before the Board the following Paper of Intelligence received from Pondicherry Advise from Pondicherry Dated the 30th March and Received the 1st April 1772.

The Beetle and Tobacco Farm Expires the 31st July next and as the Company have no Money for their Expences and can hardly discharge the Pay of the Soldiers and Seapoys for this Month they are settling that Farm now for five Years from August next, on Condition that the new Farmer who is willing to take that Farm do advance the Company 10 or fifteen Thousand Rupees now, and deduct 500 Rupees a Month from the Revenues of that Farm, which I think will go for thirty Thousand Rupees a Year, and also the Arrack Farm Settled to Tuvingada Pillay from the 1st August next for five Years at 23500 Rupees a Year which Farm was lett the last time to Cor[illegible] Modely at 14000 Rupees a Year which Expires the 31st July next. The Company pay to the Soldiers full Pay, to the Seapoys half Pay and to the Officers and Gentlemen none, which they have been able to do to this Terme but as the Companys Cash is so low, I dont know how they will manage for next month (that is the Present Month of April) A Moorman & an European came from the Nabob Jan at Tuchinopoly, Asking the Governor for some Great Guns & Ammunition, but I dont think the Governor will Supply them with any the Works of the Fortifications are carrying on

with

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with mud and mounting Guns immediately.
& a Ship Arrived from Bengall this Morning
brought Rice Salt Petre &c &c

Rupees at 342 Pd % Pag.

Ordered that a Copy thereof be Sent a Number
in the Packet Lord Holland

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith

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At a Consultation Present

Saturday 4 April

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton

John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Mr. Brooke absent
Mr. Brukenden Indisposed

General Letter to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors & Ship Lord Holland read & signed

Ordered that the Packet be closed

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

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At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esqr Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Monday 6th April

Mr Brukenden indisposed

The following Letter from the Committee of the Nabob's Creditors, Copy of which was transmitted to the Court of Directors in the Packet of Lord Holland is now read

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Committee of Nabob's Creditors with a List of those who agree to the Propositions

Agreeable to what we had the Honor to write you the 30th ultimo, We have desired our Constituents to declare to us in writing their Sentiments on the Propositions contained in your Letter of the 25th Ulto and we have herewith the honor to enclose You a List of those who have assented to those Propositions

We have the Honor to be most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt humble servts
W. M. Goodlad
John Sullivan
Paul Benfield

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Josias Du Pré
George Stratton
John Whitehill
J. M. Stone
Sr. Robt. Fletcher
Antony Sadlier
W. M. Goodlad
John Sulivan
Paul Benfield
Arthur Cuthbert
Thomas Powney
Chr. Edd. Jones
Francis Barnewall
Wm. Turing
Mary Turing
Rebecca Casamayor
James Call
Mary Powney

List of Creditors who agree to the Propositions

Resolved that an Agreement be drawn out to be executed by us on the part of the Company & by the Creditors for themselves according to the Terms of the Propositions made to the Creditors in one Letter of 25 March.

The following Letters from the Nabob are now read, Copies of which were transmitted in the Packet of Lord Holland

reads

The Nabob promises to pay 7 Lacks of Annum,

No. 63 – regarding Current Charges, which he hopes may be reduced to three Lacks of Pagodas of Annum, and promising to pay Pags. 766666 &c. in Discharge of them & of the Ten Lacks due from him exclusive of other Extraordinary Expences for Expeditions, Fortifications &c. A separate Accounts

of which he desires may be kept and sent to him. N.Ch. respecting the Coulours & Quantity of Broad Cloth to be supplied him annually, and requesting to be furnished yearly with 10,000 Musquets & fourteen Field Pieces

Desires to be supplied annually with Broad Cloth Musquets & Field Pieces.

As it is necessary that the Charges for Expeditions Fortifications Buildings repairs & all other Extraordinary Charges incurred on Account of the Nabob should be kept seperate and Distinct from the ordinary Expences of the Garrison Sepoys & that a clear and Exact Account thereof may be delivered to him for reimbursement It is ordered that all Paymasters be directed to keep the Accounts of such Extraordinary Charges Seperate and Distinct from their ordinary Current Expences and transmitt the Same Monthly to the Commissary General who is in like manner to keep an Account thereof under distinct heads from the other ordinary Current Charges

Extraordinary Charges on Acco. of the Nabob to be kept Seperate.

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Cuddalore —

To the Honble Jos Du Pré Esqr
President and Governor & a Council
of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

We beg leave to acquaint your Honor &ca that 2 Syrangs, 12 Tindalls and 263 Lascars are arrived here from Trichinopoly, who by a Letter dated the 10 Inst. from the Deputy Commissary General to our Chief, are ordered to

Letter from Cuddalore send 150 Lascars with the Stores to Trichinopoly.

be

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to be discharged immediately on their Arrival.

Sir Stones arrived by the Eliza Snow being all landed, and the Bullocks and transporting carriages arrived from Trichinopoly they will be ready to proceed thither in three or four days: But Mr Conductor Smith having represented to us (in the accompanying Letter) That he cannot move with the Stores from this Place with less than 150 Lascars, and as we are informed by a Letter from the Commissary of the Army to our Paymaster, That of a Part of the Camp Lascars were returned with the Stores, it would be fulfilling the intentions of General Smith, rather than Distressing the Garrison of Trichinopoly by sending any of the Lascars remaining here. Upon considering how far We could consistantly comply with the Commissary Generals directions and at the same time forward the Dispatch of the Stores, We have determined to send 30 Lascars belonging to this Garrison, and to return 830 of the Camp Lascars, who are have recommended to be discharged immediately on their Arrival at Trichinopoly which we think more eligible than to detain the Stores here upon an uncertainty keeping Nine Companies of Sepoys upon Full Batta with above 2000 Bullocks Artificers &c. Attendants.

As no Consideration but necessity and the good of the Service would have Induced us to deviate from a General Order

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Over we have thought it proper to mention the above proceedings.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt. humbl. Servants
Alex.r Davidson.
John Turing
Will.m Maitland

Cuddalore
20th March 1772.

To John Turing Esq.r
Military Storekeeper
Sir

Letter from Mr Smith Commentary regarding the Number of Lascars necessary.

I beg leave to acquaint You,
That I made an Estimate of the Number of
Lascars that will be necessary to attend the
Stores to Trichinopoly, which to the best of my
Judgment will be 150, As we have 3 Transport
Carriages 2 Carts 15 Field Carriages, and 20
Tumbrels most of which are very heavy
laden, Besides great many other Stores, and if
we have not a Sufficient Number of People
I am afraid that a great many accidents will
happen which will cause a long and tedious
March, besides the Damages the Stores may
receive by it which when duely considered may
prove a wrong means of saving Expences
But if you think the above Number cannot
be allowed, we must be Satisfied with as
many as can reasonably be granted & my
Endeavours shall not be wanted to do the
best that lies in my Power for to conduct

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every article under my charge to Trichinopoly which I assure you will be an agreeable Satisfaction to your most Obliged humble Servt

(Signed) David Smith
Conductor

Cuddalore
28 March 1772
A true Copy (Signed) Wm Maitland Jr.

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board, that upon Enquiry he finds 50 Lascars would have been Sufficient to have accompanied the Stores to Trichinopoly for which the Gentlemen at Cuddalore are to be informed and Ordered that the Commissary to the Troops in Cantonments be directed on the Arrival of the Lascars in Camp to return those immediately which belong to the Garrison of Cuddalore and as General Smith has been wrote to on the Subject of the Expedition against the Maravars, the Commissary in Camp must be wrote to consult him with regard to the Number of Lascars necessary to be retained in the Service, that the others may be sent back to Cuddalore to be discharged.

Major Grant to be consulted regarding arranging the Stores.

Major Grant being arrived from Bengall, Ordered that the Committee of Stores do call upon him for his Opinion and advice as the best Method of arranging and disposing of the Military Stores in this Garrison, & that the Committee do report the Same to the Board for their Approbation, that the necessary Orders may pass in consequence.

Lieut Ross dies at Ganjam. Ensign Malcolm at Trichinopoly

The President acquaints the Board that Lieut David Ross died at Ganjam the 15 March and Ensign Malcolm at Trichinopoly, Ordered that the

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the following Promotions do take Place.

Promotions in the Military

Ensign Geo. Muatt	Appd. Lieut.	in the room of	L. Ross deceased 14 Mr. 1772
Mr. J. Richardson	Appd. Ensign		E. Muatt promoted 14 Mr.
Mr. R. W. Chinnery	Appd. Ensign		E. Moody Cashiered 30 Do.
Mr. Donald Morrison	Appd. Ensign		E. Malcolm deceased 31 Do.

Letter from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence No. 58 enclosing Copy of Mr. Hays receipt for Pags. 40000 paid him at Trichinopoly which is Ordered to be delivered to the Commissary General.

Mil. Storekeepers report regarding the Stores made up at Trichinopoly.

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board that conformably to what was recommended to him by the Committee of Accounts in the report of 27 March entered in Consultation the 30th he had examined the List of Stores made up at Trichinopoly, & finds upon comparing them with the Expence of Stores of the like Nature made up at this Place, that they are cheaper reckoning the Charge of sending them to Trichinopoly, than they would have been provided and forwarded from hence.

The Military Storekeeper being asked whether he ever received any Application from the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly for the Stores made up, or any Intimation of the necessity of making them up at Trichinopoly acquaints the Board that he never did.

Orders thereon.

As the making up of Stores without the permission of the Board is expressly forbid by the regulations — Resolved that Mr. Hay be acquainted that he ought to have applied

to the

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to the Board or the Military Storekeeper for such Stores as may be required or to have given immediate Notice of his having made them up, in case the Engineer of the Service must not admit of his being supplied from Madras or waiting for Orders regarding them.

Read a Letter from Trimbuck Row

No 66 In answer to the President's Letter of 7 July on the Subject of our not Sending the Company's Troops to his Assistance.

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

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The following Letters were this day write

To George Dawson Esqr.
Chief &c. a Council at Cuddalore
Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 28th Ult.

Letter to Cuddalore regarding Lascars sent to Camp.

From the best Information we have been able to obtain, we think fifty Lascars would have been full Sufficient to have accompanied the Stores from Cuddalore to Trichinopoly, however as 150 have been sent, we have directed the Commissary in Camp to return the 30 belonging to your Garrison immediately on their Arrival and after obtaining Genl. Smiths Sentiments respecting the Number necessary to be retained in the Service of those which were retained from Cuddalore to send the remainder to you, who are to be discharged immediately on their Arrival.

We are Gentlemen
Your Affect. Friends
Josias Du Pré &c. a Council

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To Mr. John Ross
Commissary to the Troops in Cantonments
Sir

Letter to Commissary in Camp on the same Subject.

The Chief and Council at Cuddalore having informed the Board that they had despatched with the Stores to Trichinopoly 120 Lascars of those sent to Cuddalore to be discharged together with Thirty Lascars belonging to that Garrison, I am directed to desire you will order those belonging to that Cuddalore to be sent back immediately

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on their Arrival, and that you apply to Genl. Smith regarding the Number he may think necessary to be kept for the Present in the Service of those who were returned from Cuddalore, to be discharged.

I am Sir
Your most Obd. humble Servant
J. M. Stone Secy.

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12 Arrived this Day the Honble Companys Snow Lapwing from England with a Letter from the Court of Directors Dated 12th June 1771

At a Consultation Present

Monday 13. April

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Mr. Brickenden Indisposed.

Letter from Genl. Smith read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honored with your Commands of the 25th & 31st Ult. the latter covering the Proceedings on the tryal of Lieut. Col. Lang which I have now the Honor to return you inclosed. Notwithstanding the respect due to decisions so Solemn, I cannot Join in Opinion with the Court and have therefore disapproved the Sentence.

Letter from Genl. Smith, disapproves the Sentence of the Court Martial on Lt. Col. Lang respecting Batta paid to a Serjeant for taking care of the Officers baggage Allowance for two Horse to Lt. Gels.

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In your Letter of the 25th you are pleased to express your disapprobation of seventy days Batta being paid to A Serjeant, in Trichinopoly in charge of the Officers Baggage as being unprecedented, and in yours of the 31st to observe that in general accumulating Officers on any individual should be avoided as it is impossible they can attend to them all at the Same time.

As to the first in Order to avoid one of the greatest evils that can possibly attend an Army That is - its being incumbered - A General Order was Issued a few days previous to our marching against Tanjore, directing the Officers to lodge their Baggage (except what was immediately necessary) in one common Store, and they were promised to be supplyd from thence by Conveys as their occasions required Those who had not Servants to attend, could not have this this advantage & all must have been Subject to Numberless thefts & embezzelments, to prevent which (on this particular occasion a Serjeant was appointed to take charge of the whole, and accordingly, not only took an account of the Receipts, Issues, and Remains but was very attentive to forward to the Officers in Camp such part of their Stores &c.a as they Ordered - This Business certainly was not his Duty, and as the Service required it, he was therefore allowed Batta as a gratuity for his Trouble.

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There are some Duties, for which very few Officers are calculated. Lieut Geils late Quarter Master to the Artillery is alive, pushing, & Spirited, the great want of Engineers before Tanjore, rendered it necessary for the Good of the Service to appoint him to that Corps, in which he served with great Merit during the Siege, discharged his employ as Quarter Master in Camp and Some times took his tour of Duty in the Battalions with the Guns.

I have been thus particular in order to shew Your Honors &c.a that these circumstances, tho they have appeared to merit your Disapprobation, when explained may have a direct contrary Tendency, and it shall always (when the Service will admit of it) be my Study to Lessen the Company's Military expence

Captain Montresor has been made acquainted with your Directions & Lieut Stuckey, Clawson & Slocomb, and Ensign Moody are Ordered to Madras.

I have the honor to be
with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd.t Servt
Joseph Smith

Trichinopoly Plain
6 April 1772

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The President informs the Board that he has caused the Sentence of the Court Martial on Lieut. Col. Lang with General Smiths disapprobation thereof to be given out in General Orders.

Observations thereon

The Board never meant to censure the Order for the Officers leaving their Baggage behind — but as the Serjeant who was appointed to the Care thereof must have been excused his other Ordinary Duty on that Account, the allowance of Batta made to him appeared unreasonable.

censure

We believe Lieutenant Geils to be a very Diligent and good Officer, nevertheless as he could not act in the Capacity of Quarter Master and Engineer at the same Time, the allowance made him for a Horse in each of the Stations was certainly improper.

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Ensign Mayne acquitted by Court Martial

The Secretary lays before the Board the Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Vellour on Ensign Mayne who had requested the Same in order to clear his character of the aspersions laid on it by Abbo Mahomed Subidar (vide Consultation 13 Jany) and who is honorably acquitted by the Court — the Sentence of which has been approved by Lieut. Col. Tod.

Read the following Letter from Mr Cuming Paymaster at Madura

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

The Extreme Lad Condition of the Paymasters House in this Garrison, lays me under

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Letter from Mr. Cuming represents the wrong as Condition of his Quarters at Madura & dues leave to repair them.

under the Necessity of troubling your Honors &ca. with a representation of its present State. It was first built by Capt. Maclane, as a Temporary House for the Paymaster, and composed of any broken Bricks & rubbish that could be Collected from the repairs of the Works then going on. The Beams were of Green Wood, proper time not being allowed for their being seasoned, this, joined to the hurry in which the House was run up together with an uncommon load of Tiras, which was very unjudiciously laid on it, occasioned the House to leak in such a Manner from the very first Rains that fell after its being finished as has so much injured the Walls. that the Beams have every where given way, & I have been ever since I came up here, under continual, I may say Daily Apprehensions, of the roof falling in. I was doubtful whether it would stand last Monsoon but unwilling to Trouble your Honor &ca. unless thro' urgent necessity, I got the Beams supported by large Standards, These were the means of preventing its immediate fall, particularly as the last Monsoon happened to be very favorable here. the Superstructure has suffered considerably, but it is next to an Impossibility of its standing another, if it even last till that Time. Mr. Palmer, when he quitted this left the House propped up in several Places and I have been Obliged to more than Double their Number since. That Gentleman can fully inform your Honor &ca. of its then ruinous State.

It being necessary to new the

Roof

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Roof the House, and take down some part of the side Walls, I have caused the Head Bricklayer him to make an Estimate of the Expence of so doing, & giving it such other repairs as would make it habitable — This Estimate amounts to little more than four hundred Pagodas, and it is in my humble Opinion very reasonable, considering the Scarcity of Materials and the Distance they are obliged to be brought — I have therefore most earnestly to request your Honor &c.a will favor me with your Permission to begin the above repairs which I undertaken Speedily, may be easily compleated before the N.E. Monsoon sets in, and at the same time I beg leave to assure your Honors &c.a that the Strictest Frugality and Oeconomy shall be observed in carrying them on.

I am the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obl.t Serv.t
William Cumming

Madura
30th March 1773

The Nabob to be applied to —

Agreed that the President be desired to apply to the Nabob on the Subject.

Representation of Mr. Andrews regarding Gun Peons at Vengapatam

Mr. Andrews being present represents to the Board that the Gun Peons employed at Vengapatam are of little or no use for want of Discipline that if an independant Company of Sepoys properly disciplined and clothed were kept in their room they would be exceedingly useful and the difference of Expence would be but trifling as will appear by the following calculate now laid before the Board

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Gun Peons	Rupees	Sepoys	Pag.s
1 Serj.t Major	31 " 8 " -	1 Subedar	17
4 Havildars @ 8 each	32 " - " -	2 Jemadars @ 5 each	10 " -
16 Naigues @ 5 D.o	80 " - " -	6 Havildars @ 3 D.o	18 " -
3 Colour men @ 3/2 D.o	10 " 8 " -	6 Naigues @ 2 " 14	14 " -
1 Drummer	8 " 12 " -	1 Colour Man	1 " 29 " 40
1 Fife	8 " 12 " -	1 Drum	3 " -
150 Peons @ 3 each	450 " - " -	1 Peekall	1 " 29 " 40
1 Doctor	9 " - " -	86 Sepoys @ 1 " 29 " 40	146 " 17 "
Rupees	630 " 8 " -	Pag.s	211 " 34 " -
@ 350 P% is Pag.s	182 " 10 " -		

A Company of Sepoys to be kept in their room.

Agreed that an Independant Company of Sepoys be entertained at Vizagapatam in the room of the Gun Peons now employd.

33 Men from Capt.n Marcells Detachment deserted to Bon Enfant.

The President acquaints the Board that 33 Men of the Detachment on their March from Ellour to this Place under the Command of Captain Marcell had deserted in their Passage thro' the Guntoor Circar, & that he learns from Mr. Wynch that they had joined the Party under Bon Enfant. In consequence of which a Draught of a Letter to Bazalet Jung as entered in Country Correspondence No. 77 is now read and approved, which is to be sent to Mr. Wynch to be forwarded by him with one from himself.

Letter to Bazalet Jung in consequence.

Cornett Gunn adjutant of Cavalry dies.

The President acquaints the Board that Cornett Gunn Adjutant of cavalry died here the 9th Instant.

Lieut. Thornton appointed adjt. in his room.

Resolved that Lieut. Tempest Thornton be appointed Adjutant of Cavalry in his Room.

The Military Paymaster

reports

reports to the Board that notwithstanding the Orders sent by the Commissary General to the Pay-master at Trichinopoly, for Supplying the Paymaster at Vellum with what Money may be necessary for the Disbursement of that Garrison Mr Light had represented to him that he was in great want of Money for the Payment of that Garrison.

Vellum to be supplied with Money from Trichinopoly.

Ordered that Mr Hay be directed to send an immediate Supply to Vellum and to forward to Mr Light from time to time whatever Sums may be required for the Disbursements of that Garrison.

The Nabob advises of Troubles raising in the Palnaud District.

Letters from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence No 68 & 75 advising that he has received Intelligence that Veera Beddia the late Polygar of Palnaud was assembling a force in Order to Disturb that District and desiring that Orders may be sent to Captain Fletcher at Ongole to assist his Manager.

Orders to Capt. Fletcher in consequence

The President informs the Board that he has wrote to Captain Fletcher in consequence directing him to assist the Nabobs Manager if necessary, & that he has advised the Nabob thereof in a Letter No 72.

advised

Vizeramrange complains of Mr Cotsford Dubash for interfering in the Affair of Gazipuett Door.

Read a Letter from Vizeramrange No 73 Complaining of Mr Cotsford Dubash having interfered in the Affair of Gazipuett Door & prevented the Settling the Affairs of the Kimmedy District —

Door

Ordered that a Copy thereof be transmitted

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Mr. Cotsford to be advised thereof

The Nabob desires to be supplied with 100 Pcs. Green Sarso.

transmitted to Mr. Cotsford.

Letter from the Nabob desiring to be Supplied with 100 Pieces of Green Sarso or Perpetuanaes.

Ordered Accordingly.

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

read

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Sailed this day His Majesty's Ships, Northumberland, Buckingham, Warwick, Oxford, Dolphin & Hawke Sloop, to avoid the Monsoon.

14 Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Hay Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Mr. Hay Paymaster
at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Mr. Hay Ordered to supply Vellum with Money.

