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be highly necessary whatever the old Nabob may urge to the Contrary that some of the Company's Troops should be kept in this Country untill they are accustom'd to his Government which may require some Time to break them to and make them submit quietly to the Yoke. Tondoray Pillah tis said is clever & had great Sway amongst the Pollygars, He may perhaps when recover'd from his Fright & Lending the greatest part of our Troops returned be induced to raise disturbances in these parts & prevent the Inhabitants settling in the Country & the Nabob from reaping any other advantage from the conquest than merely the Possession This when represented to him wile I suppose have proper weight & shew the absolute necessity for lending your Assistance, His own Troops unless they are paid with more Regularity cannot be depended on

So soon as the Matters are settled which I hope wile now be in two days I propose leaving Major Des Plans to Conduct the Troops back to Trichinopoly & take the Route of Madurah Myself

I have the Honor to be with Respect. Hon'ble Sir & Sirs Your most Obd. and most humble Servant

J. Smith

Camp near Keernoor
29 June 1772

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

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

Honble Sir.

Letter from G. Smith
The Troops under Major Des Plans move towards Trichinopoly
Appoints Major Braithwaite to remain w.th Colo Bonjours Detachm.t
recommends L.t Bate and L.t Collins.

I had the Honor to address the Board on the 29th June & therein made them acquainted with every Occurrence that had happen'd since the Army Marchd from Ramnaud, I have now the Pleasure to Inform you that the Troops under Major Des Plans moved this morning towards Trichinopoly & that I propose setting out tomorrow for Madura.

The Health of Lt Colo Bonjour being very precarious and as it necessary a Field Officer should be with the Young Nabob I have directed Major Braithwaite to remain with the Colo in case his Indisposition should oblige him to quit the Detachment which Step I hope you will not disapprove of.

Lieut Bate having behaved with great propriety during this Expedition & I fancy severely felt his late indiscretion I beg leave to recommend him to your Favor & the Honble Board, his very Young & may yet do well. Lt Collins also of my Regiment has for some time suffered the Boards Displeasure he has always since my being with the Army behaved himself like a good Officer I must therefore become a petitioner to you Sir for the removal of the Bar that now lays against him.

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Capt. Hopkins's Battn. being very bare of Officers, having only 2 Lieuts. doing Duty, I have Ordered L. Muatt to remain wth. him till your further Orders, Ensigns Campbell and Fraser also as it will be a long time ere the Officers ordered to Join in their stead can reach the Detachd. Ensign Montague has my Leave to proceed to the Coast for the Recovery of his Health, having been extreamly Ill during the Campaign.

I have the Honor to transmit you the Returns for June with a Copy of Orders &ca. and am with Perfect Respect and Esteem

Honble Sir
Your most Obdt. Servant,
Jos. Smith

Camp Keeranoor
1st July 1772

To Lieut. Coll Bonjour
Sir

The Nabobs eldest Son, Omdut. Ul. Omrah Behauder having represented to me the necessity of leaving a Part of the Army with him till such Time as the new conquer Countrys are settled, and being of the same Opinion myself I am come to a Resolution of Augmenting your Detachment, with a Company of European Grenadiers, the 1st Battn. of Sepoys Capt. Rumleys Regiment of Mogul Cavalry, Capt. Martins Corps of Topasses & Nazeel Cawns Horse which you will please to take under your Command and at all times to afford the S. Nabob every assistance in your Power that

may

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may tend towards the final establishment of his Affairs in these Parts

Orders from G. Smith to Coll Bonjour

Considering the Ill state of your Health and how much you have lately suffered from fatigue I have directed Major Braithwaite to remain with you, that in case it should so happen from Indisposition you are under a necessity to leave the Detail he may take Command of it in your absence I have enclosed a Copy of the Governors & Council instructions to me for your Guidance wishing you health & Success, I am Sir

Your most Obd. Huble Servt.
J. Smith

Camp Keeranoor
June 30th 1772

To Major Des Plans
Sir

And to Major Des Plans

The Governor and Council having directed that the Troops under my Command should return to the Nivard, as soon as the service they were employd on was effected you will therefore please to proceed with 5 Battn of the 1st Regiment, the 5 and 10 Battns of Sepoys, Field Artillery & Capt Matthews Regt of Mogul Cavalry by the nearest Route to Trichinopoly where on your Arrival Capt Brewes Battn is to March into the Fort & form a part of that Garrison; the Europeans & Capt. Cosbys Battn proceed to Vellour the light Artillery are to be left at Trichinopoly

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Trichinopoly & Major Horne will dispose of his Corps agreable to the General Orders given out at Fort St George for that Purpose The Rout I would recommend to you is from hence to Sholavrum, Pauganary Pericharu Koil Nedamarum, Nicolum Perour, Killiour Kirrinour, Mateur Trichinopoly, but in case your Hircars can point out any other more Eligible, pursue it - Musquet Ammunition &c. a Bazar are Ordered to attend you & some of Tondimans People as Guides through their Masters Country, Capt Matthews may remain at Trichinopoly & wait such Orders as the Nabob shall think proper to send him for his further Observance