The Military Paymaster having reported to the Board that notwithstanding the Orders sent you by the Commissary General the 5th Ult. for supplying the Paymaster at Vellum with Money for his Disbursements, Mr. Light had represented that he was in great want of Money - I am therefore desired by the President and Council to acquaint you that you are immediately to forward to Mr. Light such Sum as he may require, & to keep him constantly supplied with what may be necessary for the charges of the Garrison of Vellum.

I am Sir
Your most Obd. humble Servt.
J. M. Stone

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The following Letter was this day wrote to Mr. Wynch Chief at Masulipatam

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam
Sir

Letter to Mr. Wynch with one to Baralet Jung regarding Deserters

The President having acquainted us that he understands from you that the Men who deserted from Captain Marcells Detachment in the Guntoor Circar, have joined Bon-Enfant, We send

you

the

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you herewith a Letter to Baralet Jung on the Subject with a Copy for your Information You will be pleased to forward the same to him with one from yourself

We are Sir
Your Offect Friends
Josias DuPré &c Council

Fort St. George
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At a Consultation Present

Friday
17 April

Josias DuPré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke, ——
John Whitehill, Charles Smith
George Mackay

Mr. Brickenden Indisposed.

Letter from Genl. Smith received the 14 Inst. read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Genl. Smith with his Opinion of the Force necessary to be employed against the Maravar and Naulcoaty Polygers.

I am honoured with your commands of the 3 Inst. enclosing a Copy of a Letter from his Excellency the Nabob the contents of both, were immediately communicated to the Young Nabob Umdet-Ul-Omrah-Behauder, by whom I am informed that there are in the Maravar Country nine Forts to be reduced, that will require Garrisons, and several others of less consideration; and that three or four of these Forts, might probably Oblige us to break Ground before them.

The Expence of Ammunition that may be required cannot be ascertained as that

as that will depend on the resolution, and Strength of the different Garrisons.

On consulting with the Young Nabob on the Number of the Company's Troops that would be necessary for this Expedition, and remarking to him his Excellency's Opinion with respect to the Maravars Strength, and also yours, that no greater force should be employd than was absolutely necessary, he observed that if the Intent of the Expedition was merely to collect the Tribute, a much smaller force than to make an entire conquest would be sufficient; but as it was his Fathers Intention to reduce those Polygars and take the Possession of their Country he thought nothing ought to be left to chance I then mentioned 120 Artillery Men, four Hundred European Infantry with three Battn. of Company's Sepoys which he proposed should be augmented with Captain Matthews and Rumbys Cavalry with Alexanders and Lindons Battalions of Sepoys (the remainder of his Excellency Black Infantry are only fit to Garrison the Forts as they may fall into our Hands) and with a less force the Young Nabob is of Opinion the Expedition ought not to be undertaken, indeed from the best Accounts I can procure I am also of Opinion, the Force he mentions will be necessary.

Reports from Tanjore say, that the Rajah is about to dismiss part of his Cavalry in Order to assist the Polygars with them, without the Appearance of his being concerned.

From all the Information I have

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I have been able to obtain of the roads leading to the Maravar Country, that by which the Rajah of Tanjore march'd his Troops, is the only one at this Season of the Year, which affords water sufficient for our Army, and as the Weather is grown intensly hot, a scarcity of that Article would be terrible Indeed.

I have given the necessary Orders that every Department may be prepared and in readiness. The Young Nabob is also making preparations; and presses me in the most earnest Terms to accompany him on the Expedition.

After mentioned is an Estimate of the Troops &c. proposed for the Field and refer to your Honor &c. for your Determination and Instructions respecting their Operations

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
with respect your mo. Obd Servt
Joseph Smith

Trichinopoly Plain
10. April 1772

An Estimate of Troops &c. proposed for the Maravar Expedition

Europeans	1 Battalion of the 1 Regt	320 Private
	The Company of Grenad. from 1 Battn of the 2d Regt	
Seapoys	1 Battalion	Capt. Hopkins
	5 Do	Cosby
	10 Do	Bruce
Field Artillery	6 – 6 Pounders	
	6. 3 – Do with Battalions	

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Heavy Ditto { 4 – 18 Pounders
2 – 12 D
1 – 8 Inch Mortar
2 – Royals.

NB The 1st Battalion of the 2d Regiment musters no more than 241 Private for Duty exclusive of the two Companies at Vellum and in both the European Battalions there are many men I believe unfit to take the Field especially at this Season of the Year.

The Presidents acquaints the Board that he had communicated the Contents of the above Letter to the Nabob who had acquiesced in the force proposed by Genl Smith and had desired that the Expedition may be undertaken without Loss of Time. In consequence of which the following Letter is now wrote to Genl Smith And the Commissary General, the Military Paymaster & Military Storekeeper are desired to form Estimates of what Money Bullocks &ca may be required for this Service.

The Nabob acquiesces in the Force proposed.

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

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 10 Inst wherein you give us your Opinion of the Force that will be necessary for the Expedition against Maravar and Naaberoty in the Intention of reducing those Polygars and taking Possession of their Country. As a Sufficient Number of the Company's Forces is at present in the South and there

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there is no other immediate Service to be performed We shall leave to you to form such a Detachment as you shall think proper for the Intended Expedition against those Polygars. And as the Nabob is very pressing that this Service may be undertaken as soon as conveniently may be we desire that you will draw together and encamp the Detachment, you shall think it is necessary to form and we now give directions to the Commissary General and other Officers to provide and furnish what may Depend on the Respective Departments

The Nabob informs us that he has given directions to his Second Son Muddaar-ul Mulk Behauder to take effectual Measures for supplying the Detachment with provisions and we therefore recommend to you to confer with him on this Subject and ascertain that the Measures & means are proper & efficient. And we particularly recommend that when you move from your encampment you take with you an Ample Size.

encampment/

The Nabob informs us that it is his intention very Shortly to proceed to Tuchinopoly to Settle his Affairs in those parts and to attend particularly to the progress of this Expedition the Object of which is to reduce the Polygars of Maravar & Naatooty intirely if their refractory Conduct should render it necessary or at least to such Terms as may put it out of their Power to become troublesome

reduce/

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at times when our Forces may have employment in other Parts, this is become the more necessary now as the Rajah of Tanjore tho' much humbled is yet powerfull. It appears to us necessary that the Forts and Strong places in the Country of the Maravar and Nauleooty should be reduced. the Plan and Conduct of the Military Operations are left entirely to you but as the Company in this Expedition Act only as Friends and Allies to the Nabob the Places and Countrys that may be taken and Subdued are to be delivered into his Possession and whatever Negociations may arise in the Course of this Service with the Polygars are to be conducted entirely by him or whomsoever he may appoint for that purpose The Nabob will give you all necessary Information on this Subject from time to time that you may be better enabled to form your Plans and Operations and you will be pleased to communicate to us whatever may come to your Knowledge relative thereto We have only further to recommend to you an attention to the Honor of the British Arms for altho' the Company Act only as Allies in this Expedition and that consequently the Right of declaring War and Concluding Peace is in the Nabob, yet we never did nor never can consent to Employ the Companys Forces in any manner that Shall not redound to their Honor, this is a charge which in the Field rests in your Judgement. The Nabob has given us the strongest Assurances.

Assurances that he will without reserve Communicate to you and to us whatever may arise in the Course of this Service materially affecting it And in consequence of the Informations We shall receive from him and the advices we shall receive from you we shall Communicate to you from time to time our Sentiments

We are Sir
Your mo. Obd. hble Servts
Josias Du Pré & Co. Council

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Messrs Stratton and Mackay dissent to the Expedition being undertaken in the Manner proposed by Genl Smith & beg leave to enter their reasons for such their dissent in the Subsequent Consultation, which is agreed to.

Messrs Stratton & Mackay dissent

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had renewed the Subject with regard to the present to be made to the Troops employed before Tanjore, and had at the same time expressed his Sentiments very fully on the Impropriety and Danger of his paying any thing in consequence of any right which the Army may pretend to. That however willing he might be to make a Voluntary Donation to the Troops, yet he never would consent to pay one Rupee of it were looked on as a Matter of right - In Answer to which the President acquainted him that he, the Nabob, had already been fully Informed of the Sentiments of the Board on this Subject as

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as expressed in their Letter to Genl Smith of 26 Novr which had been explained to him before it was sent away, that the Same had been communicated to the Officers in consequence of the Orders sent to Genl Smith for that purpose - That the Officers had relinquish'd all Pretensions to a Donation as a Matter of right & submitted it entirely to the Nabobs will and Pleasure - To which the Nabob replied, if that were the case he proposed making a present to the Troops who were on the Expedition against Tanjore and desired the President to inform him what Sum would be proper to which the President replied that it must rest solely with the Nabob to give whatever he pleased, that what he might of his own free will & Pleasure give in Should permit the Officers to receive, & should return him thanks in the Name of the Company for such a mark of his Favor and Attention to their Servts the Nabob then said he proposed making the Army a Present of five Lacks of Rupees, two of which he would give them Immediately, and the other three the next year; and promised to write the President a Letter on the Subject.

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Geo. Mackay

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The following letters were this day wrote

To Mr. Samuel Johnson
Sire

Letter to Mr. Saml. Johnson ordered to proceed as Pay.r to Trichinopoly.

Having appointed you to be Paymaster and Stonkeeper to the Garrison of Trichinopoly you will be pleased to proceed thither and receive the charge of those Employs from Mr. James Hay, who is directed to deliver the same over to you, together with such Orders, rules & regulations as he may have received regarding them.

We are Sir
Your most Affect. Friends
Josias Du Pré & Co. Council

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To Mr. James Hay
Paymaster & Stonkeeper at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Mr. Hay advising him thereof

Mr. Samuel Johnson having been appointed Paymaster and Stonkeeper to the Garrison of Trichinopoly he now proceeds thither to take charge of those Employs, you will therefore on his arrival deliver the same over to him together with the Sever. at Orders rules & regulations you have received regarding them.

We are Sir
Your Affect. Friends
Josias Du Pré & Co. Council

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At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
Monday John Smith " George Stratton
20th April Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Mr. Brickenden Indisposed.

Letter from Mr. Cotsford read as follows.

Mil. Dept.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
Pres. & Governor &c. Council at Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs.

I wrote to you on the 20 Ult. and have waited till this Time expecting to be able to say something satisfactory respecting the Affairs of Bemadoo & Guzzeputty.

Letter from Mr. Cotsford on the Subject of Guzeputte Doo's flight from Khimedy & the Measures taken by him to get him Back.

Two days after my Last I was met by Pratapah doo. Uncle to the Zemeen-dar of Khimedy, Ram Kistnah Pantre Brother to Ram Joghee Pauder to help dead Ennamanta Kittiah and others the Rajahs servants who fled the Khimedy Country before and at the Time when he himself quitted it.

On the 26th ultimo I also received a Letter from Guzeputty who was then amongst the Hills between Khimedy and Vizianagur and near a Place called Ramaghery which is Dependant on Bemadoo - Copies of the Rajahs Letter and my answer are Inclosed

No 1 & 2

I received to Pratapah Doo and others the Servants of the Rajah that to convince the World and those who might have the Means of serving him

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serving him essentially by procuring him that Justice which he required that it was absolutely necessary for him to appear himself and explain the Motives of his extraordinary conduct offering him at the Same Time a promise or Cowle under my hand for the Safety of his Person and his Choice free either to stay or return - I was assured by these People that Guzzeputty on these Terms would meet me.

The Situation of the Country made it absolutely necessary either to apply to Bemadoo or Hurry-Chunder the Zemeindar of Sourunghy, for without the Permission of one of them he could not come to me all the Entrances into the Open Country being thro' Passes.

The Situation of Bemadoo's Affairs with the Company occasioned me to think it most adviseable that he shou'd come thro' the Mediation and the Country of the Zemeindar of Sourunghy, saying that shou'd he come thro' the means of Bemadoo that Zemeindar would make use of the Opportunity to ask favours for himself which could not be consistently complyd with, and in the case of refusal entirely prevent my Endeavours respecting Guzzeputty from taking Effect with this View I visited the Zemeindar of Sourunghy, and he promised me that the Rajah should have a free Passage thro' his Country, and that he would moreover go himself with Putapah-doo and bring him in Safety to Sourunghy —

Bemadoo.

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Bermadoo finding that the Business was likely to be concluded without his Participation sent 500 Peons with all Expedition between Sourunghy and Guzziputtly, and prevented all communication to him so that neither his Uncle or any of his Servants who were then at Sourunghy, could so much as send him a Letter — A few days after Bermadoo caused him to come near Vizianagur and himself went out a few Miles to meet him and brought him to his own Place of Residence — He immediately acquainted me that he could not permit Guzziputtly to meet me thro' the means of the Zemeindar of Sourunghy as it would reflect on him who was always ready to shew his Obedience to the Company's Authority, and that if I would send some principal Persons and his Uncle Pres[illegible] the Business would be speedily finished — I accordingly did so but it was found after some Days delay, that It was never his Intention to forward the Business, but rather to throw every Obstacle in the way of It. After much [illegible] however Bermadoo was prevailed upon to engage to meet me with Guzziputtly and fixed the 22d for the Day, but he came not according to his Word, I waited two Days and then wrote him a Letter as

N. 3 and 4 also one to Guzziputtly which are Inclosed; and immediately sent an Order to Captain Bandinel to march the Detachment out

of

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of Ithapoor and Encamp about 10 Miles on the Road tow and Viz. anagur Bennadas returnd me an immediate Answer by his Vackeel that he would meet me that Evening with Guzzapatty, but that the time did not permit him to come to the Place at first appointed. Being unwilling to lose any Opportunity Which might promote Itself, I Immediately went There with as many Seapoys as He wants agreed to my having (20) and met them at the Foot of the Hills and at the Entrance of a Pass leading to Vizianagur, and about seven Miles Distant from St.

I informed Guzzapatty that he should not Stat on the Fate of his Father and not hurry himself into Difficulties with the Company We at this time not the least were in Enmity with any Person whatever. They understood that Immediately upon my Arrival at Vizianagur I should go to Waltair where the Army was then Encamped to wait on the General in order to make my Complaints and Demands in Nothing but the Name of Himself and his Family & which would Doubtless be greatly Favoured by the Certainty of his Enemies.

In Answer he replied that he had never done any thing to offend

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trust to his own Strength.

This Conversation I had in
private with Guzzeputty and on our return
into the Company of Brahmans I recommended
to him as the strongest Terms I was able
not to give pernicious Advice to Guzzeputty
for that must in the End Depend upon his
Conduct as in all Probability He would
himself be involved with him in such
Troubles as might be his Ruin and what
he could not in future charge on me as I
had now given my assured at 1st. upon
breaking Pain with particular Respect to
Account of his Family, and very advanced
Age, that with regard to the Payment of
his Annuity some Allowance might be made
on Account of his Infirmities but to be
persuaded to Continuing and Protecting
Guzzeputty it was flying in the Face of
Authority, and we must look upon to be treated
as an Enemy. I gave him three Days to
consider of it and then took my Leave
I did not chuse to speak
to him in any manner of Force leaving no
Reason to expect Success and being moreover
convinced by their Behaviour Pain I was
fearful of engaging them removing him
to be entirely governed by his Servants
who he could not confront, and those a
Set of Men who would not scruple doing
any thing for their own Interests.

Guzzeputty.

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conducts and came to some Resolutions.

Camp 7 Coss from
Vizianagum. March 27. 1772

Sam Lomble Esq Sirs
with the greatest Respect
Your most Dutifull Servt
Edward Cotsford

The Several Letters which
passed between Mr Cotsford, Guzzeputtoo and
Beemadoo are also read as entered in Country
Correspondence. V. 83, 84, 85, 86.

Observations of the Board thereon

The above Letter from Mr
Cotsford having been communicated to Mr
Andrews, the Account received from him of the
Transactions between Guzzepatti Doss, Silver and Rauze
and Ram Jaque Patuloo, differs so widely in every
circumstance from the Information received by
Mr Cotsford that it would be very difficult if
not impossible to ascertain the truth, and we are
glad to find that Southern Investigation is
indeed unnecessary, by Guzzepatti Doss return to
Kimedy, & that Restored Lady as Mr Andrews
Informs us, in a State of Insurrection — We
cannot however avoid observing, that although
we are persuaded Mr Cotsford had no other
motive in this Business than a Desire of Promo-
ting the Company's Interest, nevertheless as the
District of Kimedy is Dependant on Vizagapa-
tam, the Chief of that Settlement was
the Person to whom Guzzepatti Doss should have
Application for redress in the first. Mr Cotsford
acted improperly in refusing his Protection
to Guzzepatti Doss on his first paying for it,

but

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The Paymaster furnishes Workmen & Materials for repairs, there can be no Necessity for such an Allowance. ——

shall have Coolies to superintend & muster the Workmen & Coolies, the same as at Madras. The Board are therefore of Opinion that they should be Allowed.

We are with respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most obd. humble Servts
John Smith
George Stratton
George Moubray
John Holland
Edw. Saunders
C. B. Dent
John Renton
T. Hudleston

Fort St George
15 April 1772

Mr. Stevens requests the Board
that the Contract of the Commandar of Golgundah
has been such as to render it necessary to call
upon to Send a Detachment with the
Corps he reports of about 200 Men Battalion of
the Sepoys now there that an Order
to that purpose might be sent by an
the Chucknolla Cowle.

Ordered that the Paymaster
be directed to send forth a Battalion of Sepoys
or more if necessary if they can be spared the
Cost under the Orders of Mr Andrews for the
Purpose of escorting the Golgundah Commandar
to

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The following Letters were this Day wrote

To Alexander Wynch Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam
Sir

Letter to Mr Wynch Orders to Depart Mr Andrews on returning the Gorgoud & Linnets &c.

Mr Andrews having represented that the Consent of the Gulgund and Linnetaur in the Carnar of Chicacole has been so turbulent and refractory as to render it proper to call them to a severe account and for such Purpose it will be necessary that he should be accompanied with some Sepoys from the Battalions under your Command You will therefore on this Application to you for half a Battalion of Sepoys to order them or more if necessary and you are upon them to proceed immediately and act under the Orders of Mr Andrews who will return them to you as soon as this Service is over

We are Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Josias Du Pré &c Council

Fort St George
22d April 1772

To Mr Edward Colebrooke
Resident at Ganjam
Sir

We have received your Letters of the 20th February and 2d March

Letter to Mr Colebrooke ordering Gorgoud Dos

We defer replying to the former until we receive those from Mr Andrews who is now there, and Information we might be able to give us respecting the Affairs of Gorgoud Dos In the mean Time your

Letter

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from the Chiefs of the different Settlements
interfering in the Affairs of each other

We send you herewith a
Copy of a Letter we have received from
Vizeram Tauge we cannot suppose the Dubash
had any Orders or Instructions from you
for acting this Part he is said to have done
it is however necessary you should be
apprized thereof that you may prevent his
being Guilty of the like again

We are Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Josias Du Pre & Council

Dubash

Fort St George
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26 His Majestys Ships Northumberland, Bombay=
=Lion, Oxford, Warwick, Dolphin, & Hawke
Sloop returned in the Road this day.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 27 April
Josias Du Pre Esq. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Mr Bristow in Chair

Report of the Committee of Stores read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor

Report of Committee of Stores, and ordering Cabooks from them Minutes

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Letter from Captain Stevens to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, containing Proposals for making Gun Carriages by Contract.

Letter from the Committee of Works at Masulipatam to the Chief and Council thereupon together with a return of Guns and Gun Carriages in Store, and the Number wanting to compleat all which having read and the whole subject taken into consideration we are of Opinion that such Carriages as may be wanted for Masulipatam Garrison, should be sent from Hence, altho by a Statement which the Clerk lays before the Committee, shewing the Prices at which Captain Stevens proposes to make up Gun Carriages, compared with those in the contract here the former are apparently more favourable for the Company, but the following reasons have induced the Committee to adopt this Opinion from the report of those sent from the Surgeon Expedition we have proof that Gun Carriages are made far extreamly well

2. The Number of Gun Carriages now in Store will almost furnish Masulipatam with as many as can be wanted for any for that Garrison without any Inconvenience to ourselves

3. If Capt. Stevens proposals were to be accepted we should be obliged to provide a Store of Materials at 17 Pag. Hardly as

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Department is also read as follows.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

In consequence of the Advertisement published relative to contracting for the making up of a certain Number of Trail and Truck Carriages for the Service of the Guns to be mounted in this Garrison, I lay before you the following Proposals.

Mr Simmons Proposals for making Gun Carriages.

I am willing to enter into contract at the following Prices.

Trail Garrison Carriages

32 Pounders	at Md Pagodas	160 each
24 or 20		150
18 or 16		145
12, 10, 9 or 8		100
6		90

Truck Carriages

32 Pdrs	Md Pagodas	55
24 or 20		50
18 or 16		45
12, 10, 9 or 8		40
6		38

Which said Carriages shall be made of good and well seasoned Teak Wood to be done in a Workman like Manner and be such as may be approved of by the Committee of Stores and after such Approbation to be proved at my Expence, Forty Trail & Double the Number of Truck Carriages of such Natures as may be wanted to be delivered in the Course of Two

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That at the Delivery of such Carriages the remainder shall be paid for and half the amount of such Carriages as are to be made up for the next four Months be also then advanced and in like manner paid for on Delivery.