I am wishing you a Pleasant March

Sir

Your most Obd Servant

J. Smith

Camp at Keranoor the 30th July 1772

Copy

However ready we might be to gratify Major Braithwaite, by confirming General Smith's Appointment of him to the Detachment of the Company's Troops left with the Young Nabob, if it could be done consistently with the good of the Service, yet when we consider the Strength of the Detachment, which consists of only one Company of Grenadiers & a Batt and an half of Sepoys together with the Purpose for which it was left we are of Opinion that the Appointment

Battalion

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of one Field Officer might have been dispensed with, since General Smith acquaints us that the Nabob hath entire Possession of the whole Country & the Detachment, as we understand is only intended by the Awe and Influence it will create to enable the Young Nabob to settle the Affairs of Government Under these Circumstances it would be unjustifiable in us to increase the Military Charges when the Exigency of the Service does not require it. It is therefore resolved that General Smith be desired to order Major Braithwaite to Join his proper Corps in Garrison. But as the President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had expressed great Satisfaction at the Conduct of L. Coll. Bonjour & had requested that he might continue in the command of the Detachment, as an Officer in whom he places great confidence, the Board acquiesce. And in case Lieut. Coll. Bonjour should be unable to keep the Field and it should be necessary to appoint another Field Officer to the Command of the Detachment, the Distance from Trichinopoly or Vellum, to whatever part of the Country the Detachment may be in, will not be so great, but that an Officer may have time to Join it without any Danger of the Service suffering by Delay.

The Board observe that General Smith in his Orders to L. C. Bonjour hath

hath directed him to take the Command of the Nabobs Troops left in that Country which is certainly Improper. For altho the Nabob was induced for the good of the Service to put his Troops under General Smiths Orders during the Expedition - yet the Service being now over & the Army seperated, the Nabobs Troops fall again of course under his own immediate command and as we have no controul over them except when the Nabob thinks proper to put them under our Direction it must rest with him to put them under the Orders of L. C. Bonjour whenever he shall Judge it expedient for the Execution of any particular Service - We are convinced these Circumstances did not occur to General Smith at the time, it is however proper that he be made acquainted with our Sentiments thereon.

The President acquaints the Board that he has been informed that very great Disorders have arisen in Camp on the Subject of the Plunder taken at Kala Koil the particulars of which he had not been able to ascertain but he learns that both the Young Nabob and the General had been treated with great disrespect on that occasion by some of our Officers.

It is with the greatest concern that the Board find themselves so frequently obliged to take up Matters from common

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Report: it is what they earnestly wish to avoid as they are convinced it may, to Persons unacquainted with our Situation have the Appearance of a Desire to find Cause of complaint. But when matters become the Subject of common Report which if true so essentially concern the Honor & Interest of the Nation & Company & which reflect so much on the conduct of this Government, as well as on the Officer at the Head of the Troops if he hath not taken Measures to punish the Delinquents and when we are unable to obtain authentic Information thro the proper Channel, that is from the Officer from whom we ought to receive it, we cannot avoid taking Measures for ascertaining the Facts on which such Reports are founded. We did hope from the Intimation given us by General Smith in his Letter of the 29th June, that we should before this Time have received from him the particular circumstances relating to the affair at Kala Kiel, but as we have been disappointed and as we cannot after the late Insults offered to the Young Nabob by the Soldiers as mentioned in our Letter to General Smith of the 6th Instant but be exceedingly alarmed for the consequences of such repeated marks of Licentiousness, It is agreed that General Smith be made acquainted with our Anxiety on that account and desired to give us the most particular Information in his Power.

Agreed in consequence of General Smiths recommendation that Mr. Robert Spearman

But

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Bate be restored to his former Rank of Lieutenant in the Service, and that the Bar to Lieut. Collins's promotion be taken off.

Pursuant to a Resolution of Council of the 22d June, the Military Paymaster now lays before the Board the following Statement of the difference of Pay & Gratuity between Captains and Capt. Lieutenants of Artillery & which the Honble Court of Directors have been pleased to order the President and Council to refund.

Statement of the Difference of Pay & Gratuity betwixt Captain Lieutenant & Capts of Artillery for the undermentioned Times which Difference is to be refunded by their President and Council

			Years	Mo.	Days	Pay	Gratuity
Captain Stout	from 6 Augt to the 8th of October 1770			2	2	15.11.2	3.2
Kennedy	from Do to 17th of Novr 1771		1	3	11	115.17.½	23.6
De Morgan	from Do to 8 December 1771		1	4	2	121.3.3	24.7
Capt. Lt. Oats	from Do to 17 June 1772		1	10	11	168.12.7	33.16
Mackay	from Do to 17 June Do	Do				168.12.7	33.16
						£ 589.16.7½	£ 118.7

Difference of Pay 589.16.7½
Difference of Gratuity 118 " 7 "
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30 June 1772
Errors Excepted
Geo Stratton
Mil. Pay

Statement of the difference of Pay to be refunded

Governor
Genl. Coote
Mr. Hastings
Genl. Smith
Messrs. Ardley
John Smith
Geo Stratton
Brooke
Brickenden
Mackay

Members present when the order passed 10 d 1771. 28 Each

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The President Minutes on paying in his Proportion

The Hon'ble Court of Directors having been pleased in their Letter to this Department of the 27 of November 1771 to order that the President & Council refund the difference of Pay and Gratuity which have been drawn by the Artillery Officers whose Rank and pay were raised from Capts Lieutenants to full Capts in August 1770 I now pay in my Quota agreable to the Account Stated by the Military paymaster and now laid before the Board amounting to Pag. 177. 1. 28

Far from complaining of the rigour of such an Order I must say I think it just as founded on our representation in our Minutes of Consultation and our address to the Hon'ble Court and I sincerely wish I had found an uniform System as rigidly established when it fell to me to take the charge of this Government I should then in a great measure have been freed from the continual contention which I have been obliged to maintain in order to restrain and prevent the Increase of Military Expences The discontents of the Army on this Account might have born witness to this truth had a case the reverse of that in Question occurred but as their discontents might tend to their Justification perhaps that may in some Degree Silence those discontents.

I certainly subscribed my assent to the giving the Commissions as it stand recorded in our Consultations but my Assent was contrary to my Judgement and contrary to the Doctrine

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have uniformly maintained my correspondence when the Army was in the Balaghans in 1768 will prove should it be necessary for me to produce it - that I strenuously opposed a Measure similar to that which I complyd with in 1770 and the Reasons recorded in Consultation the 12 August 1771 against giving a Major Brevet to Capt. Horne when recommended by General Smith will shew the Grounds on which I have opposed the giving even of Brevets to the Artillery, I urged the same reasons in the Year 1770 when Coll Butler applied to the Board in favor of the Capt. Lieut. of his Corps, but the granting Commissions to them being strongly recommended by General Coote and General Smith then present at the Board. I did not oppose it otherwise them by Stating the Arguements against it, but I cannot say I consent to it - in my mind I certainly did not thro' I actually signified a consent by subscribing to the Resolution, This I did merely for the sake of preserving harmony and in complement to General Coote and General Smith those who are charged with the lead in publick Affairs deserve to smart if from want of firmness they depart from their own clear Judgement, but these are cases in which such a concession may be essential to the good of the service as small things ought to be sacrificed to attain greater objects, I thought harmony at that Time of greater consequence than the occasional Deviation from the Establish.d Insuff- now for the proof I then gave of my disposition

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When this Expedition was undertaken the Nabob was Induced for the good of the Service to put his Troops which accompanied the Army under your Orders. The Expedition being over and the Army Seperated his Troops of Course fall again under his own immediate Command and as we have no controul over them except when the Nabob thinks proper to put them under our Direction it must rest with the Nabob to put them under the Orders of L. Coll. Bonjour whenever he shall think it expedient for the Execution of any particular Service. We are convinced these circumstances did not occur to you at the time you gave L. Coll. Bonjour Directions to take them under his Orders.

In your letter of the 27th Ultimo to the President you mention that the Young Nabob had agreed to give fifty Thousand Pagodas for the Ransom of the Plunder taken at Hala Hail and in your Letter to us of the 29th you intimate

that

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to Yield where I thought it might be done without great Inconvenience that harmony I thought by such means to establish was soon after I broke by a Demand of Power to which I then thought and I still think I ought not to Yield, and I understand I am to suffer still greater Censure for not Yielding in a Point still Clearer and Stronger than even the case of the Artillery Officers clear and Strong as that is What Course shall we take in such Times as these? Submit to that which is just without repining, and acknowledge the Justice I therefore pay in my Quota.

The Several Members who were present in Council when the order passed for Granting the Captain Lieutenants of Artillery Commissions as full Captains with the Pay and Allowances annexed to that Rank think it necessary to declare that their Acquiescence to that Measure was solely in compliance with the Recommendation of General Coote and General Smith, for the sake of preserving Harmony & Unanimity, They however in consequence of the Orders of the Hon'ble Court now pay their Respective Proportions of the difference of Pay & Gratuity to be refunded, Viz.t

	P.	S.	D.
Mr John Smith	177,	1,	20
Mr Stratton	177,	1,	20
Mr Brooke	177,	1,	20
Mr Mackay	177,	1,	20

And Ordered that the Several

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demanded from General Smith, the Attorney of Mr. Hastings, the Executors of Mr. Ardley & from Mr. Breikenden

Jos. du Pré.
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
J. W. Ms
Geo. Mackay

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Came in the following Letter from Lt Coll: Bonjour

Hon̄ble Sir

Letter from Lt Coll: Bonjour

The Detachment of which I send you my last monthly return having in part been returned to Madura and new Troops appointed to remain wth me in the Field, I enclose you in this, the present State of the last together with a Monthly return of the 5th Company of the 7th Battn of Seapoys remaining with me.

I have nothing material to inform you with since the fall of Cala Coil and defendencies, the Young Nabob is now appointing People for the Management of this District after which he proposes proceeding towards Ramnad a pram where I am to accompany him.