I am with the greatest Respect Gentlemen Your most Obd. Humble Servt William Stevens

Masulipatam 30th March 1772

The Board now proceed to take the same together with the Commodores Remarks thereon into Consideration.

Remarks and Orders Thereon

Upon referring to the Return of the Number and Nature of the Guns & Carriages at Masulipatam it appears that Exclusive of the French Guns, and adding the Ten 24 & Ten 12 Pounders now sent thither, their Number will be as follows. Viz.t

Guns	Carriages French	Carriages English	Carriages Wanting	Carriages Over
24 lbs. 20	7	6	7	
18 12			12	
12 16		13	3	
9 38	23	22		7
6 20	15	10		5
Guns 106		Wanting 22		Over 12

The Board are therefore of Opinion that of the 22 Deficient Carriages with eight or ten Spare ones for the 24 18 & 12 Pounders Guns to be made up, that Number may suffice for

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the present and if it shall hereafter be found necessary to send more Guns to Masulipatam. Carriages may then be made for them.

The Board Concur in Opinion with the Committee, that for the reasons given by them no Carriages should be made for the 32. 26. 16. 16. & 8 Pounder Guns.

With respect to the Terms proposed by Mr Stevens as they appear reasonable the Board are of Opinion that he should be permitted to make up the Number of Carriages required as above agreable thereto But he must be Informed that he must not expect to be supplied with Timber Iron or other Materials from the Companys Store, but that he must furnish himself with what may be necessary, as well as with Workmen without the Interposition of the Chief & Council or the Committee of Works — And it is expected that the Wood be good and well seasoned, and that none but good Europe Iron be used.

The Board are also of Opinion that it will be Improper to take off any part of the Carpenters Yard but that some other Place must be allotted for this service.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Lucas, as also one from Mr Davis to Genl Smith.

Sir

As the General has been pleased to order me to Join the Army now preparing.

Letter from Mr Lucas Complaining of great Want of Europe Medicines applied to be paid for a Medicine Box.

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preparing to take the field. I think it my Indis-
-pensible Duty to acquaint you that I am
totally without Europe Medicines, the very small
Stock here will not admit of any Diminution
adequate to the unavoidable great Demand I am
likely to have from the Season and Situation
of the Country to be Invaded and to request you
will Order the Indent I had lately the honor
of sending to you thro' Genl. Smith to be com-
-plied with as fully as possible.

During the late Campaign
I was obliged to use a Portable Medicine Box
sent to me from Europe Containing Capital and
Pocket Instruments with Elegantly cut flint
Bottles with Drawers &c complete, the Drawers
and case Mahogany. it cost me in London to
the Maker twenty three guineas, and from
thence to me brings it to near Thirty Pounds
sterling.

As Nothing but the good of
the Service I am employed in coud prompt me
to trouble my Friends for the like, for whom
only I coud use it. I have the Vanity to flatter
myself you will do me the Honor to order
me to be reimbursed. particularly as I can
bring Vouchers of its not only having been
used, but of its great utility last Campaign

I have the Honor to subscribe
myself Sir
Your most humble and Obed. Servt.
Colley Lucas

Trichinopoly
April 23 1772

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To Joseph Smith Esqr.
General & Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

Letter from Mr. Danes to Genl. Smith on the same Subject

understanding that there is a probability of some Troops taking the Field shortly and being at present in charge of the Principal Stock of Medicines now in the Southward as Surgeon to this Hospital I esteem it my Duty thus to point out the very great deficiency of Medicines and Surgions necessaries at this place, and further more I am to observe that the Apothecary at the Presidency from time to time, as often as Indents are regularly transmitted to him - Apologises for non Compliance of a great part of the most useful Articles by remarking that there are very few and sometimes none in Store I can form no Idea how this comes to pass but certain it is the Sick Surgeons are put to much Inconvenience by it, nor will I hesitate to declare that the Army suffers a Proportion of this Deficit.

The Gentlemen at Madras with Propriety take Notice of the Surgeons charges: and that as usual they run high: this is unavoidable but the Number of Servants absolutely necessary for Sick and Wounded in the Field is scarce credible to any but those on the Spott, and Consequently swell the Surgeons Accounts but of our Indents for Medicines and necessaries are strictly complied with. our charges would be Dimin-

ished.

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diminished — for when there is a deficiency of Europe Medicines &c. Recourse must be had to the best substitudes amongst the Country Tribe — and that too at much pain and Trouble, when every moment of our Time is precious — You Sir have frequently honoured me with the charge of a field Hospital, from whence I am a tollerable Judge of the necessity there is for an Ample supply of Medicines and Necessaries in the field — and likewise that the Director of field Hospitals, as well as the Surgeon in the field should not be in the least sparing of every Generous relief to his Patients without attending too Minutely to the Expence for by an early and Strict attention to such unfortunate poor fellows as are obliged to quit the Ranks on Actual Service and by treating them with that nice care, tenderness & good Conduct which are the characteristicks of an Ingenious & reputable Surgeon The Honble Company I am persuaded are at a much less Expence in the main the that Surgeons charges should run high — than by a Behaviour the reverse to this when his charges are trifling from a Scanty Supply of Necessaries administred in an unmasterly manner — I have dwelt thus long on the Subject as well in Order that a Supply of Medicines and Necessaries may be sent to the Army, as to exculpate myself in some Measure from any

Censure

censure in future from the Committee of Accts and I beg leave to enquire of you Sir whether or not what I have advanced has not been exemplified by my returning Numbers of Sick to their Duty much Sooner than you had reason to expect as well as by the inconsiderable Mortality that has attended our Troops during these two last Campaigns.

I am Sir
With great Respect
Your most Obdt. Humble Servt.
Thomas Davis
Surgeon

Warriore
April 22d 1772.

To be communicated to the Surgeon at this Place.

Ordered that the above Letters be communicated to Mr. Pasley the Surgeon at this Place — That Mr. Lucas be paid for the Medicine Box which is to be received into the Companys Store at Tuckinopoly

Mr. Anderson appointed Surgeon at Madras.

There being a Vacancy for a Surgeon at this Place in the room of Mr. Sam. Scott deceased, Mr. Anderson is appointed thereto & Mr. Wilson being the Oldest Surgeons Mate on the Establishment is appointed full Surgeon

Mr. Wilson appointed Surgeon

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. Hay Paymaster at Tuckinopoly

To John Maxwell Stone
Secy.

Sir

Letter from Mr. Hay containing his reasons for not having supplied Villamarth Money

I am to acknowledge the receipt of yrs. of the 4th. giving me to understand that the Mil.y Paymaster has thought proper to

to report to the Board of my not having complied with the orders sent me by the Commiss.y Gen.l with regard to supplying Mr Light Pay.r at Vellum with Money for his Disbursements. I am sorry to find that the Mil.y Pay.r should have thought it necessary to report any thing of this Kind to the Board, so as to make it appear a neglect in me, till such Time as he had enquired into the cause of it, I must therefore beg leave to acquaint you the reason of Mr Lights not being immediately supply'd by me with cash for his Disbursements. It proceeded from my being directed by the Commissary Gen.l to receive here of the Young Nabob the Sum of Pag.s 40,000 out of which I was to supply the Pay.r at Camp, as also Mr Light. On my making Application for this Money it was presented to me in Portanova Pag.s of which I acquainted the Deputy Commiss.y Gen.l, who gave me to understand that I might receive it and Pay it away in that Coin provided the Exchange was so settled that the Troops should sustain no loss by it. As soon as the Exchange was settled by the Young Nabob which was not till four or five days after I rec.d those Orders. I immediately acquainted the Gen.l of it, At the same time did my endeavours to get Star Pagodas for that part of it which was to be paid to Mr Light as he had given me to understand the P.N. Pag.s

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would not pass at Villum. If Mr. Light would have recd his Money in Portanova Pagd. wt. the Exchange I did, and was directed to do, the Money was ready and should have been sent him that Insd. that he called for it, but as he signified to me that the Money I was directed to send him must all be Star Pagd. as the Portanova Pagodas would not pass there, I was therefore under the necessity of waiting some time before I could get the Amount in Star Pagd. to send him. As this was really the case I cannot but think its very hard that I should be censured in the manner I seem to be, especially as I am very certain that this Delay did not proceed from any Neglect in me, If this Money had been paid to me in Star Pagodas Mr. Lights Demand should have been complied wt. that Instant I recd. the Order and this I gave him to understand, which I presume he has neglected taking any Notice off in his Letter to the Mil. Pay.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. & very
humble Servt.
James Hay Paymaster

Trichinopoly
19th April 1772

Proceedings of a Court Martial laid before the Board

The Proceedings of a Court Martial held at this Place on the following Persons are now read viz.

Lieut. Walter Gorham on Complaint of Capt. Johnson for behaving unbecoming

unbecoming the character of a Gentlemen towards him: and for behaving otherwise contrary to good Order and Military Desci=pline as an Officer - Of which he is acquitted by the Sentence of the Court.

Lieutenant Teriworker William Keating for Neglect of Duty, and breaking his Arrest - of which he is found Guilty, and Sentenced to be cashiered. —

Thos Lawrence private Centinel for going into Ensign Haigh's Tent in a Mutinous Manner, seizing upon him & tiring up the rest of the Company to Mutiny - Of the first part of which, namely behaving in a rectous Manner when he entered Ensign Haigh's Tent, he is found Guilty & Sentenced to receive 500 Lashes. But in Consideration of his good Character is recommended to Mercy.

Richd Stone Private Centinel for coming into Ensign Haigh's Tent in a Mutinous Manner and threatening to cut it down of which he is acquitted.

Opinion & orders of the Board thereon.

The Board disapprove of the Sentence of the Court Martial passed on Lieut. Gorham, as it appears by the Evidence of Lieutenant Campbell, which is corroborated by the Disposition of Chittapah the orderly Naique sent by Capt. Johnson, that Sepoys were improperly employed by Lieut. Gorham and altho, it does not appear that they

were

were actually employd to take away the Girl by Force, yet that they were intended to favor her Elopement from Captain Johnson The Board do therefore Censure Lieutenant Gorham for his Conduct.

It appearing also to the Board that the Conduct of Captain Johnson has been very culpable, in sending Sepoys in search of his Girl, and afterwards in sending a Party of Sepoys armed with an Officer sashed, on a Service not Military, The Board do therefore Censure Captain Johnson for such his Behaviour.

And the Board take this Opportunity of making known their firm resolution to call to a very Severe & exemplary Account, any Officer who shall presume to employ Sepoys on their Private Concerns, which they have reason to believe is too frequently practised, notwithstand's the Orders contained in the Book of Regulations forbidding the Same - and of which all Officers are to take Notice.

The Board approve of the Sentence of the Court Martial passed on Lieut. Tin & Worker William Keating.

The Board also approve of the Sentence passed on Thos. Lawrence private Centinel - But in Consideration of the Provocation he received and the recommendation of the Court, they do pardon him.

And it appearing to the Board that Ensign Haigh's Behaviour in taking away a Soldiers Girl by Force, was very unbecoming the Character of an Officer and might have been productive of the worst of consequences, and therefore Merits the Severest Marks of their Displeasure And as he was once before dismissed the Service by the Sentence of a Court Martial for ungentlemanlike Behaviour & was upon the recommendation of the Commanding Officer restored to the Service, which his Conduct has again rendered him unworthy of - It is Ordered that Ensign Haigh be dismissed the Service.

Ensign Haigh dismissed the Service.

The Board approve of the Sentence of the Court Martial passed on Reed Stone Private Centinel.

Richard/

Resolved that the foregoing be given out on Govt. Orders.

Mr. John Crickton is appointed an Ensign in the room of Ensign Haigh Dismissed.

Mr. John Crickton appointed Ensign.

Resolved that Quarter Master Frederick Ratzell of the Cavalry be appointed a Cornett in the room of Cornett Gunn Deceased, to Rank from the 9th Instant the day Cornett Gunn Died.

Mr. Frederick Ratzell appointed Cornett of Cavalry

Mr. Strallan and Mackay having in Consultation of the 17th Instant dissented to the Expedition against the

Marawar

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Maravar & Naulcoty Polygars as proposed by Genl Smith now deliver in their reasons for such their Dissents

Mr Mackay's Dissent on the Subject of the Maravar Expedition

I dissent to the Expedition against the Maravar & Naulcooty Polygars as proposed in Genl Smiths Letter of the 13th Inst & assented to by the Majority on the 17th Inst

1st Because tho I think it is evident that it will require more Troops now to reduce those Polygars as they have had so much Time to prepare for their Defence than would have been necessary some Months ago, when the Expedition was first proposed to Genl Smith & when he named a still greater Force than he does at present. Yet I am clearly of Opinion that the Number of Troops demanded by him for the Expedition in his Letter now before the Board is more than sufficient & seems calculated for the Rank and Command of a Genl Officer than for the Service to be performed. It may be thought great Presumption in me to give an Opinion in Military Matters in Opposition to that of the Commanding Officer of the Troops but I think I know pretty well the ground I go upon for added to the long Experience I have had in India, which justly ensures me that irregular Country Troops are but contemptible when opposed even to the worst of our Sepoys I know

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the Sentiments of some of the Principal Officers on this Establishment & Officers of whose Military Abilities, I believe the Board have the highest Opinion & have the Satisfaction to find that they Coincide nearly with my own with regard to the Expedition in Question

2d Because as I wish to see that Honor & reputation restored to our Arms (our greatest & I may say only Security in this Country) which for some time past has been greatly on the decline, by our miscarriages in the late War with Hyder Ally & ill fortune before the Walls of Tanjore with the finest and best Appointed Armys that ever took the field in India, I cannot give my consent to our sending a General Officer, with such an Army as in former times would have been thought sufficient, not only to oppose the greatest Country Powers but even to humble the Power of the French Nation on this Coast, in order to conquer a couple of Insignificant Polygars whose Countrys if in the Nabob's Possession might not be able to reimburse the Charges of the Expedition, & as he seems himself to be of Opinion that he could accomplish their reduction with his own Troops; if he had but a few Europeans from the Company to Join them, as appears by his Letter to the President of the 3d Novr. What reputation

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Mr. Mackay's Reasons for his Dissent to the Maravar Expedition.

can we expect to gain if we succeed & what disgrace must we suffer if we do not.

3d Because As the Land Winds will soon set in the Weather will be so extreamly hot that I fear most of the Europeans, who go on this Expedition, will either Die or be rendered useless thro' mere fatigue & the severity of the Season even if they meet with no other Disasters & the Preservation of the few we have & more particularly of the Corps of Artillery on whom we are chiefly to depend in case of any Troubles & who have suffered so much by the Explosion of the Magazine at Trichinopoly deserves the Utmost Attention of the Board.

4th Because Tho we are now at Peace with all our Neighbours & may not have reason to Apprehend a French War soon; notwithstanding the formidable Force they have at these Islands yet the Morattas are Still in the Balaguet and should they either subdue Hyder Ally or make Peace with him it is not at all unlikely but they may renew their Claim on the Nabob for Chout & the Arrears due to them Trimbeck Rows last Letter to the President plainly shews that they are dissatisfied with our Conduct in refusing them the Assistance they wanted against Hyder Ally & the late Signal Advantages they have gained over the Rohillas, may not only encourage them to treat us with still less ceremony than they

they did some time ago: but likewise to threaten our Frontiers at Bengall, should these Events take Place we should be greatly embarrassed how to act, when so consider=rable a part of our Force is at so great a Distance from us, for these reasons I am for reserving our small Recources of Men & Money for more Important Occasions than the Present service.

5 Because General Smith has been hitherto so very unfortunate in all his Military Operations, that I cannot bring myself to believe, he will succeed even in this, so as to Answer the Expec=tations of this Board or of the Nabob I was I believe the only Member at this Board, who seemed to have the least doubt about the taking of Tanjore. I had my Doubts however & the Event I think has shewn that they were not entirely Groundless. If we should be unsuc=cessful in this Expedition, tho there are no field Deputies with the Army the blame may be still laid on want of Provisions, bad Bullocks & every other Possible Difficulty that might have exerted The Nabob whatever fair Promises he may now make in Order to gratify his Revenge on these Polygars who must detest his Government, will then frame Various excuses & delays to avoid paying the

Expences

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Expences of so large an Army & perhaps as he has done lately on a Similar Occasion write to his Majesty to be entirely relieved from it. All these circumstances well weighed I leave it to the Consideration of the Board whether this is a proper time to burthen him with an additional Debt, when by his late Engagement he is to pay the Company for three Years near eight Lacks of Pagodas a Year, besides what he owes to his Private Creditors.

That the Young Nabob should so earnestly press Genl Smith to accompany him on the Expedition is I must confess very inconsistent with his Declarations in the Account he wrote to his Father at the Siege of Tanjore & transmitted to the Court of Directors & the only inference I can draw from such a Contradiction is that the People of this Country in general in whatever they say or think, are always desirous of saying what they believe will be most agreable to those they are speaking to

Geo: Mackay

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As also Mr Stratters

I do not agree to undertaking the Expedition on the Terms proposed in the Gent Letter for the foll.g Reasons.

1st Because the Nabob in his Letter to the Presid.t dated 31st March represents the Service as trifling and Points out the Weakness of the Maravar & Naakooty Polygars to the foll.g Purport Viz.t

That the Forts of Ramanant & Hunnumunt=goody are of no great Strength: that the latter was taken by the Rajah of Tanjore & the former reduced by him to the last Extremity that there are some small Gudda's, to reduce which a large Force is not required that as soon as Ramanant is taken Hunnumuntgoody and all the small Gudda's will with ease be reduced — that Possibly the Naakooty Zemindar will run away without fighting that Shouts he make any Opposition there are many Roads into his Country, in which there is a small Wood and as soon as ever the Fort of Trivilore (which is not very strong) is taken, the whole of his Country will fall into our hands.

2d Because the Employing so considerable a Force on an Occasion so trifling appears to me to be in effect a sure Method to debase still further the Credit of our Arms which has suffered so much on former Occasions

3d Because it appears to me that we should preserve our Europeans as much as Possible

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& I think this Service might be effected with Seapoys with the Assistance of the Artillery at a season which is particularly unfavorable to Europeans.

4th Because I think we ought to have a Watchful Eye on the Dutch & on the Marattas, that our Europeans should not at this Time be employ'd in the Extreams of the Carnatick & Indeed that they ought never to be employ'd but on Occasions where their Services are absolutely necessary.

The President informs the Board that he will deliver in his remarks on the above Dissent at the next Consultation.

Mr. Charles Smith appointed a Member of the Manilha Committee

Agreed that Mr. Charles Smith be appointed a Member of the Manilha Committee in the room of Mr. Ardley Deceased.

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Geo. Mackay

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The following Letter was this day wrote to Mr Wynch.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam
Sir

Letter to Mr Wynch advising of the Troops & Stores embarked on board the St Helena for Masulipatam

You have herewith a Return of the Detachment embarked this Morning on board the St Helena for Masulipatam together with an Account of the Provisions &ca put on board for their use, the remains of which you will receive from the Captain on the Arrival of the Vessell at Masulipatam The freight for the Men and Officers with their Baggage has been paid at this Place the Officers are to receive their Sea Batta at the rate of two Rupees P Day to the Time of their Arrival at Masulipatam The Whole of the Detachment has been paid to the end of this Month

An Invoice and Bill of Lading of the Stores put on board the St Helena for Masulipatam are enclosed together with a List of the Arms & Accoutrements sent with the Detachment

We are Sir
Your Affect Friends
Josias Du Pre & Council

Fort St George
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The following Letter was this day wrote to Fort Malbro P Ship Ceres

To the Honble Recd Wyatt Esqr
President & Governor &ca Council at
Fort Malbro

Honble Sir & Sirs

having received your

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Letter to Fort Mattn with Acct of Mill Stores sent thither

your Indent for Military Stores to our Committee of Stores we send you herewith their report in consequence, and have agreable to their recommendation forwarded to you two 24 Pounder Guns with their Carriages and a proportionable Number of Shott, together with such Articles indented for as can be spared as p Invoice transmitted from the other Department.

We are
Hon'ble Sir and Sers
Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
Josias Du Pré &c Council

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29 Wrote the follo.g Letter to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To Alexander Wynch Esqr
Chief &c Council at Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam regard.g Gun Carriages to be made up there.

Having referred Mr Stevenses Proposals for making Gun Carriages (transmitted w.t your Letter of the to the other Depart.t) to the Committee of Stores we now proceed to give you our Sentiments and Orders in consequence

We think it Improper to make any Carriages for 32, 20, 16, 10 or 8 Pd. Guns, as there are only a few Shott for them in Store at Masulipatam and we can supply now from hence.

We observe by the return you sent us of the Number and Nature of Guns now in your Store and their Carriages that

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that excluding the Trench Guns, and add'g 10, 24 lbds and 10-18 lbds, we lately sent you the Number will be as follows.

		Carriages Fixed	Carriages Truck	Carriages wants Trail	Over
24 lbdrs	20	7		7	
18	12			12	
12	16		13	3	
9	38	23	22		7
6	20	15	10		5
Guns	106			Wants 22	Over 12

We are of Opinion that if the 22 deficient Carriages be made and eight or ten Spare Carriages for the 24 lbdrs 18 lbs & 12 lbs that Number may suffice for the present and when we can Spare you more Guns if more should be found necessary Carriages may be made for them.

With regard to the Terms of the Contract proposed by Mr Stevens we are willing to accept them but he must be informed that the Company cannot undertake to supply him with any Timber Iron or other Materials from their own Store He must therefore furnish all Articles necessary as well as procure Workmen for making the Gun Carriages without your Interposition or that of your Committee of Works — and it is expected that the Wood be good and well seasoned and that none but good Europe Iron be used.

With regard to Mr Stevenses request that a Part of the Carpenters Yard may be allotted him, Wethink no Part of it should be

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taken off. If any other Place can be found, which may be spared without Inconvenience, it may be allotted for this service.

We are Gentlemen
Your Affect Friends
Josias Du Pré & Co Council

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30 Received the following Letter from Mr Wynch Chief at Masulipatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been favoured with your Commands of the 13 Inst. accompanied by a Letter from the President to Bazalet Jung, which I have forwarded to him with one from myself to the same effect.

I am with much respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble servant
A Wynch

Letter from Mr Wynch acknowledging the receipt of that for Bazalet Jung.

Masulipatam
24th April 1772

Sailed this Evening his Majesty's Ship Dolphin on a Cruize

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

Friday
1st May

Mr Brukenden indisposed

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The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had informed him that as he should be unable to proceed immediately to Trichinopoly as he had proposed, he had sent them necessary Orders to his Son Omdut ul Omrah to take upon him the charge & Superintendance of the Expedition against the Maravers & Naduvoty Polygars: and had desired that the same may be undertaken as soon as possible —

The Nabob commits the charge of the Expedn against the Maravers & Naduvoty Polygars to his Son.

desires the same may be immediately undertaken.

The President also lays before the Board a Copy of the Intelligence received by the Nabob & transmitted to his Son respecting the Roads, Forts &c, in the Maravar & Naduvoty Districts, which is entered in Country Correspondence. No 90.

In consequence of which the following Letter is now wrote to Genl Smith

To Brig.r General Smith
Commanding Officer of the Troops
on the Coast —

Sir

In our Letter to you of the 17th Augt We desired that you would draw together and encamp the Detachment you should think necessary to serve for an Expedition against the Maravers & Naduvoty Polygars, And we Inform'd you that the Nabob had intimated to us his intention very shortly to proceed to Trichinopoly to settle his affairs in those parts and to attend personally to the progress of this Expedition

Letter to Genl Smith in consequence

The Nabob having now informed

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us that he cannot conveniently proceed imme=
=diately to Trichinopoly agreable to his
first intention and that he hath therefore
empowered his eldest Son Omdut Ul-Omrah
to take upon him the charge and Superintend=
ance of the Expedition on his Behalf. We
therefore desire you will pay the same regard
and attention to his Advice and Opinion as
you would have done to the Nabob had he
proceeded to the South and taken these
Affairs under his own immediate manage=
=ment.

As we much wish to have this
Expedition compleated as soon as possible
that the Heavy charges of the Field may
cease and the Troops be ordered to their respec=
=tive Stations We desire that with the advice
and Concurrence of Omdut Ul-Omrah Behr
you will march and proceed on the Intended
service with all Expedition taking care
nevertheless agreable to our recommendation
in our Letter of the 17th to have a proper
store of Provisions and that sufficient means
are provided by Mandour-Ul-Mulk
Behauder for furnishing you with future
Supplys.

We have only to wish you
Success and to repeat our desire that you
will keep us constantly advised of all
Material Occurrences.

We are Sir
Your most Obdt humble Servt
Josias Du Pré
Jr Council

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Genl Smith

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr
President and Governor of Fort St George
Honble Sir

The Promotion of Capt Hoare to a Majority deprives me of his further Service as an Aid Du Camp. Capt Baillie hitherto acting as Brigade Major has solicited to fill up that Employ, and as his Conduct since being on the Staff has been unexceptionable I beg leave to recommend him to the Honble Board doubting not but they will confirm my Choice — Capt Cosby who is a deserving Officer request I will mention his name to you for the Brigade Major's Post & hope for your countenance to the Success from at least for this Expedition —

I propose tomorrow addressing you fully and in the Interim am with Respect and Esteem

Honble Sir
Your Devoted and Obd Servt
J. Smith

Letter from Genl Smith recommending Capt Baillie for Aid Du Camp & Capt Cosby Brigade Major

Truck Plaine
23 th April 1772

Agreed that Captain Baillie be Appointed Aid Du Camp & Captain Cosby Brigade Major for the Present Service

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Captain Fletcher at Engole enclosing Copy of one received by him from Lieutenant Edmunds who had been Detached

The Patient Dutch in a State of Tranquility

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Detached with three Companies of Sepays into the Patnaud District, in consequence of the Nabob's representation of the Troubles likely to arise in that Country by the Means of Varabadrow the late Zemundar; by which it appears that that District is in a perfect State of Tranquility.

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

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Wrote the following Letter to Mr Hay Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

To Mr James Hay
Paymaster at Trichinopoly.
Sir

Mr Lucas having applied to be paid for a Mourning Box with Instruments &c. sent out of England: which he says cost him near Thirty Pounds. I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you that they have consented to its being paid for on the Company's Account, you will therefore be pleased to discharge Mr Lucas's Bill for the same; and receive it into the Company's Stores; and whenever it is issued for the Service a Receipt must be taken from the Person to whom it is delivered and as soon as such Service is over it must be returned again into the Store.

Letter to Mr Hay Ordering to pay Mr Lucas for a Mourning Box.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
J. M. Stone

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Wrote the following Letter to Mr Wm Cumming Paymaster at Madura

To Mr Willm Cumming
Paymaster at Madura.
Sir

The Nabob having been made acquainted with your representation regarding the Paymasters Quarters at Madura, He hath consented that the necessary repairs be

Letter to Mr Cumming regard his Quarters at Madura & them for the Surgeon at Palamcotah

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be made to them — And as he is desirous that they may be done by Contract, I am directed by the President and Council to desire you will immediately send in an Account of the Particular repairs required with an exact Estimate of the Expence that will attend making them and the Terms on which they may be contracted for which must not exceed 400 Pag. when you will receive the further Orders of the Board thereon, And it is to be Observed that those Quarters are always to be appointed for the use of the Paymaster

I am also directed by the President & Council to acquaint you that the Nabob has consented that the House you represented to the Govr. as proper and necessary for the Surgeon at Palamcotah, be purchased at the Price it cost, and which when purchased must be considered as constant-ly allotted for the use of the Surgeon at Palamcotah

I am Sir
your most Obedt. Servt.
J. McStone

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3 Received the following Letter from Mr. Wynch Chief at Masulipatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have recd your Commands.

Letter from Mr Wynch acknowledging the Receipt of the Orders for assisting Mr Andrews against the Golgundah Zemeindar

of the 22d instant. Should Mr Andrews apply for five Companies of Lepoys they shall be sent to him, but these are as many as can possibly be spared, by sending them I shall be under the Necessity of reducing the Garrison of Kondapillee to three Companys, and that of Salamcotah to two

I have never understood that the Pousdaars demanded any Tribute from the Golgundah Zemeindar, or even considered him as under their authority, He, as well as the Rajah of Rampah, took upon themselves as independt.

I am with Respect
Wouble Sir & Sirs
Your most obd. hu: Servt
A Wynch

Masulipatam
28th April 1772

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

Monday
4th May

Mr Brickenden Indisposed

President remarks on the Dissents of Messrs Stratton & Mackay to the Marawar Expedition

Messrs Stratton & Mackay having dissented in Consultation the 17th April to the Resolution of the Board in favor of an Expedition against the Marawar & Nauboody Polygars and having on the 27th delivered in their reasons for such dissent, I think it proper to assign the reasons which weighed with

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me agt. their Objections. I do not mean to enter at large into all the Arguments in Support of an Expedition against those Polygars, they have already been clearly stated in the Minutes of the Select Committee and those of the Board where the Minutes of the Select Committee were read and Approved As the Objections now made are not against an Expedition but against the Expedition as proposed in Genl. Smiths Letter of the 16th. Instant I shall offer my reasons against the Objections distinctly to each Article.

To Mr. Mackays Dissent

Article 1st

1 Soon after the Tanjore Expedition it was recommended to Genl. Smith in a Letter from the Board to inform himself of the Strength of the Maravar & Naukosty Polygars and to give us his Opinion of the Force that might be necessary to call them to account. After a Short Time had elapsed he acquainted the Board in a letter of the 23d Novr. that upon the best information he could obtain which however, he added, were only such as he had procured Hircarrahs and was not to be depended on. he thought the followrs. Force would be necessary Vizt. Captain Matthews and Huntleys Cavalry – 600 European Infantry Rank and File, four Battalions of Seprys with their Field Artillery Six Pieces of Heavy Cannon well manned, with a Sufficient Supply of Stores.

This Force appears to me as

as I believe it did to every Member of the Board greater than the service to be performed required I wrote to Genl Smith on the Subject and gave him the reasons why I thought a greater Force shou'd not be employ'd than was absolutely necessary. In his reply the reason he assigns for recommending such a Force is in these Words — the Company's Troops proposed for the Maravar Expedition was 600 Europeans — 4 Battalions of Sepoys &c Heavy Guns — a Force so respectable in that part of the Country I considered would have the good Effect of Shortning the Campaign and the Maravars would make every concession the Nabob Demanded with little more Trouble than Marching against them. In the Boards Letter to Genl Smith of the 3d Instant — they recommended very particularly that the Force to be Employ'd shou'd not be greater than the Service really required in Answer to which Genl Smith proposes the following Force Vizt 120 Artillery 400 European Infantry, 3 Battalions of Companys Sepoys four 18 & two 12 Pounder Guns to which the Nabobs son proposed adding Matthews & Humleys Cavalry with Alexander & Lowdens Battalions of Sepoys which Indeed is less than the Force first proposed in his Letter of the 23d November — for which I think two very probable Reasons may be assigned Vizt either that the General

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upon better Intelligence than he had
when he recommended the larger Force
may now think a smaller Sufficient
On that he hath abated of the Number
first proposed as an Approach towards
the Sentiments of the Board, But what-
ever the Reason be it does not appear
to me to be a Valid Objection against
the Expedition. That the Force now
proposed is less than was proposed is
objected against as too great Darkness
that Impute to the Opinion that the
Force now proposed is greater than is
absolutely necessary for such an Expedi-
tion and if we had any other Enemies
in the Field or any other immediate and
necessary Service for the Troops that might
render it inexpedient to spare the Force
now required I should not scruple to give my
Voice for appointing by the Authority of
the Board such a Force as upon good
Advice should be thought by them Sufficient
even because under such circumstances
the Necessity of the Service would Autho-
rize a bold risque and in case it failed
the Board would by reason of such
Necessity, stand acquitted in the Opinion
of Candid Men. But in times such as these
when Troops when Troops if not employed
on this Service will remain idle in Garrison
when the Commanding Officer of the Troops
informed.

informed of the sentiments of the Board with respect to the Force, declares his Opinion decisively for the Force he has named when the Commanding Officer having long served the Company, & whose conduct has met with the Strongest & repeated Approbation of the Court of Directors, the circumstances considered shall we without necessity, take upon ourselves every risque of every protractive disadvantage or even failure? shall we by denying the Force which the General & the Court of Directors have thought proper to appoint declares to be necessary wanting under ourselves responsible for all sinister Events? I do not think the present State of our Affairs requires such a risque of me and therefore I decline it. But if an Expedition be necessary or proper and so it has been agreed to be - and the Force required can be conveniently Spared it does not appear to me that the Objection to the Force is a Sufficient reason for Objecting to the Expedition

To the 2d Objection

2 I wish to see it too and would run many risques to obtain it, but not the risque of Opposing my Judgement to that of the Commanding Officer of the Troops in a Matter wherein he has had better Opportunities of Informing himself than I have had in a Matter belonging properly to his Department and at a Time when the

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the Troops he discres may be spared without
inconvenience, to the Service? Our first Object
I think shou'd be to support the System
committed to our charge — such as it is, the
next to acquire as much honor in Supporting
it as we can but if we cannot acquire
honor that is no reason — why we shou'd
not support it, if we lose no honor in doing
so. If by a small Force our purpose could be
accomplished by a larger we ensure or at
least increase the Probability of the Accom-
-plishment. Can we be dishonored by
Accomplishing our purpose even with a
a greater Force than was absolutely necess-
-ary? I think not, but it is said we might
acquire honor by effecting our purpose wth
a smaller Force, to use a trite phrase, these
are times when it is prudent to play a
saving Game. I know the Army in General is
much Attached to General Smith, I have very
Strong reason to believe that it is in General, from
the Officer to the Ranks much disgusted with the
Governor & Council for many Causes, particularly
on Account of the Tanjore Peze money. under these
Impressions we want their service in the Field
Shall we send them thither under the General
to whom they are attached and who will be in
honor bound to execute with the Detachment he
hath chosen the Service he hath undertaken? Or
shall we irritate them more by setting ourselves
and another Officer in Opposition to him by
undertaking the Service with half the Men?

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If this the time for such an Experiment? I think not.

To the 3d. Objection.

If the season be an Objection, it must be against the Expedition on any Plan, and not particularly against the Expedition as proposed in General Smiths Letter of the 10th. Instant, that is against the Force proposed. For it appears to me that if the Expedition be necessary or proper at this season with any Force, it is proper to send a larger Force now than at another season because of the loss to which they are exposed. We should preserve our Men no Doubt most carefully & we should never risque them want only, But we must risque them when the Service requires it.

To the 4th. Objection

The Possibility of Troubles from the Marattas when they shall have done with Hyder is one of the Strongest reasons for pressing the Expedition against Maravar &c now, and for sending such a Force as may in all human Probability ensure Success because I deem it as certain as any future Events can be that these Polygars, irritated as they have been by the Nabob, and knowing his Intentions against them will not fail, if they are left in their present Strength, to disturb the Peace of the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries, whenever we shall be Obliged, by troubles in these Parts to call our Forces from the South: and since we have not Forces Sufficient to protect the

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long Line of Country from Tinnevelly to Cuttack good Policy, I might say necessity indicates that we should, while we can, reduce those Tributaries who we are sure will disturb us whenever they see us so entangled as to be unable to oppose them. The Benefit to be derived by the Remo-val of that Danger even at the Expence of some Europeans will I think be greater than any Service the same Number of Men could render against the Morattas, were they to Invade us, and these Polygars retain the Power of Ravaging the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries to the entire loss of its Revenue. To the 5th Objection I can say nothing to good or bad fortune because I know not what it is — And I shall say as little to the Event of the Expedition agt Tanjore. Every Light we have had has been sent home — thus let it be Judged. I declare I have not given my assent to this Expedition to gratify the Nabobs Revenge on those Polygars, but because if they were not originally and Naturally he has made them — his Enemies and therefore it is necessary they should be reduced. it is necessary or it is good Policy they should. I do not say it is altogether Just, for Justice and Policy are not often related. The Nabobs delays or Excuses to avoid paying the Expences of the Expedition are risques we must ever run while our Cadmia-tion with him remains on the Present footing nor can we prevent his Appeals to the Crown — The Question is, whether by the Tenor & Spirit of the Company's Orders to this Presidency we are

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there at a great Expence but suppose the Nabob had named a specifick Time, the Question might next be asked who is the Proper Judge of the Specifick Time for a Specifick Service the Nabob, or the Officer who is to Command? which Officer tells us that he has taken the Opinion of the Nabobs Sons, who must Speak the Nabobs Sense at least that Sense which he thinks proper to declare.

To Mr Strattons Dissent.

Having in the Order of entering the Dissents replyd first to Mr Mackays, there remains but little to Observe on Mr Strattons because the the Order of Arrangement be dissent the Spirit as far as it goes, is nearly the same.

To the 3d

This is replyd to in the latter part of my Answer to Mr Mackays 5th Objection.

To the 2d

Insert to the Answer to Mr Mackays 2d. Supposing that the Time required by General Smith is greater than is absolutely necessary, I think General Smiths Reasons for proposing it deserves attention to think it will Shorten the Expedition and that there will be little more Trouble than marching against them - and if as is suggested in the 5th Objection there is cause to be on our Guard against the Marattas and Tondo, and therefore that our Europeans should not.

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not be employ'd at so great distance than it follows that if the reduction of these Polygars be proper — and it has been agreed to be proper — it should be executed as expeditiously as possible. If our Arms have really of late fallen into discredit surely it cannot be prudent to risque further Deshonor by hazarding a party merely adequate when a party amply different to insure success, as far as success can be ensured may be spared without Inconvenience, but I do not admit that our Arms have Suffered much Deshonour as is suggested. In the Mysore War the Enemy constantly fled before us; and we were driven to a Peace for want of Money Our Treasury therefore suffered more discredit than our Arms in the Expedition against Tanjore, the declared purpose to the World whatever the latent purpose might be was to call him to Account and not to conquer him, and he was compelled to Submit to the terms demanded of him wherein did our Arms suffer deshonour?

To the 3d Objection

I refer to the latter part of the Answer to Mr Mackays first Objection

To the 4th

I refer to the Answer to Mr Mackays 4th

Jos. du Pré

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The Board entirely agree with the President in the Arguments and reasons contained in the above remarks on Messrs Stratton and Mackays Dissents.

Mr Mackay acquaints the Board that he thinks it necessary to reply to the Presidents remarks, & which he requests he may be permitted to do at a subsequent Consultation which is agreed to.

The Select Committee lay before the Board the following Letters recd yesterday from Bombay & Ship Ganges enclosed in a letter to the Committee dated 12th March.

Gentlemen

Fort St George 28th Decr 1771.

I have thought proper upon the present Occasion to communicate to you his Majestys Appointment of me to be his Minister Plenipotentiary in India with the Power of making Treaties &ca in his Name, and for the British Nation with any Prince and Power in India in order the more effectually to maintain his Majestys Engagements as set forth in the Eleventh Article of the Treaty of Paris in 1763 and Enclosed I send you Copy of my Commission as Plenipotentiary for your Satisfaction.

I at the same time acquaint you that I find the Affairs of this Country in such a Situation that I believe it will be absolutely necessary to enter into a Negociation with Madarouz and the Marattas in Order to preserve the Peace in India on a permanent footing which was evidently his Majestys Intention

Letter from Sir Robert Harland to Bombay advisg of his Intention of entering into a National Alliance with the Marattas

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Intention in procuring such Stipulation for the Company as are expressed in that Treaty or as it is very probable this Negociation may produce a national Alliance I make no Doubt but your Zeal for the service of your Constituents and your Attachment to your Sovereign and Country will Induce you to give Me every useful help on the Present Occasion that I may avoid Error and that every possible advantage may be procured both for the Nation and for the Company which can be drawn from such an Alliance.

I shall take the most Expeditious Method of conveying this Intelligence to you Gentlemen, that you may have an Opportunity to send me your best Advice as soon as possible particularly Specifying what advantages You think may be gained in favor of Your Presidency and its Subordinates, or on any other Place of the Malabar Coast by such an Alliance, and You may Depend upon my Endeavours to procure every possible Advantage for you, And I make no Doubt but both the Nation and the Company will be great gainers by the Wisdom of your Resolves, and the useful Information I shall have the happiness of receiving from You.

I am etc.

Robt Harland

a true Copy

Geo Skipp Secy

To Wm Hornby Esqr
President etc. Council Bombay

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To Sir Robert Harland Bart.

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

Sir

We have been honor'd by the Receipt of your Letter of the 28th December rec'd here the 28th Feby by an Wulcarrah of Mhadarows enclosing Copy of his Majestys Commission appointing you his Plenipotentiary in India the more effectually to maintain his Engagements by the Eleventh Article of the Treaty of Paris.

Letter from the President and Council at Bombay to Sir Rob Harland in Answer

We have the Pleasure to congratulate you on the Honor his Majesty has been pleased to bestow on you by his Appointment. We return you thanks for your Intentions of communicating to us the Progress and result of your Negociations and we doubt not the Wisdom of your Resolves in conducting such as you are Empowered to enter into will reflect an honor to the Crown and Nation and produce Permanency and Security to the Affairs of our Honorable Constituents in India.

Such Packets as may come to our hand to your Address shall be forwarded with all Expedition

We are with Esteem &c.

a true Copy

Geo Skipp Secy

Extracts of Correspondence wth Sir Robt Harland to be transmitted to Bombay respecting the Alliance he proposes.

Agreed that Extracts of such Parts of our Correspondence with Sir Robt Harland be transmitted to the President and Council at Bombay as

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as may be necessary to inform them of our Sentiments & the Line we have thought Proper to observe on this Subject — together with the 13th Paragraph of the Commands of the Court of Directors to the Select Committee of 10th April 1771 containing their Opinion on the Powers vested in the Company by their Charters.

Report of the Manitha Committee read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of Manitha Committee on the Accounts of the Gentlemen employd on that Expedition —

In consequence of your Orders we have revised the Accounts of the Gentlemen who were on the Manitha Expedition agreable to the Statement settled and laid before your Honor &c. by the former Committee which is approved of by the Honble Court of Directors in the 10th Para of their General Letter dated 10th April 1771, and as they have in that Para recommended to have those Accounts finally Settled in the most equitable manner we are of Opinion that an Interest of 8 P Cent be allowed on the respective Ballances from the Time the Several Gentlemen arrived at this Place and the Accountant having accordingly made out the Accounts in this Manner to the 30th April we have the Honor to lay the same before you.