I have the Honor to remain wth Respect

Hon̄ble Sir

Your most humble & most Obedient Servant

J Bonjour

Camp near Sheraganga the 5 of Aug 1772

15 Wrote the following Letter to General Smith

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith

Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast

Sir

Letter to Genl Smith on the Subject of leaving two Field Officers with the Young Nabob putting the Nabobs Troops under the Orders of Lt Co Bonjour of the Disturbance regard the Plunder of Calve Hill

We have recd your Letter of the 24th June & the President hath communicated to us those addressd to him dated 27 June & 1st Ins. the latter enclosing your Orders to Lt Coll Bonjour & to Lt Coll Des Plains —

Our Inclination is not less than yours to favor the Interest of Major Braithwaite but as every Act of Government becomes an Example and precedent which the Interest of Individuals will

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must always find Reasons to plead on future Occasions, we are Sorry we cannot consistently with the Ideas we entertain of the System proper to be pursued on this Coast agree to the appointment of two Field Officers for such a Detachment of the Company's Troops as you have left with the Young Nabob we do not think that either the Detachment or the Service which remains to be performed require more one, nevertheless as the Nabob is well satisfied with the conduct of Lt. Colo Benjours plans great Dependance on him and requests his Service on this Occasion we readily confirm him in the Command of the Detachment of the Company's Troops you have left with him but we desire you will be pleased to order Major Brathwaite to join his Sepoy Corps in Garrison and if Lt. Colo Benjours Health should not permit him to continue in the Command he may then be relieved by another Field Officer that should be necessary, The Distance from Trichinopoly or Vellum to any place where the Detachment may happen to be is not great and we do not see how the Service can possibly suffer in the interval of Colo Benjours disability to act should it so happen and the Arrival of another Field Officer since it does not appear to us that any Military Operations remains to be performed we take our Opinion from your advices which inform us that the Nabob is now in full Possession of the Countries of both the

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In your letter of the 27th Ultimo to the President you mention that the Young Nabob had agreed to give fifty Thousand Pagodas for the Ransom of the Plunder taken at Hala Hoil and in your Letter to us of the 29th you intimate

that

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that you shall have occasion to say more on that Subject — We have waited with Impatience to hear further from you thereon, we say with Impatience because reports prevail in the settlement reflecting much on the conduct of some of our Officers —

In your Letter to the President of the 27th June you mention your Intention of proceeding directly to Madras by the way of Madura; we hope nothing will happen to retard your Journey.

In consequence of your recommendation we have restored Mr. Bate to his former Rank of Lieutenant in the Service, & have taken off the Bar to Lieut. Collins's Promotion —

We are Sir
Your most Obd. humble Servts
Jos. Du Pré & Co. Council

Fort St. George
15 July 1772

Arrived this day the Honble Company's Ship Triton with two Cadets on board for this Establishment —

Monday
16 July

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
" J. M. Stone
George Mackay
Mr. Charles Smith Indisposed —

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are now laid before the Board

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The Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at this place from the 30th June to the 15 Instant on the following Prisoners

Names			
Serjeant Anderson		Crimes	Reduced to the Ranks and 1000 Lashes
Willm Morgan	Private	Mutiny and Sedition at Cuddalore	Acquitted
Henry Dixon			Acquitted
Benj. Bonfeather			500 Lashes
David Williams			Acquitted
William Punchard	Private	Desertion	700 Lashes
Saml Seicklee			700 Lashes
James Scroggs Corporal			Reduced & to receive 1000 Lashes

The Board approve of the foregoing Sentences But in consideration of the favorable character given of the Prisoner James Scroggs, they are Induced to mitigate his Punishment to 700 Lashes.

Proceedings of a Sepoy General Court Martial held at this Place on Sircar Banyan Sepoy for Desertion are also laid before the Board by the Sentence of which he is ordered to receive 900 Lashes which the Board approve.

The Secretary acquaints the Board that he hath received a Letter from Lt Coll. Flint Commanding at Trichinopoly advising that Captain Lieutenant Thomas Oats of the Artillery dede there the 10th Instant

In consequence of which the

following

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following Promotions are ordered to take place Viz.

Lieut. Thos. McCulla appoint. Capt. Lieut. Rank 10 July 1772
Lieut. Steve. Henry Parry Do. Lieutenant Do.

And Ordered that Capt. Lieut. Jones be appointed Inspector of Stores at Trichinopoly in the room of Capt. Oats deceased & Capt. Lieut. Mackay Inspector of Stores at Vellour in the room of Capt. De Morgan who must join his Company.

The President acquaints the Board that having applied to the Nabob regarding the Unserviceable Stores in the Garrison of Vellour the Nabob had informed him that he would send him word in what manner he would have them disposed of

The President further acquaints the Board that the Nabob had requested that his Killedars at his several Garrisons in which the Company's Troops are placed, might have a Key to the Several Store Houses as well as the Storekeeper.

As the Several Stores sent to the Out Garrisons are charged to the Nabob & as the Board do not see any Inconvenience can arise from his Killedars being permitted to keep one of the Keys to the Storehouses It is resolved that his request be complied with, of which the Several Storekeepers in the Out Garrisons are to be advised ——

The Secretary lays before the Board

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Read a Letter from Major Vaughan Command-
-ing at Vellum, representing the great want
of Safety Barracks at that Garrison and
recommending that Shott be erected for that
purpose.