The Attorneys of Mr. Claud Russell, for want of Orders from him, not having delivered in his Account till after the above Statement

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Statements were finished we are of Opinion he should have the same Allowances as were given to Messrs John Lewin Smith & Brooke,

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt humble Servt
Geo Stratton
Charles Smith
George Mackay.

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Account of the Ballances due to the several Gentlemen employed on the Expedition to Manilla, with the Interest from the Time of their Arrival at Fort St George.

Account of the Ballances due to the Gentlemen on Manilla Expedn

To Mr Drake	12,891 . 19 . 14			
Interest from 11th April 1766 to 30 April 1772	6,221 . 22 . 17	19,113	5	31
To Mr Jno L. Smith	1,236 . 17 . 58			
Interest from 1st May 1764 to 30th April 1772	791 . 23 . —	2,028	4	58
To Mr Brooke	1,114 . 40 . 38			
Interest from 1st May 1764 to 30 April 1772	713 . 15 . 49	1,828	20	7
To Mr Johnson	457 . 10 . 20			
Interest from 31st May 1763 to 30 April 1772	326 . 12 . 54	783	22	74
To Mr Jourdan	473 . 8 . 30			
Interest from 1st Janry 1765 to 30 April 1772	277 . 16 . 30	750	24	60
To Mr Quinton Crawfurd	402 . 5 . 20			
Interest from 1st April 1765 to 30th April 1772	227 . 27 . 19	629	32	39
To Mr Goodlad	526 . 3 . 40			
Interest from 22d March 1764 to 30th April 1772	341 . 7 . 7	867	10	47
	Carried over Pag	26,001	12	76

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Brought over Pag.s		26,001	12	76
To Mr Russell	589 " 1 " 74			
Interest from 26th March 1763 to 30th April 1772	428 " 18 " 15	1,017	20	9
To Mr Barlow	507 " 21 "			
Interest from 7 Octr 1765 to 30th April 1772	267 " 8 " 7	774	29	7
The Estate of Mr Wm Stevenson		129	6	75
Pagodas		27,922	33	7

E.E.
Geo Moubray
Accountant

The Board agree in Opinion with the Committee that Interest should be allowed on the several Ballances due to the Gentlemen employ'd on the Expedition from the Time they arrived here, since as the Court of Directors have approved of the adjustment made of the respective Accounts, the several Sums which appear to be due by such adjustments were certainly due on the return of the several Gentlemen from the Expedition. It is therefore Ordered that the Amount be paid out of Cash and Borrowed again from the respective Gentlemen upon Bond And Ordered that Mr Russells Account be adjusted in the Same Manner with those of Messrs Smith and Brooke.

Read the following Letter from L: C Ross chief Engineer.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Obedience to your

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your Orders respecting the Powder Mill. I herewith have the Honor to lay before you (what I imagine) to be the Charge that will attend erecting another.

Letter from S. C. Ross regarding the Expence of Erecting a New Powder Mill.

		Pagodas
Building		1500
Mill.		
Materials	1250	2000
Workmanship	750	
		3,500

The Time required to carry it into Execution will depend on the Number and Goodness of the Artificers employd, But I would not wish to have it put up in less than 6 Months, that the Timber may have time to season, none being yet provided for that Service.

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most Humble Servant
Patrick Ross.

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Timber and other Materials to be prepared.

Ordered that the Engineer do set about preparing Timber and other Materials for erecting a New Powder Mill with all Expedition.

Mr. Sykes the Companys Attorney appears and lays before the Board the following Order & resolution of the Mayors Court —

Extract from the Minutes of Court Held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 28th Day of April Anno Domini 1772

Present
George Smith Esquire Mayor.

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Thomas Powney, Reynold Adams
Edward Stracey, John Hollond
John McPherson, and George Savage
Aldermen

The United English East India
Company by their Agents Josias Du Pré Esqr
&c Council.

Vers

John Wood

Et Contra

Order of the Mayors Court on Colli Woods Exceptions to the Answer to his Cross Bill.

Answer of the Cross Defendants to the Bill of the Cross Complainant Read.

Exceptions of the Cross Complainant to the Insufficiency of the Cross Defendants Answer Read.

The Exceptions of the Cross Complainant to the Insufficiency of the Cross Defendants Answer coming on to be agreed this day - It Appearing to the Court that neither the Agents for the Cross Defendants nor any Person or Persons by their Order or direction have signed their Name or Names to the said Answer, thereby Certifying that the Seal Affixed to the said Answer is the seal of the said Cross Defendants - The Court are therefore Unanimously of Opinion that the first Exception is good and Valid - The Court then proceed to take the Second Exception into Consideration, and the Question is put whether the Cross Defendants as a Body Corporate are Obliged to Deliver in their Answer upon Oath or not, which is carried in the Negative, the Question is then put whether the President and Council

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as Agents for the Cross Defendants ought or ought not to swear to the Truth of the Answer delivered into Court by them on behalf of the Cross Defendants, which is also carried in the Negative — The second Exception is therefore Over Ruled. —

This Court doth therefore think fit to Order and doth Accordingly Order, that the said Cross Defendants shall Amend their said Answer, by their Agents or some Person or Persons Authorized by them Signing their Name or Names to the said Answer, thereby Certifying that the seal Affixed to the said Answer is the Seal of the said Cross Defendants And that the Cross Defendants And that the Cross Defendants do pay the Costs Attending the Amending of the said Answer as also the Costs of the first Exception

Vbur
James Taylor
Regr.

Orders in Consequence.

Ordered that the Seal of the Company be affixed to the Amended Answer which is now laid before the Board, & that the Secretary do certify that the same is the Seal of the Company

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The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. Hay Storekeeper at Trichinopoly

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr.
Secy.
at Fort St. George
Sir

Letter from Mr. Hay in Answer to Report of Committee of Accounts regard. Stores purchased.

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of yours enclosing me an Extract from the Report of the Committee of Accounts ye. 27th March 1772 with the

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the Boards Orders thereon

Mr Hay begs leave to observe that he would on no Account have made up or purchased the Stores, that the President & Council has been pleased to take Notice of without their express Orders for so doing, If it had not been represented to him by Genl Smith the absolute necessity there was of the said Stores being immediately complyd with. In future on the like Occasion Mr Hay will take care to represent the same in the Manner their Honors &ca has been pleased to Direct.

Jamsir
Your most Obedt &
very humble Servt
James Hay
Pay

Trichinopoly
25 April 1772

the Military Storekeeper lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Casamaison Storekeeper at Vellour.

To George Stratton Esqr
Mil. Storekeeper at
Fort St George
Sir

Letter from Mr Casamaison Stor at Vellr L. Tod objects to some Stores sent from hence being brought on Vellour Returns.

I have received your letter of the 17 Instant, and have this day despatched you 2 Small Barrels No 1 of the best sort of Powder made last Year and proved both Barrels contain 48 Lits which is all I have left, for the Quantity made was very small being only for trial.

The Stores which were

despatched

dispatched the 8th Instant are arrived, but Col. Tod has desired me not to bring them upon my return as belonging to this Garrison as he has not received Publick Notice of their being sent, nor have the Principal Part of them been Indented for, from hence. I have caused them to be Inspected, and the following Deficiencies appear—

Nankeen Sand Bags	Defr.	1
Do. Do.	Unserviceable being quite Rotten	32
Cloth Sand Bags	Do.	3
Do. Do.	Unserviceable being quite Rotten	21

The Bullocks are to be returned.

I remain Sir
Your most Obdt.
humble Servant
Jas. H. Casamaijor
Storekeeper

Vellour
26th March 1772

Letter to be sent to Colo Tod disapproving his Conduct.

As Lieut. Col. Tod had no Business to Interfere to prevent the Storekeeper at Vellour from bringing the Stones sent hither on his returns. It is resolved that a Letter be wrote to Lieut. Col. Tod expressing our disapprobation of his Conduct

The Nabob settles Kists for the Payt. of Pagt. 766,666.24 Ullmmm.

The President acquaints the Board that he hath at length prevailed on the Nabob to settle the Kists for the Payment of the sum of Pagt. 766,666.24 Ullmmm as he had promised in his Letter of 3d April No. 63

the

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the Particulars of which Lists are contained in a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No 91 and are as follows

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In May 1772	1500,00
June	15,00,00
August	50000
September	50000
November	50000
December	100000
January 1773	16666 " 24
March	100,000 " "
April	100,000
Pas	766,666 " 24

Agreed that the Receipt of the said Letter be Acknowledged

A Draught of a Letter to the Nabob No 92 is now read & approved acknowledging the Receipt of the several sums paid by him to this Time.

The President acquaints the Board that General Smith in a Letter to him of 30th April hath proposed that the Troop of Cavalry be ordered to Cuddalore to be recruited with Men of Horses

The Board defined passing any Order respecting the Disposition of the Troop of Cavalry until they know whether General Smith should think it necessary that it should accompany him on the Marawar Expedition — It is now Ordered that the

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do proceed to Cuddalore as proposed by General Smith

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

Fort St. George 5th May 1772.

Wrote the following Letter to Alexr. Wynch Esqr. Chief at Masulipatam.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

You have herewith a Return of the Detachment embarked this day on the Snow Eliza for Masulipatam together with an Account of Provisions &ca. put on board for their use, the Remains of which you will receive from the Captain on the Vessels Arrival.

Letter to Mr. Wynch, advising of the Detachment embarked on Snow Eliza for Masulipatam —

The Freight hath been paid for the Detachment at this Place — The Detachment have Received their Pay for this Month. The Officers are to receive their sea Batta at the Rate of two Rupees ⅌ Day to the Time of their Arrival — A List of the Accoutrements sent with the Detachment comes enclosed.

We are Sir
Your Affectionate Friends,
Jn: DuPré &ca. Council

Fort St. George
5 May 1772

The following Letter was this day wrote to L. Coll. Tod Commanding at Vellour.

To L. Coll. Tod.
Commanding at Vellour

Sir

The Military Storekeeper has communicated to us a Letter from Mr. Casamaison Storekeeper at Vellour, advising that Sundry Stores which were Dispatched by the Milty. Storekeeper on the 8th April for the use of the Garrison of Vellour were Arrived, but

that

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Letter to Lt. Col. Fod agreeing his not permitting the Storekeeper to enter on his Returns some Stores sent to Vellour.

that you had desired Mr. Casamayor not to bring them upon his Returns of Stores as belonging to that Garrison, as you had not received Publick Notice of their being sent, and the Principal part not having been Indented for from Vellour.

We cannot avoid expressing our Surprize that you should have thus Interfered in a Matter which did in no Shape appertain to you - The whole of your Duty respecting the Stores in the Garrison of Vellour, consists in making Indents to the Storekeeper there for such as are required for any particular Service in examining the State of the Stores, whenever you may think proper & representing to him such as are deficient, that the Same may be Indented for and to Counter sign all Indents sent to the Presidency for Stores - Your objecting therefore to the Stores sent from hence by the Military Storekeeper being brought on the Returns was highly Improper. The Storekeepers at the different out Garrisons are alone responsible for the Stores removed by them. They are to be carefull to enter in their Accounts & Returns all Stores received or Issued; and transmit such Returns Monthly to the President agreable to the Regulations

We are Sir

Your most Obd. Servts.

Jos. Du Pré & Council

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Received the following Letter from Mr Wynch Chief at Masulipatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Wynch, the Detachment sent on ye St Helena arrives here

I have had the Honor to receive your commands of the 27th Ulti: by the Ship St Helena The Detachment of Military is agreable to the return you sent and they will proceed to morrow to Ellore.

I am
With much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed
humble Servant
A Wynch

Masulipatam
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9 The following Letter was this day wrote to Bombay to go p Ship Resolution

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President Governor &c Council at Bombay
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay regarding the Correspondence with Sir Robt Harland

The Select Committee have communicated to us the Copy of the Letter addressed to you by Sir Robert Harland of the 20 December with the Answer of your Select Committee of the 12 March transmitted with the Letter from the Select Committee at your Presidency to our Select Committee of 12 March and as the Subject has been wholly before us, we now address you thereon in order that you may be acquainted with our sentiments and the Line we have thought it expedient to

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observe in our Correspondence with his Majestys Minister.

Your Honorg.ce have in our former advices been made acquainted with the Apprehensions we were long under of an Invasion from the Marattas who threatend to lay waste this Province, unless we afforded them our Assistance in reducing Hyder Ally Cawn, as our acquiescence would not only be a breach of our Engagements with Hyder Ally Cawn, but Inconsistent with the Interests of the Company and repugnant to the repeated Injunctions of our Superiors, which earnestly recommend our avoiding every Measure which may tend to Increase the Maratta Power we steadily persisted in the Line we had laid down for remaining neuter untill we should be actually attached: notwithstanding the repeated and earnest Solicitations of the Nabob, joined with the strongest Remonstrances from his Majestys Minister to Induce us to take Part with the Marattas. In December last the Maratta Army had advanced to the Borders of the Province & some Straggling Parties had entered the Frontiers, and altho we could not prevail on the Nabob to Join with us in any Measures for the Protection of the Country we thought that a powerfull Diversion might be made on your Coast with y.e Assistance of his Majestys Squadron & such Troops as we could send from hence and that even a Successfull Attack might be made on Poonah the Maratta Capital, as advised of in the Letter from our

Select

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Select Committee to the Select Committee at your Presidency of 6th July — We therefore informed the Admiral of our Ideas on this Subject, & at the Same time acquainted him, that your Honor &c. would best able to concert with him, the particular Plan & Measures by which the Marattas might be the most effectually distressed — Before our Letter could be delivered to him we received one from him of the Same Date with that which he addressed to you & to the Same Purpose Extract of which & of such Part of our Correspondence with him as relates to this Subject come enclosed. Your Honor &c. will thereby perceive how far any Treaties or Engagements entered into by the Minister of the Crown would in our Judgement, be binding on the Company. We also send you an Extract from the Commands of the Court of Directors to our Select Committee respecting our Correspondence with Sir John Lindsay the late Minister Plenipotentiary.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Hd.
humble Servants
Jos. DuPré & Co. Council

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May

18 Wrote the following Letter to Genl. Smith

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

Sir

Conformable to your Proposal in

Your

Letter to Genl. Smith
The Troop of Cavalry
Ordered to Cuddalore
to unit

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your letter to the President of the 30th April, we approve of Captain Tonyn's proceeding to Cuddalore with his Troop to compleat the same with Men and Horses; you will therefore be pleased to order him to proceed thither accordingly.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Jos. Du Pré &c Council

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At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " ——
Henry Brooke " ——
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
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Monday
11th May

Messrs. Stratton and Mackay absent
Mr. Brickenden Indisposed.

The following reply of Mr. Mackays to the Presidents Observations on his Mr. Mackays Dissent to the Marawar Expedition is now laid before the Board.

Mr. Mackays reply to the Presid.ts remarks on his Dissent

As I think the President in his remarks on my Dissent, to which the Board have agreed, has mistaken some part of my meaning; and as I wish to be clearly understood, whenever I give an Opinion at the Board In order to explain more fully what I have already said, I beg leave to offer a few Observations on the Presidents remarks

1 On his 1st remarks

It is very improbable I would

could mean) and I declare I did not offer at a Reason for my Dissenting to the Expedition that Genl. Smith had proposed a less Force Now than he had at first when I declare that the Force now required is in my Opinion more than twice sufficient for the undertaking it would therefore be absurd in me to find fault with the General for naming a small Force when I argue for a still smaller one than he has named I might nevertheless be of Opinion, the Expedition could have been undertaken at first with a less Force than at present, and it was to show in a stronger light the Impropriety of the Generals thinking otherwise, that I made use of that Argument. The Reasons given by the President for our Subscribing to the Opinion of the Commanding Officer, without making any farther Enquiries, I unfess have weight, but not so much with me as with the President he says that General Smith has been appointed by the Court of Directors, has served the Company long and that his Conduct has been repeatedly approved by them: I consider every Servant on the Establishment Civil & Military without distinction, equally under the Direction of this Government, for the purpose of carrying on the Publick Service in that manner which shall appear to them on mature deliberation to be most for the advantage and credit of these Employers & in

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& in all Cases where the Court of Directors do not give us positive Orders, but leave us at liberty to Judge, I take it for granted: that whether we follow our own Opinion, or that of any one else: we are equally responsible for the Event of measures which receive our sanction: how then can I as a Member of this Board: concur in sending General Smith at the head of a large Army, to perform a Service which I am convinced in my own mind, would be better and sooner executed, by several other Officers I could name with less than half the Force required by General Smith. People may say and think what they Please, it is not in my Power to prevent them doing so: but I declare before God that I do not bear that Gentlemen any personal ill will or animosity & never did; As a man I believe him possessed of several good Qualities: as an Officer to command I believe him deficient in some very essential ones & that the Service has greatly Suffered by those deficiencies, nor is it in my Power to alter this Opinion till I am convinced it is wrong even if all mankind differ from me. but not having any other Enemies in the Field, does not appear to me a good reason for consenting to the Number of Troops demanded, or to any other number that might be demanded: if we should be of Opinion that they are too many the Precedent is bad & may be attended with

consequences

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very injurious to the Service, in point of honor as well as expence: indeed the President does grow suffer very widely in this Matter, he is inclined to the Opinion, that the Force required is greater than is absolutely necessary; whereas I for merely believe that the Force required is much greater than is necessary at all. The President says that on these Occasions he would not scruple to give his Vote for appointing by the Authority of the Board such a Force as upon good Advice, should be thought by them sufficient: such a Vote in my Opinion could never be given with more Propriety than in the Present Case; but if good Advice can be had, why not take it? at all times and in all Circumstances & more especially when the Advice already given is opposed by any Member of the Board the Operations of Government must be often at a stand: the Apprehensions of Blame, must of not succeeding, be a Bar in the way of those who are at the head of Affairs to do what they think is right. I have fewer Inducements than any one here to run much risque for the good of the Service nor do I pretend to a greater degree of Public Virtue than the Rest of Mankind, but I am nevertheless of Opinion that the Affairs of Government can never be properly conducted without running many risques. Of what risque there necessarily is for the good of the Service to run, than to employ on such Occasions as the Present without regard to rank or Seniority, the

Hon.

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Officer we believe most Capable of serving the Publick and at the least Expence. If to think it right that another Officer should Command this Expedition as I certainly do for the reasons I have already given, be construed as setting up that Officer in Opposition to Genl Smith, it may be extreamly inconvenient for any Member at this Board, under the Apprehensions of such an Imputation to give his Opinion freely, on any Military Matter that comes before him; for my own part I do declare: when I dissented to the Expedition I had not such an Idea; otherwise than as I believed the good of the Service required. I am sure my sentiments in General with regard to the Commanding Officer have on several other Occasions: been known to the Board, long before the Officer who I imagine is meant in the Remarks arrived here.

2 On the 2d Remark.

I think whenever our Troops are employd against Country Enemies: they must lose some honor if they do not acquire it, because we ought as much as Possible to impress these People with a belief that nothing we undertake is impossible for our Troops to perform. I am for supporting the System committed to our Charge as much as any Man & tho I do not think we can suffer dishonor by accomplishing our purpose wt. even a greater Force than is absolutely

necessary.

necessary, yet I am of Opinion that it is dera-
-gotary to the Honor of this Service to send
a General Officer at the head of such an
Army to reduce a few naked Polygars out of
some mudd Forts; whom the Rajah of Tanjore
took Hummunumtgoody & reduc'd Ramnant on
Ramnaporam to the last Extremity, he had
only with him as I am informed from
pretty good Authority, no more than about
three thousand Men, Horses Peons and Cellaries
a Force not equal in my Opinion to a Batt^n
of our Sepoys. The real reason of the Army's
Attachment to Genl Smith is I believe so well
known to this Board, that it is unnecessary
for me to say much on the Subject. If a
Pleant constitutional good Nature that can
refuse nothing to Solicitation, be sometimes reckon'd
a Vertue in private Life; in a publick Character I
am certain it is quite otherwise & more particular-
ly at the Head of an Army where without a
proper Degree of Severity, it will be impossible
to enforce that strict Discipline & due Subordina-
-tion so essentially necessary in a Military Life
therefore the Plea of the Army's Attachment to
General Smith is in my Opinion rather
against the Presidents Argument I believe every
Member at this Board may safely lay his
hand upon his Heart & declare that he has
never endeavoured or Wished to injure the Army
in any one respect whatever, Whence then can
their dislike to Govr & Council arise, but

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but from there being taught to believe that they are deprived of many Advantages & Honours which the Gov.r & Council might and ought to obtain for them & if Opinions so Ill grounded & so injurious to the Gov.r & Council, are not encouraged by the Commanding Officer (as is very certain I believe and the Board have thought so) that they are not sufficiently Suppressed by him, I think therefore that the Army's being disgusted at the Gov.r & Council ought not to be urged as a Reason for General Smith's Commanding the Expedition but a very good Reason for sending another Officer who would prevent their being dissatisfied.