Agreed that Major Vaughan
be Desired to transmit to us an Estimate of
the Expence of erecting such Shott as may be
necessary that the same may be laid before
the Nabob ——

Jos. DuBré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Geo. Mackay

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Wrote the following Letter to the President and Council of Fort William & Duke of Albany.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
President and Governor &c Council at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bengale advised of 3 Men exchanged —

The following Recruits for your Presidency having been landed Sick from the Duke of Albany at this Place Viz. Wm Smith David McNeal & John Munro, we have put on board that Ship John Davidson & Alexander Ritchie who with Thomas Burke now on Furlow at Bengall may if it be agreable to your Honors &c be removed to your Establishment in their room the two first are Recruits of this Year & Thomas Burke's contracted time will expire the 11th October 1773. —

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

Fort St George
18th July 1772.

Monday
20th July

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr „ Governor President
John Smith „ George Stratton
Henry Brooke „ John Whitehill
„ John M. Stone
George Mackay
Mr Charles Smith Indisposed.

Letter from Mr Wynch Chief at Masulipatam read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been favoured

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Letter from Mr Wynch thinks it improper to send a Person to Ben Eufant On the Subject of writing the Genitor Cirear

favoured with your commands of the 9th Ult.

I have already communicated to the President my Sentiments with respect to sending a Person to Ben Eufant to Demand the Deserters from him. I took the Liberty to say that I thought we should expose ourselves to be insulted as he would probably refuse or decline to deliver them and that it would be better to avoid such an affront unless we were resolved immediately to resent it as it could not fail to lessen us in the Opinions of the Zemindars and others to whose knowledge it might come. I however sent Hircarahs to see if they were with him, who are returned and inform me that he has sent them towards Adoy.

I have already so fully expressed myself to the President on the advantages that according to my conception, would result to the Comp. by their having possession of the Circar of Mustafanagar and on the Inconveniencies that we are and may further be exposed to by being without it that it is superfluous to insist more upon the Subject particularly as your Honor &c.a are already of the Same Opinion.

I advised the President the Ult. of my having sent Mullo Pund at to Bazalet Jungs Court, He is known to Bazalet Jung and the Duan, and is a person of knowledge and Discretion. By him I wrote Letters to them acquainting them that I had sent him to talk with them upon the matter hinted at in

in Bazalets Letter to the President. The only Instructions that I have yet given to Mullo Pundat, are, to find out whether they are really serious in their seeming inclination of letting the Circar to the Company, if so what are the Motives that Induced them to it and what are the lowest Terms on which it may be obtained I have cautioned him not to appear to eager about it, but rather to endeavour to convince them, that the Company's chief or only reason for wishing to rent it, is to prevent the misunderstanding that might probably arise between them and Bazalet Jung should it continue on the footing it is at present and have furnished him with Arguements as occurred to me for removing any Fears and Doubts should he have such such of the Company's entertaining any Designs to his prejudice I have not yet heard from Mullo Pundat, but daily expect it.

I shall now give your Honors such Information as I have been able to procure with respect to the Revenue of Murtazanguer. I believe it is pretty Just, but at the same time would not entirely depend upon it.

The Person who at present acts at Pouzdaar is the Partizan Bon Enfant whose character and situation you are already sufficiently acquainted with, I believe he does not pay a certain Rent for it, but gives Bazalet Jung credit for the Sums collected from the Country and charges him with the expences of

collection

collection and the Pay and Allowance to his Party

There are no Havelly Lands in Murtaza-nagur and those that compose the Jaghers were taken for that purpose from the Zemindar by Bazalit Jung, for which a Deduction is made from the Zemindabundy. The Zemindars from whom they were taken, continue to receive from them their Duties and Sovereins, the latter is an allowance which the Inhabitants make Yearly to their Lord besides his proportion of the Harest Jaggheris.

To Seed Fathullah Cawn Killedar of Condavere 16 Villages, which were taken from the following Zemindars

of Chintapellee	2	
Rapillah	3	
Chilacatoor Paudoo	11	16 Yearly Zemindabundy whereof was 12,000

To Emaum Jung Nootachy Samatoo consisting of 14 Villages taken from the Zemindary of Chintapellee 10,000

To a Moorman whose name Jam an-acquainted with, the Village of Dunnacuttoo taken also from the Zemindary of Chintapellee 1000

Md.s Pay . 23,000

Zemindaries &c.a from whence the Government receive Revenue

Chintapellee belonging to Vessareddy Ramanah Sir Desmook of Murtazanagur Zamabundy whereof for Phuzutter 1180 was 59,000

Rapillah, belonging to Maneeah Row-Junganah Sir Desmook of Do for Do . . . 32,000

Venicondah & Bellumcondah belonging

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to Mutrawze Gundah Row	32,000
Colloor &c. in all 6 Villages belonging to Narrain Row Zemeindar of Noozeed	3000
Land Customs	2000
Presents made by the Zemeindars in 1780, above their Zummabundy	30,000
Mds Pags	190,000
Deduct the Zummabundy of the above Jagghies	23,000
Mds Pags	167,000