3. As to the 3.d Remark

When I mentioned the Reason as an Objection I meant it only with respect to the Europeans & not the Seapoys because I believe the Service might be performed with them alone and a very few Artillery Men & Officers to manage the Guns

4. As to the 4.th Remark &c.

Could I bring myself to believe that the Expedition would be attended with the Success expected from it & that Speedily, the Reason's then Object to the Zone as too large, yet I should agree in Opinion with the President to push it forward as far as possible & I think it might be good Policy to do so, for the Reasons he gives.

5. As to the 5.th Remark &c.

The President may not perhaps know, what good or Bad fortune is, yet I think he must know very well what I mean when I

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I say, that General Smith had been hitherto unfortunate in all his Military Operations we are undoubtedly directed by the Company's Orders to support the Nabob's Government & to reduce the Polygars belonging to that Government to his Obedience, but whether the two Polygars now in Question were meant among the Number or so under-stood then by the Government I doubt very much as it is but lately that the Idea of their being Tributary to the Nabob, has been adopted, If we are to make War with every Power that he makes his Enemies we must Endeavour to conquer the greatest Part of the Peninsula of India for him and whether it may be good Policy in us to exhaust our small Recourses of Men & Money in order to reduce those Polygars & enlarge the Nabob's Dominions at a time when he is useing every Endeavour in his Power to throw off his dependance on the Company is a point which I shall not take upon me to determine, so Blame the Nabob for being so unsteady & so insincere as to give it here under his hand, that a few Europeans added to his own Troops would be sufficient and at the same time to direct his Son at Trichinopoly, not only to consent to the large Army Genl. Smith Proposed but to desire that more Troops might still be added to it, the real Truth is that asking the Opinion of either the Father or the Son is a mere matter of Form and Nothing else that the Officer who is to command the Expedition ought to be a better Judge than the Nabob of the Jungle Force admitts not of the least Doubt, that is what I contend for, but that other Officers are still better Judges than the Officer who has named the present Force and I think we ought to have consulted them

Geo: Mackay

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The President acquaints the Board that the above Reply having been delivered to him, he thought it necessary to make some remarks thereon, which are now read as follows.

President remarks thereon.

As I think enough has been said on the Subject of the Expedition against Maravar & Naatooty to enable the Court of Directors to form their Judgement of the Propriety of undertaking it and of our Motives for Committing the Command of it to Genl Smith I wish I could have avoided saying any more on the Subject but Mr Mackay's Observations now laid before the Board require of me a further Explanation.

1. Mr Mackay observes that the reasons given for our Subscribing to the Opinion of the Commanding Officer without making any further Enquiries have weight &c, and in another Place - that if good advice can be had why not take it? From whence it may be inferred that I am for Subscribing implicitly to the Opinion of the Commanding Officer and that I refuse to hear any other Opinion or to take any other advice. To remove the Impressions which might be made by such observations it is necessary that I should explain the Cause that has given rise to them.

Mr Mackay proposed to the Board to ask the advice and Opinion of Sir Robt Fletcher in respect to the Force proper for the Expedition. I had before asked his Opinion for my Information and not to be made a Matter of Publick Record I found it to be

conformable to Mr Mackays and this I commu-
-nicated at the Board but not as a Matter
of Publick Record. When Mr Mackay urged
the Propriety of asking Sir Robt Fletcher Opinion
Publickly at the Board I objected to it for these Reasons
We know Sir Robt Fletchers Opinion already - if we
ask it publickly it must be for one of these two
purposes - to follow it or to reject it. If we follow it
such a Resolution will have all the Appearance of
setting up Sir Robert Fletcher in Opposition to
Genl Smith and cannot fail of disgusting the latter
If we do not follow it the Consequences will be
that Sir Robert Fletcher will naturally think
we ought not to have called upon him pub-
-lickly for his Opinion if we meant not to be
guided by it and he may be disgusted Genl Smith
actually is Commanding Officer of the Troops Sir
Robt Fletcher may come to that Command I saw
no good to the Service by disgusting either of them
and setting them at Variance and I thought
further that in Consideration to Sir Robert
Fletcher to whom I think it could not have
been agreable we ought not to place him in
so disagreable a Situation as that of giving
an Opinion Contrary to his Judgement as giving
an Opinion or contrary to that of his Command
Officer and that too in a Matter wherein I
think the Service not materially affected the
Board will give Testimony whether this is a
true & Candid State of the Case or not - I
shall only add to it this declaration that

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I have a great respect for the Merit and Abi-
lities of Sir Robt Fletcher, but so long as the
Court of Directors shall think proper to con-
tinue Genl Smith the Command of their
Forces I shall think it my Duty to Support
him in the Honor and Execution of that
Command and I will not give my assent to
any Measure without Necessity to disgust
him and desire him from that Command, and
if on any time Sir Robert Fletcher should come
to that Command I shall then from the Same
Motives think it right to Support him as
Second in May I do by no means agree with Mr
Mackay in Opinion that whether we employ
the Officer appointed and approved by the
Court of Directors on a matter properly
belonging to the Office and Department to which
he is so appointed or whether we by an Exertion
of Power must from him his proper Office and in
Opposition to his Sentiments commit the Exe-
cution of it to another, we are equally
responsible. I think in the first Case we are not
responsible for the Execution part and in the
Second I think we are wholly responsible.
I do not say that such an Exertion of Power
should never be made, there are Cases where it
might be very proper but the necessity must
be very apparent to which does not seem to me in
the present Case.

3. We have said more than once in our Proceedings
that we have no absolute proof that the

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Maravar & Naatcooty are Tributary and Dependants on the Nabobs Government. The Nabob asserts it we have no proof to the Contrary and I believe they were always understood to be so by this Government from Mr Saunders's time down to the present period why then is the doubt now Started, after having upon that Claim undertaken the Tanjore Expedition and resolved even on that which is now brought in Question, and how does it follow that because we do by Virtue of the Company's general plan support the Nabob in regulating the Interior Government that is by reducing to Obedience the Refractory Dependants that therefore we are to make War with every Power he makes his Enemies? the one is conformable to the System laid down for our Government the other utterly repugnant to it.

The Board confirm the Presidents relation of what passed on the Subject of the Proposal made for Consulting Sir Robert Fletcher on the Force necessary for the Expedition; and at the same time declare their Concurrence in the Remarks made by the President on Mr Mackays Reply.

The President informs the Board that the admiral has represented to him that one Mr James Stockdale an Officer of Marines on board the Squadron, had come out to India under the particular Patronage of the Earl of Sandwich, by whose Interest he hoped to get an

Stockdale | The Admirals representation regard Mr Stockdale of the Marines entering into the Nabobs Service.

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Appointment in India. That he, the admiral having granted him leave of absence to go to Trichinopoly, an Opportunity had offered of his being employ'd in the Nabobs Cavalry, if the Board had no Objection — To which the President reply'd that we had no Orders from the Company expressly forbidding us to permit persons to enter into the Nabobs Service; neither had we any Powers from them to grant such Permission — That he the President did not think it consistent with the Interest of the Nation that the Nabob should become independant of the Company, and that nothing tended more to produce that Effect than the furnishing him with Officers to discipline his Troops. The Admiral then said that he would not grant Mr. Stockdale his discharge by which he should have it in his Power to recall him, if his continuing in the Nabobs Service shou'd be disapproved by the Company.

The President reply thereto.

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Agreed that this Matter be represented to the Court of Directors.

To be represented to the Company.

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

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

The Bearer Lieut. Tolson is again under the cruel necessity of going to Madrass on Account of his bad State of Health, & the Surgeons

Letter from G. Smith recommending Lieut. Tolson for the Mitre Stand.

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Surgeons are of Opinion that its impossible for him ever to enjoy it in India, tho he returned to us visibly as well as any Man could be. I am very much concerned for the misfortune which attends this Poor Young Man, who has all the Qualities of a good Officer about him, who came to this Country with a View to push his Fortune & maintain a Wife and Children that he left in England the Youth and good Constitution he brought on board Ship wth him flattered those hopes, but he now finds it absolutely necessary for the Preservation of his Life to quit this Part of the Globe & with it his prospects he sold the Commission he had in his Majesty's Service & must now return to those Friends who thought they had done Sufficiently for him by getting him into this Service I know not whether he can be deserving the Bounty of Lord Clive.

I am with respect Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed humble Servt
J. Smith

Trichinopoly
April 26th 1772

Orders thereon

It appears that Lieut Tolson arrived in the Year 1770 & went to China last Year for the Recovery of his Health, from whence he returned perfectly recovered; and it is probable that a Cold Climate may again restore his Constitution; in which Case we think we cannot with Propriety recommend him as a proper Object to partake of the Military Fund which was certainly established for relief of

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such Persons only who by Wound or Infirmities contracted in the Service, are rendered incapable of providing for themselves; and not for those who altho' unable to serve in this Climate may enjoy perfect Health in any other. It is however agreed that Lt. Tolson Case be represented to the Court of Directors.

Capt. Lysaght appointed to Command the 6th Circar Battn.

Agreed that Capt. Lysaght be appointed to the command of the 6th Circar Battn. of Sepoys in the room of Capt. Baillie appointed Aid Du Camp to Genl. Smith.

Nabobs sends 4000 Pas for Poonamale.

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N. 94 with Pags. 4000 on Account of Poonamale for April. Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Draft of a Letter to the Nabob regard. the Sonees to be pd. by him in 3 Years.

Draft of a Letter to the Nabob N. 96 is now read & approved in Answer to his of the 10th April N. 63 on the Subject of the Sums to be paid by him in the Course of three Years.

Jor. Du Pré
John Smith

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Geo. Mackay

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Recd the following Letter from Mr. Wynch chief at Masulipatam

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

Letter from Mr. Wynch the Detacht. of Eliza arrives at Masulipatam

The Snow Eliza which arrived here Yesterday, brought me your Commands of the 5th Instant. The Detachment of Military is landed and is aquable to ye return.

I am with much respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
your most Obedient humble Servt
Ad. Wynch

Masulipatam
10th May 1772.

Came

Come in the following Letter from Genl. Smith

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

Letter from Genl. Smith army arrives near Villum where it is to halt two Days, by the Nabobs Desire on account of some Business with the Rajah of Tanjore

I had the honor to address the Board on the 11th Instant. On the 12th we marched to Tovogudy, and this day to a high Ground - Villum Bearing E S E distance two Miles. Here we shall be Obliged to halt tomorrow, and next day at the Nabobs request on account of some business he has with the Rajah of Tanjore.

I have wrote to Mr. Dawson to station Tappals from Cuddalore to Trivalore a large Town about ten Miles West of Negapatam, from whence I shall continue them to Sondy and when it can be done with safety else where, as the Situation of the Army may

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make it necessary, in order to be as regular as possible in advising our operations.

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

Camp near Villum
13 May 1772

At a Consultations Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith

Monday
18th May

Mr. Brickenden Indisposed
Mr. Mackay absent
Letter from Genl. Smith read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have been honored with your Commands of the 17th Ult. & of 1st Inst. in consequence the Artillery 1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment of Infantry - the Grenadier Company of the 5th Battn. of the 2d Regiment, and the 1st Battalion of Sepoys - with Captain Rumleys Cavalry marched and encamped on the Plain on the 23d Ult. they were soon after joined by the 5th & 10th Battns. of Sepoys, and by two Battns. of the Nabobs with some Sepasses.

Letter from G. Smith the Army moves into the Villum Road. recommends that Mr. Petrie be appointed to take charge of the Circar Gown. under additional Bills for repairs of Officers Quarters at Trichy.

I had given Mader Ul Mullock the earliest notice of the quantity of Grain necessary to subsist the Troops of which he promised to

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to provide three Thousand Bullock-laids of Rice by the 9th and as that supply was in great force ordness in order to be retarded as little as possible. on the 7th I detached the Heavy Guns and Stores to Vellum - last night the remainder of the Rice was recd. This Morning the Army moved into the Vellum Road and tomorrow we shall proceed with all possible Expedition on our Route.

I think it necessary to inform you Madar Ul Mullock Behauder, has represented to me that from the frequent mismanagement of the Grain in Camp by his People he was apprehensive we should be entangled in the same difficulties as at Tanjore, and in Order to obviate the Cause he applys to me to direct Mr. Petrie to take charge of the Circar Rice, that is now in Camp, and might hereafter be received to Issue it) when the Stock in the Buzar is exhausted) to the Sepoys, Lascars, and the necessary attendants of the Army, and to account with him for the proceeds Altho sensible of the Expediency of such a Measure and the Satisfaction I may hope to receive from Mr. Petries management of the grain, I have declined employing him in that Capacity till I am acquainted with the Sentiments of the Honble Board which I request I may be favored with.

Recommends that Mr. Petrie do take charge of the Circar Grain.

I had the honor to address you on the 26th of December last, and enclos: an account of the Several sums that had been

returned

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Sends in additional Bills for repairs of Officers Quarters at Trichinopoly

turned to me expended by the Officers in repairing their Quarters in Trichinopoly amounting to Pag^s 1515. 17. 24 and I have now the honor to transmit A List of after Bills delivered in since that Time, amounting to Pag^s 1237-8 there is no Doubt the Officers have laid out the Several Sums they have Charged & that such repairs were necessary, many of them had been moved and others not certain of being reimbursed did not give in the Bills at first.

I have not advised you of every particular as they happened but have no Doubt the Honble President did as all occurrences have been communicated to him in due Course.

I have the Honor to be
With respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd^t Servt
Joseph Smith

Camp near Trichinopoly
11th May 1772.

A List of after Bills for repairs of Officers Quarters at Trichinopoly and the Surgeons at Warrior

List of Bills of Officers for repairs of their Quarters.

Ensign Quin	19	28	"
Ensign Bowden	40	"	"
Lieut Collins	59	33	"
Lieut Bryan	15	31	"
Lieut Lyttleton	85	"	"
Doctor Lucas	285	"	"
Lieut Geo Mackay 16th Batt^n	30	"	"
Lieut Geils	24	"	"
Lieut Lambaillais	20	"	"

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Ensign Bruce	25	"	"
Lieut Grant	9	"	"
Lieut Terrien	25	"	"
Ensign Dixon	12	"	"
Lieut Tolson	12	"	"
L. Ralph Jno Campbell	20	"	"
Captain Bruce	30	"	"
Thos Davis Surgeon	400	"	"
Capt. Kennedy - The Quarters he st. repaired (and for which he was paid being taken for Field Officers Quarters	100	"	"
Mr. John Bennetto assistant Surgeon	15	"	"
Pagodas - -	1237	8	"

N.B. Mr. Davis's demand is accompanyed with a Plan of the Buildings at Warrior and an Address to General Smith showing the Necessity of erecting them.

Mr. Dogood who examined the Work if called upon will Mr. Davis says satisfy the Honble Board as to the reasonableness of the Charge.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.
General & Commander in chief

Sir.

Letter from Mr. Davis Surgeon

On your arrival at Trichinopoly you saw the necessity of directing that a Surgeon should reside near the Hospital at Warrior, and accordingly I was fixed there - Contiguous to which I have built a Convenient little House and Gardens.

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(the latter I find very useful to the Sick) agreable to the accompanying Plan, and which has altogether cost me upwards of Four Hundred Pagd. As there was no House for the Surgeon, I flatter myself the Hon'ble President & Council will have no Objections to my being reimbursed, and I am therefore to entreat the favor of your transmitting the same for their Approbation

I am Sir

With great Respect

Your most Obedt. humble Servt.

Thos. Davis

Surgeon

Warriore

March 25th 1772

Mr. Petrie appointd. to take charge of the Nabobs Grain in Camp.

Agreed that Mr. Petrie be appointed to take charge of the Cerear Grain in Camp conformable to the Desire of Maudr. Ul. Mullock Behauder & the Recommendation of Genl. Smith & that Instructions be prepared for him

The Nabob to be applied to regarding the Bills for repairs.

With respect to the Bills of the several Officers for Repairs of their Quarters the Board have already remarked on the necessity there is that proper Quarters should be built for the Officers in the Nabobs Garrisons while the Company's Troops are placed in them for their Defence. The Nabob has at last consented that a Place for erecting the necessary Barracks at Trichinopoly be prepared. However as the Officers were under an unavoidable necessity of making such Temporary Repairs as would render their Quarters Habitable. The Board are of Opinion that

necessity

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that they ought to reimburse the Expence - It is therefore agreed that the Nabob too applied to on the Subject & his Consent requested for charging the Amount to his account.

Letter from Mr. Edward Cotsford resident at Ganjam read as follows.

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

By my letter of 27 Ult.o you will have been informed of the State of Affairs in this District at that Time.

Letter from Mr. Cotsford - Proceeds against Bemadoo Zemeindar of Vizianagur.

As Bemadoo Zemeindar of Vizianagur was determined to prevent Gosepulty the Zemeindar of Khimedy from meeting me to any purpose I lost no time but pres'd him on the Subject of his own Affairs. By the Artifices of his Principal Managers I was deceived for a few days as he always expressed an earnest desire to settle his Business without proceeding to Extremities. In order to come to certainty to his real Intention I thought it advisable that the Detachment should March immediately to Vizianagur. Which was accordingly done. the Enemy made but a faint resistance, but the Preparation they had made to receive and the Situation of the Place afforded them the means of opposing us with great advantage. The Detachment remained at Vizianagur three Days during which Time I found in Bemadoo no signs of coming to an accomodation, but on the Contrary that he was putting all his Forts in repairs and Storing them

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them Ammunition & Provisions.

Seeing his Strength and Dependance chiefly lay there I thought it best to proceed in reducing the Forts during the Fair season in order to get some footing in the Country before the Monsoon should come on. In taking Vizianagur we had no loss on the side of Bermadoo, two were killed and four Wounded.

Vizianagur taken

The Country of Pritapaghery being distinct from Vizianagur, Bermadoos Claim to it being also Doubtful as I have already informed you in a former Letter and it lying contiguous to the Government or Havelly Lands, I did not hesitate in considering where it was proper to begin our Operations. Accordingly on the 12th the Detachment under the Command of Captain Bandenal arrived before Pritapaghery, consisting of the 4th Battn of Sepoys two Companies of the 3d Battalion, Which were drawn from the 5 Companies stationed in the Callicoote Zemeindary and the Coffery Company.

As the Enemy must have been acquainted with our Intentions it was not prudent to think of Surprizing that Place a Battery was therefore raised for one 18 Pounds and we began to fire against one of the Bastions on the 13th when finding the Wall to be very Tough and fearfull of not having Shot to sufficient the Fire from the Gun was regulated accordingly till more could arrive from Ganjam 40 Shot were fired on the 13th and 14th and when a fresh Supply arrived at Coulah, it was discovered to the

Detachment marches against Pritapaghery taken by Assault

Surprise

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Surprize of all (seeing it had been used to sparing=
=ly) that the 18 Pr. which was brass, was newly
cracked in many Places in the thickest Part and
gave evident Signs of being near bursting - As
the the getting another Gun up from Ganjam
would take up some Days it was Judged most
adviseable to make a General assault upon
the Place without Ladders, rather than induce such a
Delay which would encourage the Enemy and give
Time for their Assembling a large Body to destroy
us in our Business, Which by Intelligence appeared
to be their Intention. Accordingly on the 17th at
Daylight 4 Companies of Seapoys and the Coffries
made the Attack in different Places, the Enemy
within some for some Time stood with great
Resolution and our People had much Difficulty
in getting to the Top of the Wall) it being
upwards of 20 feet high) however when the
Enemy observed that our People were on one of the
Bastions they every where gave way and escaped by
that Side of the Fort not attacked in doing which several
broke their Limbs - the Garrison consisted of about
250 Men - the Enemy had about 15 Killed and
Wounded - On our Side during our Operations
against the Place We had two killed & Twenty Wounded
Among the latter is Lieutenant Trent who suffered
in the Assault. Our People behaved exceedingly
well The Attack lasted 15 Minutes - One Company
is left in the Fort for its Defence with about
100 Country Peons belonging to Mummy Dee, Beemadoots
Son.

On the 19th our Detachment

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The Detachment marches against Allady Gaum, which is abandoned after an Assault made Lieutenant Pennington killed

Detachment appeared before Allady Gaum another Fort in the Pretapaghery Country, Which being small it was Judged might also be carried by Assault accordingly on the 22d at Day light the Attack was made on It by 6 Companies of Sepoys and Coffery Company. They marched Cheerfully and without Confusion to their several Stations. The Walls are about 20 feet high ten of which forms the Parapet with Loop Holes therein forming two Tiers to fire thro and the Rampart in the Curtains is very Narrow. Many of our Sepoys got to the Top of the Wall but from the great Weight of the Parapet could not ascend into the Fort, Others of our People with shorter Ladders took Possession of the Loop Holes of the lower Tier and greatly annoyd the Enemy. Many of the long ladders were broken by the Sepoys crowding too thick on them Which caused great Confusion and which the Enemy observing they began to recover and exert themselves and all attempts afterwards for gaining the Fort were ineffectual. The Attack lasted near five hours without Intermission and was conducted with great Spirit by Captain Bandenel. Our Loss is very considerable, having had of all Ranks 27 Killed and 205 Wounded. Among the Former is Lieutenant Pennington who was Wounded Mortally. Amongst the latter are Captain Bandenel, Lieutenants Brule, Hughes and Woodward of these the two former are again fit for Service. The Loss of the Enemy was 8 Killed and 25 Wounded. The

Garrison

Coolies kept in a acting for the Detachment commanded by Captain Marcell at the Desire of Coll. Hart from the 16th to the 28th which charge we think is both irregular & Improper.