But I am of Opinion that the Company may be able to procure without oppressing or disgusting the Zemeindars, and exclusive of the Jagghies about 180,000 Mds Pags yearly perhaps more, from this Sum I would deduct what I imagined would be the expence of Sibbandy, and of the Troops that might in consequence of our obtaining that Circar be necessary to obtain in addition to our present establishments the Ballance would Shew what we could afford to give for it - in short that I would reckon upon our being able to 180,000 Pags but not upon more, I compute the Sibbandy at about 3000 Mds Pags 6 Annum, what additional Force ought to be entertained can only be determined by your Honor &c. for my own part I should recommend that it be a complete Battalion of Seapoys and that this Battalion be stationed so, as to give as proper Influence in Murtazanagar and likewise be able to Join readily the Troops at Ellore in case of need —

The very sensible of the

of the Honor done me by your leaving the Terms on which we may settle for Murtazanagar so much at my discretion, yet be assured I shall be very far from using that Power to extensively on the contrary, you shall have the Speedest advise of every material circumstance that may occur in the negociation and it will afford me much greater satisfaction to receive and obey your orders than to conclude the Business without them

I am with much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt Servant
Ar Wynch

Masulipatam
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Consideration thereon deferred.

Agreed to defer the consideration of the above Letter untill we learn from Mr Wynch the result of Mullah Pandats Negociation with Bazalet Jung or how far it may be likely to succeed.

Read the following Letter from Lt Coll Ross Chief Engineer

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

Letter from Lt Coll Ross with a Letter from Capt Montrose with Plans Estimates & Description of the Barracks proposed at Trichinopoly & Lt Coll Ross remarks thereon

I have the honor herewith to lay before you Captain Montrosers Designs for the Buildings at Trichinopoly with the Letter and Estimates that accompanied them. On which I have made such Remarks as I thought might enable the Honble Board the better to Judge of their Propriety

I am with Respect

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
Patrick Ross.

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Remarks on Captain Montresor's Plans & Estimates for his proposed Buildings at Trichinopoly.

Para 4. As the Situation of these Buildings is Judged by every Body to be bad and Inconvenient, I could wish your Honor would be pleased to recommend it to the Nabob, to grant some other Spot more central and less confined, Should the present situation meet with your Approbation I imagine the Buildings might be made equally convenient and more Airy by altering their Positions as

N. Plan. marked in Yellow where they are formed into Squares. The soldiers Barracks by being placed between those of the Officers, the Men will be constantly under their Eye and of Course kept regular —

The Kitchens and offices are placed in one range near the Rock following the Direction of the Wall that surrounds it, between which, and the offices, there should be a passage to communicate with them. This will prevent Horses, Puckallies, Coolies &c. from coming into the Squares, and enable the Men to keep them very clean. By having a Wicket towards the Street to prevent the Soldiers from getting into the Town, they can have the free use of the Tank to wash in.

Para 6th Plan 2 A Drain may be carried under all the Offices and communicated with the

Ditch by one, or more of the Streets. This drain may be kept very clean by the water from the Tank and a Well sunk at the opposite end of it —

Para 6th No 2 Plan — The Appartments for the Field Officers I think very sufficient, but imagine the addition of a Shed for Horses &c will be wanted.

Para 18 Plan No 3 Sec No 4 — As the Barracks may be made very Airy by enlarging the Windows, which do not appear to me to be at present proportion to Buildings of that Size which are to have Verandas before them I should imagine it be necessary to make the Roofs so high as they will thereby be exposed in case of a Siege I am therefore of Opinion that a Semi Circle or even a flatt Ellipses will be fully Sufficient for air and will render the Buildings more compact and equally commodious.

The manner of erecting the Arches of the Verandas as expressed in the Section, will be attended with difficulty in the Execution and will not admit so much Air as the Semi Circle which I think is therefore to be preferred —

The Slope proposed to be given the Floors I imagine to be more than is required to carry off the Water and make them disagreeable to walk on —

Para 9th & 11th Plan No 5 Profil No 6 — I do not conceive how any place within a Garrison besieged can be deemed secure from the Effects of Shells unless

it is Bomb Proof. Therefore Submit to the Honble Board the Propriety of having some of those made so the whole should be smooth Chunamed —

As the Doors and Windows will not be sufficiently Strong if made of Sheathing Board I would therefore recommend more substantial Materials —

Para 12th Plan No 7. If the Front of the Soldiers Kitchens are made with arches between the Piers it will give more Room for the People to Pass and make Doors unnecessary.

Para 13th No 8 Bamboo Laths and Plaister will be constantly in want of Repair a Wall of a Brick thick cannot much increase the Expence and will be lasting.