Likewise a charge of Pag.s 66 for carrying the Sick and Lame of a Detachment of Sepoys from Vellour to Ongole which not being allowed by the Regulations We beg to take Notice your Honor &c.

the great difficulty of procuring Coolies & the many Complaints made by the Nabob of our Officers pressing them on their March

Ordered that an Explanation of this charge be required, as it appears very high considering there were only three Companies went from Vellour to Ongole

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Smith

Charles Smith
John Holland
Edwd. Saunders
C. B. Dent
John Renton
Wheeleston

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Agreed that Mr. James Beckett be appointed one of the Surgeons to the Garrison of Vellour in the room of Mr. Anderson appointed to Madras and that Mr. Peters be appointed to take care of the Sick at Poonamalee

Mr. Beckett appointed Surgeon at Vellour

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Report of the Presid.t on the Subject of the complaint made by the Nabob of the disorderly Behaviour of the Troops on their March from Ellour.

The President acquaints the Board that in consequence of the Complaint made by the Nabob as contained in a Letter from Mahomed Asslom to him entered in Country Correspondence No. 75 of the very disorderly Behaviour of the Detachment arrived from Ellour on their March from thence under the Command of Captain Marcell, He the President had called upon Captain Marcell who had assured him that he had given out the Strictest Orders and done every thing in his Power to prevent any Disorders being committed by the Detachment: and that he had constantly applied to the Nabob's Managers for every thing the Detachment required. That the President not satisfied therewith thought it necessary that the Affair should be publickly enquired into, and that Captain Marcell should be brought to a General Court Martial: for which Purpose he applied to the Nabob, to order the Several Evidences to be produced which the Nabob declined doing alledging that he knew too well what would be the result of a Court Martial and particularly instanced the Court Martial held on Coll.l Wood.

The Commissary General lays before the Board a Statement of the Arrack Accounts from October to February last, Ordered that they be drawn out & Stated to the 30th April & that they be settled and adjusted in future.

in future at that Period, which is time for Ballancing the General Books.

The Board observing by the Accounts of Arrack at Masulipatam that the Storekeeper there charges twenty Pagodas p Month; which was never Intended by the Regulations; since he receives the Emoluments arising from the Sale of Arrack at that Garrison The Commissary General is therefore desired to call upon him to refund the Same & to give Directions that it be not charged in future

Letters from the Soubah & Raccun Ud Dowlah regardg. Assavareddy Reddy Ramanah.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Mr Wynch Chief at Masulipatam enclosing Letters from the Soubah & Raccun Ud Dowlah to him No. 97 & 98 advising that Vasareddy Ramanah late Zemeindar of of Chintapilla in the Mintazanagar Circar had made his Escape from thence & had taken up his residence in the Circar of Mustaphanagar from whence he was committing Disturbances & desiring therefore that he may be Seized & sent to Mr Banapa (meaning Bon Enfant) employd by Bazalet Jung in the Murtazangar Circar. Mr Wynch also advises that the said Vasareddy Ramana had the Management of Chintapilla in the Circar of Murtazanagar from whence he had been driven by Bon Enfant that he had taken up his residence with his Brother the Zemeindar of Nandigamah where he remains very Peaceably without Offering any

whence

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Letter to the Soubah in consequence.

any Violence to any one - In consequence of which a Draft of a Letter from the President to the Soubah is now read & approved No. 99 which is Ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Wynch to be transmitted by him with one from himself

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Geo. Mackay

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The following Letters were this Day wrote

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith

Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast

Sir

Letter to Gen.l Smith addressing of the Instructions given to Mr. Petrie appointed to take charge of the Carnac Guard

We have received your Letter of the 4th Instant.

In consequence of the Application of Marder Ul Mulk Behaudar that the Grain in Camp belonging to the Circar be put under the charge of Mr. Petrie, & which you have recommended as essential to the good of the Service, we consent thereto, Marder Ul Mulk Behaudar must however be particularly Informed that we do by no means by such our Aquiescence, take upon us to supply the Detachment with Grain & Provisions which must be found Solely upon him to whom the Nabob has committed that Charge our Intention being only that such Grain & Provisions as he shall furnish be issued to the Troops & accounted for in the most regular Manner: for which purpose we have thought proper to lay down some Rules and Regulations for Mr. Petries Conduct in this Employ, Copy of which are inclosed for your Perusal

Regarding the Bill for Expences of Officers Quarters.

We shall lay before the Nabob the Bill for Expences of Officers Quarters at Trichinopoly & write in Favour to obtain his consent for allowing the same.

We are &c.

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Your most Obd. humble Servants
Jos. Du Pré &c Council

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21 Came on the following Letters from Genl Smith

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council at Fort St George

Honble Sirs

I had the Honor to address you the Letter from G. Smith 13th Instant when I mentioned the Nabob halts one Day longer near Tillum. desire of halting here on the 14th & 15th and as his Business with the Rajah was not then concluded we have been obliged to halt this Day also. I have now the Pleasure to acquaint you, that we shall march in the Morning and am

Honble Sirs

With Respect

Your most Obt Servt

Joseph Smith

Camp near Tillum
16th May 1772

To the Honble Josias Du Pre Esqr

President & Governor &c. at Fort St George

Honble Sir

I had the honor to address you yesterday and acquainted them we marched this Morning and encamped at Tillum bearing N. W. by W. Letter from Genl Smith. The Company marches 13½ miles Morning & Carlamadu. Distance five Miles, and has been from our last ground

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that the Medicines demanded by the Doctors arrived safe on Friday last afternoon and am

Honble Sir

With Respect

Your most Obt Servt

Joseph Smith

Camp at Carlamadu
17th May 1772

22 Wrote the following Letter to Mr Cotsford Resident at Ganjam

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Destruct and recommends that an Abatement should rather be made on the Arrears which be proposed to pay annually, than that any Decrease should be made on the Tribute for that Zemindary — We now desire you will conclude nothing finally with Lewis on the Subject of his being admitted to the Manage: ment of that District, without first advising us and receiving our particular Instructions regarding the Same as we think it proper that all such appointments should come immediately from us.

We are &c.
Your Affectionate Friends
Josias DuPré &c Council

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Letter from Lt Scott Marches 8 Miles and encamps at Jeffan Country, advising of some changes in the Disposition of the

Council this Day the Honble Companys Ship Earl of Lincoln with 27 Casts 1 Serjeant 90 Private on board

23 Rec'd the following Letter from Genl Smith.

To the Honble Josias DuPré Esq.
President & Governor &c. of Fort St George

Honble Sir

I have the Honor to acquaint you yesterday of the Arrival of the Troops at a Village called Cuchenadoo, some time we proceeded on our route this morning and encamped near the Ground bearing S.E.b.E distance eight miles. The Shortness of our March was on account of the Water, there being none nearer than four Coss miles from hence.

I have been obliged to make

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A Journal kept by you of all Occurrences Our Reasons for desiring such Detail & Journal were that we might thereby be enabled not only to draw useful Information therefrom relative to the Season & Country where our Troops might be employ'd & the Propriety or Practicability of the Operations they might be engaged in; but that you might stand recommended for all Measures when taken to the best of your Judgement & that we might have before us Materials sufficient to form our Opinion on or to assist our Honble Employers of the Propriety & Motives for our Conduct as well as of all Occurrences.

We consider this Regulation to be in Force in all Military Operations whatever as the Reasons for making it must always exist and we Impute our not having received from you such Detail & Journal of the Expedition against Sanjore to your not having adverted to this Regulation at the Time: we however desire you will forward it to us with one as soon as you have Leisure.

We also desire that you will transmit to us Monthly the Detail and Journal of the Operations in which you are now employ'd, and the Engineer should be Instructed to make a Sketch of the Country thro which your march, Copy of which you are to Please to transmit to us from time to time: what we [illegible] great use in enabling us to form our Judgement on the Present Operations, and [illegible]

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To Alexander Wynch Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to Mr Wynch with one from the Soubah regarding Vasauddy Ramanah

The President has communicated to us your letter of the 8th Instant enclosing Letters from the Soubah & Ruccun Ud Dowlah relative to Vasauddy Ramanah late Tumundar of Chintapilly in Murtazanagar Circar who resides with his Brother at Nandigamah — Enclosed is a letter which the President hath wrote to the Soubah on the Subject, with a Translate for your Information, which you will Please to forward to him, with one from yourself We return you the Letter from Ruccun Ud Dowlah that you may reply thereto.

We are Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Jos. Du Pré &c Council

Fort St. George
23d May 1772

24 Came in the following Letter from Genl Smith

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

Honble Sir

Letter from G. Smith marches 14 Miles & arrives near Petty Cotah

I had the Honor to advise you yesterday of the Arrival of the Troops at Jaffier Sebes Choultry, from whence we marched this Morning and encamped, our last ground bearing N. E. W. ½ W. distance fourteen Miles.

I have the Honor to be Honble Sir
With respect Your most Obed Servt
Joseph Smith

Camp near Petty Cotah
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At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor Presidt.

Monday 25th May

John Smith " George Stratton

Henry Brooke "

John Whitehill " Charles Smith

George Mackay

Mr. Brukenden Indisposed.

Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam read as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.

President and Governor &a Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Masulipatam in reply to dire from the Board of 29th April regarding Gun Carriages.

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Commands from the Military Department of the 29th Ult. respecting Gun Carriages wanted for Masulipatam and the Proposals made by Mr. Stevens for providing them.

The following is a State of the French Guns now in Store here with their Shot and Carriages.

	No. of Guns	Shot	Carriages Fruit	Truck
32	1	100		1
20	2	353		1
16	7	1696		10
10	2	1447		
8	1	1096		
Total No. of Guns	13	Total of Shot	4692	

you will observe that the Number of Shot to the 16, 10 & 8 Pdrs. is much greater that that generally reckoned as the complement of a Fort Gun and the Number to the other Guns cannot be said to be Deficient. Had your Honor &ca. adverted to

this

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this circumstance we imagine you would have joined with us in thinking, that the Fleet ought not to be deprived of the Service those Guns might be of in case of it being attacked for the sake of saving the expence that would attend the equipping them with Carriages. The 32, 24, 18 & 9 Pounders ought in our Opinion to have at least one Carriage each: the 16 Pdrs are already sufficiently provided for in point of number of Carriages, but we believe the Kind they are of is universally disapproved, and amongst other objections to them, it is alledged that they are not so easily wrought as Field Carriages which makes them particularly exceptionable for Masulipatam, as in all Probability it will ever be scantily provided with Artillery Men.

We ought before to have acquainted you that, in the Returns of Carriages you hitherto have furnished with an included about forty eight Carriages that were never thought necessary to be kept constantly on the Works with their respective Guns Mounted upon them, some of these have been long in Store and are now very Bad, and it may be supposed that the others will in a certain course of time, be unfit for the Service of a Siege if they are not so already, at least it would be Dangerous and unjustifiable to trust to them for such an important Occasion.

From all these considerations and after Consulting with the Gentlemen of our Committee of Stores we cannot help giving it as

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our Opinion, that the following List of Trail Carriages would on the most moderate calculation be wanting for the Guns now here, on a supposition of actual Service and that the Place was besieged by an Enemy.

The Calculate is made upon the following Principles, namely

That the heavy Guns down to 12 Pdrs inclusive, should be compleated with one unserviceable Trail Carriage to each.

That the Trail Carriages for 12 Pdrs and upwards now in Store should be regarded as Spare Carriages and set apart for immediate Expence.

& this that the 18 Pdrs should have three Spare Trail Carriages there not being any Trail Carriages of that Denomination

Nature of Guns in Store.	Trail Carriages Wanting.
32 Pounders	1
24	13
20	2
18	15
16	7
12	16
Total Wanting	54

We have only reckoned for 18 24 Pdrs but have on the other hand deducted 2 Carriages that are in Store they being Rd and not in good Order

Two of the 24 Pdr Guns which you sent us by the St Helena were unfortunately lost by a Violent Squall which happened while they

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they were bringing them on Shore: we have tried every Possible means to get them but without effect when the Sea which is at present rough may be smoother, we shall make a second Tryal but we scarcely flatter ourselves with the hopes of Success.

We earnestly request you will embrace the Opportunity of the Present Southerly wind to send us a farther Supply of Guns, for upon reference to the Plan of the Fortifications you will find them of such extent, that the Number of Guns mentioned in your Letter of the 29th Ult. are by no means sufficient for their Defence Our Committee of Stores have recommended it to us to apply to you for the following Guns exclusive of those that are now here.

Nature of Guns	No. Wanting
24	17
20	24
12	23
9	5

Captain Stevens agrees to the Conditions you have been pleased to mention with respect to his Demands of assisting him in procuring Workmen of giving him up a part of the Company's Work Yard, and Supplying him with Iron: but he requests that some broad Plank which is in Store and Set for Gun Carriages only may be sold to him and that he may be advanced Two Thousand

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Madras Pagodas at the Commencement of his Contract, and one Thousand on the Delivery of 15 Carriages.

We are
with much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd. humble Servts.
Nr. Wynch
Francis Jourdan
Jn. Crawfurd.

Masulipatam
15 May 1772

As the 32 Pounder Gun at Masulipatam can be of little Use there, as the Place is not liable to an Attack by Sea when the Guns of that Callibre are only required: It is resolved that the one now at Masulipatam with the Shott belonging to it be sent to Madras. The Board are still of Opinion that no Carriages should be made for the French Guns particularly as there are only two 20 Pdr. 2, 10 Pdr. Jane 8 Pdr. Gun, since if the Guns are damaged the Shott can be of no use and the Number of Carriages at Masulipatam for the 16 Pounder Gun are sufficient for the Quantity of Shott they have in store of that Callibre.

Orderson Consequence

Upon reference to Major Mitchells Letter transmitted with that from Masulipatam to the other Department of 13 July 1771, & to that from Masulipatam of 30 August 1771 it appears that the Works are not in a Condition to admit of Guns being mounted on them at present that the Quarters are not even sufficient for the Garrison now doing duty there. that there are

neither

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neither Magazines, Cisterns nor Hospital, the Board are therefore of Opinion that it would be highly Imprudent to supply Masulipatam with Guns & Stores in such a Manner as if it were capable of standing a Regular Siege as they would be exposed to the Danger of being lost in case the Place were attacked by an European Enemy - But if the Works were entirely completed & the Necessary Buildings erected the Board are of Opinion that Heavy Guns can only be of use in the Defence of such Parts of the Fort as are liable to be battered and breached & which by Plans transmitted with Major Mitchells abovementioned Letter can be only Four from some Spotts of rising Ground on the North & North East Fronts - The other Parts, which can only be attempted by Assault or Escalade, would be better Defended by Lighter Guns, It is therefore resolved that some 9 Pounder Guns be sent thither by the first Conveyance & that no more Carriages be made up than those Directed in our Letter of 29th Ult.

Agreed that Mr Stevens be supplied with the Board Plank in Store at Masulipatam which is only represented as fit for Gun Carriages & that the advances be drawn for made to him.

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

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Packet.

In reference to the Minutes of Consultation to the Letters from the President to the Nabob, and from the Board to the Committee of Creditors will suffice without further Enforcement to shew, that we have done every thing on our Parts to carry into Execution the Agreement made between the Company & the Creditors in England. As the course the Nabob has taken, and the opposition of some of his Creditors to our Measures, render it impracticable to comply on all respects with the Terms of that Agreement. It becomes necessary to concert some other Arrangement, such as may be best Suited to the Circumstances of the Case, and to propose the same to the Creditors for it could be productive of no good, but of much trouble and Inconvenience and perhaps of misery, both to the Company and the Creditors to shew their General Claims on the State of Surpass and miscellany on which they are grounded

Present

By the Agreement the first Step to be taken is, to divide with the Creditors the Surplus or all that Should have been received by us for the Company over and above fifteen Lacks, to the Day of executing that Agreement The Creditors shou'd be at liberty to draw on us for Money, or to give Bills or Bonds for the Amount and we are in return to receive Transfers from each Creditor of so much of the Nabob's Debt

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Sums to time pay off, We proposed also to receive from the Several Creditors, who were willing to comply, the Companys Proportion, according to the Agreement, of all Sums that We should pay them in discharge of their own proper Principal and with Respect to those who opposed — our Intention was to have rendered them their Proportions of the Surplus of fifteen Lacks, to have Demanded of them the Companys Proportions of their Bonds to be transferd in return and also the Proportions of the Several Dividends they had received, and in Case of their refusal to File Bills in the Mayors Court against them

Prop

Upon considering this Plan we see it in such a Scene of Intricacy, perplexity & Confusion that we can hope for little good from the Attempt. The Nabob who thinks his Honor already wounded in the Agreement made between the Company and his Creditors will doubtless think it much more so to have his Affairs canvassed in our Courts of Law. The Companys Property will be kept by such Litigations — a Ferment will be again raised in the Settlement, and who would stand? Perhaps in Appeals to the King in Council We think our Superiors would wish to avoid all this. But can we Act partially under the Agreement? can we carry it in execution with respect to some Creditors, and Silently suffer others to take different Course? Can we compel them into our Course? We can only try to do it by Law and for the Reasons above mentioned, We think

that

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We may receive best Orders from home.

We believe all, or most all of the Creditors be responsible Persons.

If this Agreement made in England be binding now on the Parties, it will be equally binding at any future Period if the Parties do not relinquish any right they may Claim under it

We are of Opinion therefore that it will be proper and best, as we are Circumstanced to propose to the Creditors that the Agreement made in England be suspended until we receive further Instructions from the Court of Directors, but that neither we for the Company nor they for themselves relinquish any right or benefit that either might be entitled to under the Agreement reserving such right or benefit to be used for, or adjusted as the Parties may hereafter think fit. That the Company during such Suspension of the Agreement be in their Possession the Surplus arising by them, over & above the Sixteen Lacks — that the Company do also retain in their Possession during such suspension also the Sums they may receive from the Nabob on account of Two Lacks of Pagodas he has promised to pay them — and that the Creditors do in like manner retain in their Possession during such Suspensions the Dividends they have already received over the Rents of the said Agreement and such Sums as shall be further paid to

Arrangement to be proposed to the Creditors.

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removed from his appointed Station to any other Place for the Recovery of his Health is first to procure a Certificate from the Principal Surgeon of the Place where he is Stationed, that such removal is requisite, which Certificate is to be countersigned by the Commanding Officer is to be produced to the Governor &c at the Presidency then the Town Mayor or to the Chief or Commandt. at any other Factory Fort or Garrison, and shall be noted both at the Place from whence he removes and at the Place to which he removes on a Book to be kept for that purpose And such Certificate so granted produced and noted shall be the Authority for drawing and paying the Travelling Batta allowed by the Regulations and not otherwise — A Register is to be kept at every Fort Factory or Garrison of all Officers who belonging to such Fort Factory or Garrison are absent with Leave expressing the Cause, and also a Register of those who not belonging to such Fort Factory or Garrison are then with Leave, expressing the Cause — And a Copy of such Register is monthly to be transmitted to the Governor with the Returns.

And whereas by the Regulations Page 17 it is ordered that at the Muster of whatever Denomination to pass on the Roll where they may be, by which means Inconveniences & Irregularities are occasioned — It is now Ordered that all Officers do in future draw their Pay and Allowances regularly at the

Disposition of the Corps of Artillery

the Disposition of the Corps of Artillery to take place the 25 Ins.
agreable to which the Returns are to be made

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4		Little Stout		Ellour		Madras		1		James	1st
5		Stout Kennedys		Madras		½ Madras ½ Vellum				De Morgans	5th

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As the charge of Botta to the Serjeant taking care of the Officers Baggage at Trichinopoly is unprecedented and as it appears to the Board that the Person appointed for that Purpose was not entitled to any extra Allowance on that Account, as we conceive he was exempted from other Duty - It is resolved that Genl Smith be wrote to on the Subject.

Genl Smith to be wrote to on the Subject.

Petition of Mr Wm Carlisle read as follows.

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

The Humble Petition of William Carlisle of Madras

Sheweth

That your Petitioner about the 2d Instant received advices that Two Country Boats laden with Paddy, the Property of Mr Robert Barclay of Chicacole, whose Business at this Place Your Petitioner Transacts, being by reason of contrary winds unable to proceed to the Port of Madras had put on to Petition of Mr Carlisle regarding some Grain as follows

Petitioner Consenting the Destruction of the Boats & the Dangers to be Encountered at this Season of the Year, Prayed it might be permitted to send proper People to secure and destroy the said Paddy to the best advantage That upon the Application of those People to his Highness the Nabobs Renter for Liberty to land & make Sale of the s.d Paddy they have been answered, that by the Nabobs Orders the Importation of all foreign Grain was prohibited under any pretence whatsoever, And therefore would not suffer the

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That the Packet for the Company was transmitted in the Packet for Deptford.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter delivered to him by the Town Mayor.

Dear Sir.

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Sir I yours requesting my Opinion of your State of Health. I am sorry to Inform you that it has been for some Time in a precarious Situation and is at present so very little Improved that I am at present without a change of situation Your recovery may still be uncertain. I would therefore recommend to you to try Cuddalore for a while should it not agree with you perhaps it may be necessary to go to some more distant Place this I would gladly flatter myself as you have lately mended that a change there may be also that necessary to your Recovery.