As the Dimensions of all the Parts of those Buildings are not ascertained by figures, nor the exact Size of the Door, Windows Arches and Piers inserted together with the Pieces of Materials, I cannot with Precision enter into a Particular Calculate of them. I shall therefore only beg leave to observe in General that the Expence of Chunaming bears no proportion to the Brick Work —

As in the Field Officers Quarters the

Plain Brick Work is estimated	Pagt	3825
The Arches		1688
		5509
And the Chunaming of the Buildg at		5626
Which exceeds the whole of the Brick Work by		117

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The reason of this I do not understand as I imagine that all the materials are cheaper at Tuckinopoly than here, where it could not amount to so much —

The Doors of the Officers Appartments which are to be without Frames are estimated at 1½ Pagodas each, and the Windows which by the Scale appears to be but four feet and a Half high and three feet wide are charged at 12 Pag.s each without Rattans or Blinds which I imagine must be wanted

Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer

To Lieut. Coll Ross

Sir

Letter from Capt. Montresor to L. Coll Ross, with the Description of the Plans & an Estimate of the Expence of Barracks at Tuckinopoly.

I intended myself the Pleasure of writing to you the beginning of this Month but not having any Artificers & employd under my direction during the late month nor incurring any expence in that time I thought it needless to trouble you.

With this I hope you'l receive the designs for Officers Quarters & Soldiers Barracks, with their Offices, agreable to the following List I received from the General —

For 2 Field Officers
9 Captains
27 Subalterns
9 Companies } of Infantry

2 Captains
20 Subalterns } of Seapoys

1 Field Officer
2 Captains
6 Subalterns
1 Company } of Artillery

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As I have adhered strictly throughout these designs to what I thought was the Intention of the Honble Board (which you favoured me with in your former letters I flatter myself they will meet with their Approbation being plain and substantial —

The Awkwardness of the Situation intended for the buildings distressed me much and has prevented me from arranging the Quarters to that advantage I would wish the great heat from the reflection of the Rock obliged me to place them at as great distance from it as the ground would admit still preserving them parallel to each other, with the intermediate space of 60 feet which you'l please to observe has been with diffi-culty kept owing to the oblique direction of the wall that surrounds the Rock in N.1 you'l see the general disposition of the Quarters, Barracks & Magazines in yellow to a Scale of 200 feet to one Inch with the present Lem of the Street in Red, the Vacant Spaces being filled up with Huts & old Mud Walls which must be levelled before the Intended Buildings are begun. The Young Nabob I believe proposes making a com-pensation to those to whom they belong on their removal. He having paid for the Quarters in which the Officers are at present, He will no doubt dispose of the Materials as he thinks proper, He having use for them, I have not

made

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made an Estimate of their Value and it will lead the Engineer into many disagreeable difficulties should he be obliged to Interfere with the removal of them.

The Situations of the Tank (and the Chauttry where the Regiment is now lodged prevent the Ground to the Southward of the Quarters from being put to any other use than as a small back Garden, there being only a communication between them and the Rock Wall of 3 or 4 feet in width, the Space being occupied chiefly by pensioners & Invalids who have no Barracks allowed them in the proposed buildings

No 2. is the whole northern Range to a Scale of 50 feet to one Inch, by which you may distinguish the different appartments the first Sett on the right is proposed to be allotted to one of the Field Officers & consists of one hall of 28 feet by 16 two rooms each of 18 - 3 by 16, two Godowns of 18 - 3 by 9 with a Back Veranda and the Officers are a kitchen of 18 by 12 & a small closet. Altho' in the List I was favoured with by the General there were three Field Officers mentioned, yet I have provided Quarters but for two, The Main Guard mounting at the Warrior Gate the Commandant Lt Coll Flint Joins with me in Opinion

that

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that the Quarters over the Gateway are most proper for Him or any future Commandant it being the principal Gate & more centrical than where the General Quarters are intended to be, which situation both on point of defence and convenience I think every ill chosen as the first plan being the most distant from any part that is liable to be attacked & in the next it is confined and hot, inconveniences that ought ever to be avoided if possible —

N3 is the Plan of two Sets of Quarters for Officers to a Scale of 10 Feet to an Inch each set consisting of one half of 20 Feet in length by 16 in breadth, one Chamber 10. 3 by 16 Feet and one Godown of 10 3 by 9 Feet and is intended for one Captain or two Subalterns, the Back Verandah being between two Sets of Rooms I endeavoured to make the Front Verandah wider but found the Inconveniencies of being obliged either to have the Roofs very high or the Front very low, obstacles not to be removed but at a great expence by a different mode of Pitching therefore to make them easy I have made the Arches as wide as their Form would admit & have on that account given an additional thickness to their Piers, the Doors I propose to have of one Inch Plank battened with good sheathing board, with a Sash and two plate Spring bolts. The Windows to be of

of one Inch Plank and Uncleaned with three plate spring bolts, The Arches on the outside to be flat with only a camber of 1/4 of an Inch on a foot, within 4 Inches center and to be all keyd with Stone, The Paving to be one course to level, two in Chunam and one of 8 In.s Brick to have two inches slope each way outwards, the Rooms to be fine chunamed a broad batten with hooks to be put up in the chamber the Verandas & outside of all the Buildings to be chunamed with Strong Stone chunam.