I am Dear Sir
Your most obedt humble Servt
Gilbert Pasley

To Capt. McKaim

Letter from Mr Pasley to Capt. McKaim regarding his State of Health

Agreed that Capt. Ivan McKaim be appointed to command the Invalids at Cuddalore in the room of Capt. Carter Deceased.

Capt. McKaim appointed to the Invalids at Cuddalore.

W. Du Pre
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Council Register
Geo. Mackay

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which you desire you will propose to the Directors

That the Agreement made

in England do remain Suspended untile we

shall receive further Instructions from the Court

of Directors, But that neither we for the Company

nor the Creditors for themselves nor any

Right or Benefit that either might be entitled to

under the Agreement reserving such Right or

Benefit to be sued for or adjusted as the Parties

may hereafter think fit.

2d That the Company during such

Suspension of the Agreement do retain in their

Possession the Surplus received by them over and

above fifteen Lacks, at the Time the Ratification

of the Agreement was sent hence, That the Compy.

do also retain in their Possession during such

Suspension, all the Sums they may receive from the

Nabob on Accounts of Ten Lacks of Pagods as

the Nabob has promised to pay them.

3 That the Creditors do on their part

retain in their Possession during such Suspension

the Pardons they have already received since the

Receipt of the said Agreement, and such Sums

as shall be further paid to them by the

Nabob in Discharge of his Debt to them.

4thly That a Paper be drawn up

to be Subscribed by the Governor & Council on the

Part of the Company, and by the Creditors for

themselves, declaring that all the Moneys so

received, and to be received by them respectively

are and shall be held and understood to be

Subject in all respects to the Rights Terms,

&

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as we see new Charges Daily Introduced into the Service, which being once admitted become Precedents & cannot without Difficulty be dispensed with & struck off, by which means our Expences are encreased: when our Revenues ought the Strictest Oeconomy is bound to be Observed.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

Josias Du Pré

Jno Cowell

Rec'd a letter from Sadras Translate of which is as follows

Madrashatnam

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr

President for the English East India Company

on the Coast of Choromandel and Orixa and

Governor & Fort St George and the Council thereof

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor to acquaint

Letter from Sadras regarding two Deserters

you in consequence of the Agreement between our respective Nations, that two Men in the English Service have run themselves up to us, Steven Parnes an Henry Brown and Henry Lamp they together with their Arms, shall agreable to the Conditions Stipulated by the Cartel be delivered over to those whom your Honours may think proper to send for them

We have the Honor to be with great Regard

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Obdt humble Servts

Wm Blaquiere

T. P. Demery

Sadrasspatnam

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Letter from G. Smith
Horses not to be got
in the Southward
for the Price limitted
Timbers for the
Buildings as Lieut:
=nant Poly to be sent
from the Coast.
desires the Sentiments
of the Board on the
Sentence of the Lowys
Court Martial. sends
on the Proceedings of
Court Martial on
Lieut Shuckley. Slocombe
& Clarkson & Ensign
Moray &c.

I am honored with your command,
of the 16 Instant, and have sent Captain Sawyer an
Extract of that Paragraph therein, which Limits
the Price of Horses to be purchased for completing
his Troop, and desired he might be guided thereby
but good Cattle are so very high Priced here, I
believe he will not be able to purchase any, and
of course must defer it till he proceeds to the
Northward.

The Barracks, Magazines &c.
proposed to be erected here, are indispensably necessary
and I have no Doubt Your Honor &c. (when the
Nabob's consent is obtained) will give such
directions respecting the Materials and Execution
of the Plans to be laid before you, that the
Buildings will be lasting and answer your
Intentions. The Timber Scheme must be brought
from the Coast, as that to be had on the Country
is far from being good [illegible] Subject to be
eaten by insects

I have Letter of the 11th also
brought me back the Proceedings of the General
Court Martial on the Trial of Lieut Col Long
but the note by Virtue of my Warrant was
sent to you upon a Suspension. Your Honor
&c. would finally determine thereon as you had
ordered it, Sentence it should be as your have
pointed out, and pass on the usual Channel.

I agree with Your Honor &c.
on the impropriety of the Courts commanding Lieut
Col. Longs absence on the Terms on which he is
captain

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The Board cannot avoid declaring it as their Opinion that the reparation offered is by no means equal to the Offence which is aggravated in a great Degree by the many virulent and reproachful Terms made use of by Col Lang against Mr Peters, in his Defence of which the Board have already expressed their Sentiments.

The Proceedings of the Court Martial held on the following Officers &c. the Sentences of which have been approved by Lieut Smith are now read

Prisoners

Lieut. Nath.l Shuttleworth Ensign Richd Moody Lieut Henry Clawson Lieut Edw.d Stoumbe	for behaving unbecoming the Character of Gentlemen & Officers	Reprimanded dismissed the Service Acquitted Dismissed the Service

Serjeant George Piper Attempting to commit Sodomy — Reduced to Private Centinel

Ordered that Mess.rs Stewart and Kirby do attend to examine Evidences against Lieut Shuttleworth & Clawson

Letter from the Commander of the Nabob Cutter to the Hon.ble Thos Du Pre Esq.r President & Governor &c.a Council at Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of the Letter we were honored with from you on the 25.th Inst.o We desired our Constituents would assemble on the 27.th to consider of the Propositions therein contained but four of them only having attended no Meeting could be held and we are now

Sitting

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Ordered that the Company's Seal be affixed to the Answer & that the Same together with the Replications be Sent in Court tomorrow

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of the following Out Garrisons

Vellour
Trichinopoly } for January
Madura
Palamcotah } January & February
Vellum } December & January
& the Camp

Vellore for January

In the Accounts with the Commissary General Roy has made the following entry Commissary General Dr. To Deficiency of Cash for Provisions fo 10 Pags 1047.12.35 which in his Account he gave Credit for being on account of Provisions Cash at Arnee & Vellore in April and September 1771 and as part of the Deficiency of Cash at that Garrison

The Paymaster in his Answer to the Board to the same matter to the Estate of Mr. Stonehouse deceased will appear upon reference to the Minutes of Consultation of 27 January last. Ordered that the Mr. Paymaster do pay to the Commissary General the Sum of Pags 1047.12.35 which Pags 3636.10.31 is to be carried by him to the Debit of the Estate of Neal Stonehouse Deceased that the same may be

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Trichinopoly for January

There appears a charge for Stores made up amounting to about 930 Ps which it is said were indented for from Vellum a List of these Stores we have delivered to Mr Stratton who will examine and report the propriety of the Charge to your Honor &c.

Vellum for Duty & Sent.

As Serjeant Major & a Key Serjeant are charged the contrary to the Regulations.

As Vellum is a Southern Garrison these Charges appear Necessary

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt humble Servts

John Smith

Geo. Stratton

Charles Smith

Geo. Mowbray

Ed. Saunders

Wm Addison

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The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Petrie Paymaster to the Troops in Cantonments

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr
Secretary to the Military Dept

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 12th Instant with an Extract from the report of the

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the favor of the Company, but that he was
advised by his Friends to leave his Settlement
to save his Life which he considered to be in
great Danger, from the manner in which
the Sittaram Rauze had treated several of
his Servants and Friends, particularly Ram
Jy the Pantu, That he was always ready
to yield due Obedience to the Company's
Authority, but that he was determined not
to put himself under the Authority of
Sittaram Rauze, for that his Father, Narrain Do,
but a few Months before he Died recommen-
-ded to him to place his entire Dependance
on the Company and not permit Sittaram-
-Rauze to interfere in his Affairs, for that
he (Sittaram Rauze) had been the Cause of
the Troubles which he himself had undergone
with the English and that never until
he had got Possession of the Zamindary and
in his Power he Lived in continual Fears for
on his Thoughts that he hoped his Meaning
with me would be the End to the Means
of saving his Country from him - Upon which
I told him that if he did not return home
to his Zamindary or put himself under my
Protection that my Duty to the Company would
not permit me to let him remain in Peace
at Vizagapatam or in any Place under my
Jurisdiction, That I would give him three
Days to consider on it after which he was
not to Depend on me in any Shape but

hostile

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Guzz Shutty was plain with
my conversation and seem'd not in the least
afraid. He appears sensible and to know his
own Interest very well, and I am convinced would
put himself under my protection was it
not for Bermudoo.

I have great reason to think
that Sittaram Range has done all in his
Power not only to prevent Guzz Shutty from
taking such Measures as would suit his
Affairs, but has moreover influenced Bermudoo
for some Time past, and given him Advice
very prejudicial to the Affairs under my
Management.

Guzz Shutty I am of Opinion
has nothing in View tending to shew the
less Obedience to the Company how far
he has Reason for his present Conduct
I cannot be determined to say, but I
shall be very particular
in keeping a strict Eye over your Honors Dr & the Past
which I have already had on his Business
and shall continue to do the same on future.

Having in a former
Letter laid before Your Honors & Board
(Sirs) and Gas your Consideration, I
shall here say no more but proceed against
him, as I think we have Force Sufficient
to bring him to reason, and which will
undoubtedly oblige Guzz Shutty to alter

his

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Read the following Letter from Ensign John Purkiss Atwood

To the Honble the President & Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Ensign Atwood desiring to proceed to England for his Health.

Having received the accompanying Certificate for purpose therein Mentioned: Presume thereon to request of your Permission to go to England with my Commission that on my recovery I may return with my Rank, there being a Ship now under dispatch for Europe, your Ordering me a Passage thereon with the Indulgence of a few Months Subsistance which will be most Gratefully acknowledged by ——

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t
& very humble Servant
John Atwood

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March 15. 1772

Surgeons Certificate regarding him

These are to Certify that Ensign John Purkiss Atwood has, since his Arrival in the Country been Intermn & Sickly At the Siege of Tanjour he was attacked with Liver complaints & a flux arising from them which reduced him to Extreme Weakness & from which he is now in some Measure recovered but as he is Subject to frequent relapses from a great relaxation of Constitution we are of Opinion that he is not likely to recover a regular State of health he must have the Assistance of a Voyage and Cold Climate

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Gilbert Pyster
Sam.l Scott
Surgeons

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Rec'd this day from the Nabob in Money and Bills Pag.s 50059.22.60 together with a Sealed Packet addressed to the Company

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esq.r Governor President
John Smith "
Henry Brooke "
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
George Mackay

M.r Brooken and Ingram prs.d

Letter from the Nabob received

Yesterday is now read an Answer to the Presidents of 2d February on the Subject of the Arrangement to be made with his private European Creditors in consequence of the arrangement entered into in England.

As the Packet Deptford is to be closed this day the Board have not Time to take the same fully into Consideration or to deliberate on the Measures necessary to be taken in consequence with the Creditors. It is therefore resolved that a Copy thereof be transmitted to the Court of Directors with the remarks thereon which are now read and approved.

Letter to the Honble Court of Directors of this date to go by this Deptford read and Signed, Ordered that the Packet be closed.

Jo. Du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Recorded per Ja.s Mackay.

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but hearing done so, he should have referred him with his complaint to Mr Andrews to whom he should have been sent under a safe Guard for that Purpose: of which Mr Cottons is to be made acquainted.

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

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

Ongole
Vellour
Trichinopoly
Vellore

and have the following remarks

Trichinopoly

There is a Charge for the Expenses of Journeys of Peons between Forts amounting to upwards of 750 Pags which is referred to the Adjutancy for Support by your Honours &c.

Vellum

There is a charge of 320 Pags for Conveyances to Engineers for January & Febry we conceive that as the Engineers employed in carrying on Works at the Out Garrisons

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& who are to be returned as soon as this Service is over.

Ordered that Capt Pettiman be appointed to proceed with the Troops as Engineer on the Expedition against the Marawar & Nanbooty Polygars.

The Secretary lays before the Board a List of 1 Subidar 3 Havildars 1 Colourman & 5 Sepoys of the 12 Battalion who are recommended by Genl Smith to be put on the Invalid List.

Ordered that Certificates be granted them accordingly.

Capt. Pettiman to proceed as Engineer on the Expedn. agt. the Marawar.

Sepoys of 12 Batt. recommended to be Invalided.

W. DuPré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
George Wright
Jos. Mackay

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Letter of the 27 March came to Hand which we have also communicated to Him.

The Account we have received from Mr Andrews respecting the Transactions between Guzzeputt Doss, Sittenaun Rauze, & Ram Sogue Pedutos de Ses so nicely in every Circumstance from the Information you have obtained that an Enquiry into the Truth of the different Assertions would be an useless and perhaps a painfull Attempt — We are therefore glad to find that such an Investigation is unnecessary by Guzzeputt Doss return to Kimmedy & that District being as Mr Andrews informs us, in a State of Tranquility.

Also we are fully persuaded that your Conduct in this Business proceeded from the most Laudable Motive a Desire of promoting the Interest of the Company; nevertheless we cannot avoid observing that as the District of Kimmedy is dependant on Vizagapatam, the Chief of that Establishment is the Person to whom Guzzeputt Doss should have applied for Redress — It is certain that on his applying to you for Protection, you ought properly to grant it, but he should have been referred to Mr Andrews to make his complaint & to whom he should have been sent for that purpose under a proper Guard. We think it necessary to mention this Matter to prevent the disagreeable Altercations which must necessarily arise from the

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Lay before you our Minutes of the 25th Inst.
And are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt humble Servts
Geo: Stratton
Mr Stanl
Abraam Faizan Major
Commanding the Infantry
Charles Clifton Captain
Commanding the Artillery

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Saturday 25th April 1772

At a Committee of Stores Present
George Stratton Esqr
Military Storekeeper
Major Faizan
Lieut. Col. Ross
Capt. Clifton

Para 1st. The Committee having met this morning on the Black Town and examined 6 & 24 Pounders Trail Garrison Carriages reported by the Contractors to be finished this day and agreed that they be received as they are found on every respect equal to those already delivered — Para 2 Agreed that no 3 Pounders Travelling Carriages be made up on Section, as the 6 Pounders are found to answer better for those Guns — The Contractors are desired to make up immediately 24 & 6 Pounder Travelling Carriages as well as to compleat their Contracts of 6 Pounder field Carriages.

Minutes of the Committee of Stores.

P. 3. Mr Stratton lays before the Committee the following Papers.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation from Civil Depart dated 18th Instant.

Letter

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There is none in Store, with respect to the supplying the Contractors, with Timber at Masulipatam, we are Doubtful whether the Same can be at all Times spared; nor can we form a Judgement of the Inconveniencies that may attend the giveing up a part of the Carpenters Yard, and a Spot of Ground adjoining thereto.

We are of Opinion that no Carriages for 32 Pounders 20, 16, or 8 should be made up as they have only a Few Shot for them at Masulipatam Nor cannot supply them with any from hence

The St Helena being about to Sail for Bengal we recommend that the Guns which the Committee agree to supply the Gentlemen at Masulipatam with some time since, Viz 10: 24 and 10 - 18 Pounders be sent thither

Geo Stratton
Lt Genl
Patrick Ross
Abram Saizan Major Commanding the Infantry
Charles Clifton
Commanding the Artillery

The Board approve of what the Committee propose in the 1st 2d & 4 Paragraphs of the above Proceedings

The Proposals for making Gun Carriages delivered by Mr Stevens to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam & transmitted with their Letter of the to the other

Departments

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Months from the Commencement of a Contract
and Sixty more Trail Carriages, or a like
proportion of Trucknes in four Months
afterwards. Provided that the Honble Company
will supply me with such Iron as I may apply
for and they may have on Store for the purpose
of the above Carriages at fourteen Madras Pags
P Cwt or with any Iron work which may
come for the said purpose at 15 P Cent on the
Europe cost. That the Honble Company will
also deliver ditto the whole of such broad
Plank as they have lately purchased for the
purpose of making Carriages at the Prime
Cost, or that they will supply me with Timber
as I may apply for the same and they may
have on Store for the purpose of the said
Carriages at 10 P Cent on the Origen al cost
That the Chief and Council will allot me
such a Part of the Carpenters Yard as can be
Spared and Separate from the necessary
Stores of the Company together with a
Spot of Ground adjoining thereto if necessary
for the People to Work on the said Carriages
and that they or the Committee of Works
will assist me with their Influence in the
procuring a sufficient Number of Workmen
for the Completion of the said Business.
That the Chief and Council will advance
on the Commencement of a Contract half
the amount of such Carriages as are to be
made up during the first two Months and

That

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Fort St George 10th May 1772

To Mr William Petrie

Sir

In consequence of the Decese of Mander Ul Mulck Behaudar, and the Recommendation of Genl Smith that the Bevan Grain supplied the Detachment may be put under your charge I have thought it necessary to lay down the following Rules for your Conduct in this Employ.

Instructions to Mr Petrie regard the Bevan Grain in Camp.

You must keep very regular and exact Accounts of all Grain & Provisions put under your charge by Hamdon Ul Mulck Behaudar or his People for which you are to give Receipts, the Price thereof must be fixed on your receiving them to enable you to bring them regularly to Account.

They are only to be issued to the Sipoys Lascars and such other Attendants on the Army as Genl Smith shall see proper, and you are to be careful to keep Exact Accounts of the Issues according to the Indents delivered to you by the Jemadars of Sepoys agreable to which Indents you are to collect the Amount at a certain Price to be ascertained and fixed by Hamdon Ul Mulck Behaudar who make no Doubt consult Genl Smith therein, Such Amount when collected must be remitted to the Treasurer of the Detachment.

You must also keep regular Accounts of all Losses that may arise either by the Enemy, Wastage, or by any other Means.

Copies of your Accounts you are to transmit monthly to us.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
For. Duncan & Council

Fort St George
19 May 1772.

Fort St George 22 May 1752

No 7

To Mr Edward Cotsford

Agent & Governor

Bencoolen

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 29th April, giving an Account of your Operations against Bumadoo the Tumoongon of Vizianagum and are well pleased to find that the Vigorous and Spirited Measures you have pursued have been so far attended with Success. We cannot disprove of your Conduct in having rejected his Proposal of giving up the Fort of Pulopayney until the Sapanee arrived to it to Mummy Dos, provided Mummy Dos has nothing to do with the Management of the Country. Since as he hath by his Letters obliged us to have recourse to Arms, we think that no Compromise or Terms should be made with him: we therefore direct that you proceed as far as the Time you have mentd your self admit of it, in Reposessing him of every Place the Country possessed by him which is equable to the System we have always thought necessary for the good Government & Interests of that the Honble Company impose, that Commencing we are to proceed to Extremities yet when they have by their Treasons & Evil Conduct compelled us to Violent Measures they are to expect no further Favor or Protection from the Company.

In our Letter of 20th August last we approved of your Leaving Mummy Dos on the Management of the Pulopayney Destrict.

Letter to Mr Cotsford on the Subject of his Operations against Bumadoo

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make some removals which I hope you will approve
of. Captain Fraser is appointed to take charge of
Captain Cosby's Battalion of Sepoys till further
Orders Lieut. Mault is removed from the 1st. Batt.n to
the first and Ensign Mault of the 2d. Regiment to
the 1st. there being Vacancies in both. Lieutenant
John Ralph Campbell is appointed to do Duty
with the Pioneers. Lieut.t McLeod with the Grenadiers
of the 1st. Batt.n of the 1st Regiment and Lieutenant
Bonnevaux (at the request of Capt.n Pilmans with
the Engineers. I should not have taken this three
Subalterns from Bengal but they not being
Steady good Officers, and Wanting to the Corps in
which they are to act. Ensigns Beaver & Mr.
Rud. A Pabst have been examined & Pass the
Quarters, they being desirous of Young Men to
be employ'd on Service.

I have the Honor to be
Hon.ble Sir with Respect Your &c.t &c.t

Joseph Smith

Camp at Jaffeir
Choultry 18th May 1772

Wrote the following Letter
To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast
&c.t

In our Instructions to you dated
the 30th December 1769 We desired that in
future with the Returns of the Army every month
you would transmit to us a Regular and circumstan-
tial Detail of all Dispositions of the Troops, Encamp-
ments, Marches, Lines of Battle and other Military
Orders given out by you together with the Copy of
Orders

Letter to Smith
Orders to transmit
a Journal of his
Proceedings since
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taking Measures for the future Security & good
Government of the Country that may be needd.

It is with much Concern
we find Ourselves under a Necessity of informing
you, that is currently reported here that when
you turned out the Army to receive the Nabobs
Eldest Son undut Umrah Bahauder on his
taking the Field a general Oath was ravied by
the Troops - we say we only have it from
Report, and therefore are Information cannot
be Authentic: but whether it be true or false
we cannot on Justice to you as well as ourselves
avoid mentioning it; since if it be false, that
you may have an Opportunity of refuting the
Report, and if it be true that you may inform
us whether any & what Measures are taken to
Suppress the Ringleaders that so grave and exemplary
Punishment might be Inflicted on them:

The Nabob as a Friend and Ally of the
Company and under their immediate Protection
is entitled to every mark of Deference and Respect
from their Servants. Thus until this time we
have been offered to have in the Person of his
Son, one of such a Nature as ought not to
have been perfitted meriseus at the same time that
it reflects great Dishonor on this Government
it manifests an unparrallelled Licentiousness
in the Army

We are Sir
Your most Obed. Humble Servts
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Fort St George
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