No. 4 is the Section of the Officers Quarters to a Scale of 5 feet to one Inch and an Elevation taken from the upper step to the Top of the Cornice (the Section shewing the Rest to a Scale of 3 feet to one Inch, The Arches being low I was afraid by adding an impost to make them appear more flat I have therefore omitted it both on that Account as well as that of expence I have also kept the Piers quite plain but should the Board prefer an ornamented front on your doing me the favor of acquainting me I will furnish you with in the Gothic taste adapted to the Building but I think that any ornament will not only be difficult to execute properly here, will not long retain a neatness of appearance, but also be a

a great additional expence
N.5 is the Plan of two Setts of Soldiers Barracks to a scale of 10 feet to one Inch each Room is 58 9 in length by 16 in breadth, in this is shewn the disposition of the Cots each Set to contain one Company of Europeans according to the present esta=blishment. The Grenadier and Artillery Com=panies being double in Number to the others I have provided for them in making Barracks for 12 Companies, The General was of Opinion that from the Secure situation of the Barracks it was needless to make them Bomb proof, I have not therefore designed any particularly as you did not acquaint me with the Number of Men they were intended for if the Honble Board should think them requisite I will contrive them in such a Manner as shall neither alter the Plan nor external appearance of the Buildings.

The Doors are to be the same as before with two plate Springs and one round Bolt, only one Door of each Sett of Barracks to have a Lock. The Window Shutters to be of Sheathing Board (if good) battened with the Same. The Paving as before with three Inches Slope each way. The Rooms to be rough cast with Stone Chunam & Racks

to fix

fix on each of the Piers to hang on the Arms and accoutrements

N.6 is the Profit of the Soldiers Barracks to a Scale of 5 feet to one Inch

N.7 is the Plan Elevation & Section of one sett of Kitchens. I have allotted one Cookroom to two Setts of Officers Quarters & one to each sett of Barracks or to one Company with this difference only in them that in the Soldiers Kitchens, there are no Windows, doors being substituted in their places as more convenient in preventing the rooms from being thronged. The Partitioner Walls I propose carrying up to only the height of the Springing of the Arch excepting the middle wall as that will be same support to the Arch in so long a range. The Doors to be the same as those of the Barracks excepting in the Dimensions (being smaller) with two bolts within & a round eye bolt without the Paving as before & the rooms to be rough cast.

N.8 is the Plan and Section of the Necessary Houses with the Section of the Drain & Profit thro the Wall and Fausse Braye shewing its slope into the Ditch the Profit is thro the best part of the Wall by which you may Judge of its ruinous condition & hen requisite it is to take down the Parapet to prevent its falling

falling which it daily threatens, this way of carrying the Drain into the Ditch is the most convenient & least offensive & the badness of the Wall affords a good opportunity of having them in this manner & to have them thoroughly cleansed. I propose leading the main drain into the Sess Ports. Altho' I've placed the necessary houses equidistant yet as the Soil is irregular I imagine it will make no difference should they be built more on one side than another to gain the advantage of the Wells & this must be determined by boring the ground with sounding Augrees. The Rooms are to be rough cast & paved in the same manner as the Kitchen the Partition Walls to be of Bamboo Laths & Plaister & carried to the height of seven feet above the Floor ——

N.B. is the Cornice which is to be used one sixteenth part of the Height ——

The Cost of these Buildings and the Magazines will amount to Pagodas 91,634, 6, 40 the Particular and general Estimates is now enclosed by which you will know the expence of each building as they may be built seperately & at different Times agreable to your Instructions) You may fix on those that are to be first begun The Time taken for erecting

them

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them will depend on the provision of the Materials I would wish to have a Stock of 30 Lacks of Bricks & 18000 Parrahs of Chunam before the Buildings are begun and then I imagine the whole may be compleated in nine months You have already had my Sentiments on the Materials, I therefore rely on the candour of the Hon'ble Board to exculpate me in case I should not (from want of them) be able to carry on the Works with that expedition they may expect.

Thus Sir I hope I have fully answered your intentions, if I have made any omissions you will please to point them out to me & I will immediately give you the information you may want.

Trichinopoly June 19th 1772

I remain Sir
Your most Obd.t Servant
H.T. Montresor

Estimate of the Expence —

Particular Estimate of each of the Intended Buildings.

Field Officers or one of the Western Ranges

Front Veranda Wall	14738	
deduct for Arches	9450	
	5288	= C.Yds 195..23
Back Veranda Wall	14738	
Deduct Arches	5158	
Do Windows	840	
	8740	= 325..19

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Walls to the Springing		34472	
Deduct Door		2992	
Do. Windows		2870	
		28610	= 1059 - 17
Partition wall of ye rooms		8872	
Deduct Doors		816	
		8056	= 298 - 10
Partition Wall of ye Godowns		3097	
Deduct Doors		816	
		2281	84 - 13
Steps		12480	125 " -
Foundation		30429	1127
	Plain Brick Work		3214 - 1
Arches		Sup. Feet.	844 " 0
Exterior Chunaming		55600	
Interior Do.		85048	
		140648	
Paving		19266	

			Pay.	Fan.
Plain Brick Work	3214 @ 1½ Pg. = 0 Sq.		3821	-
Arches	844⅓ @ 2		1688	27
Chunaming	Squares 1406½ @ 4	0 Sq.	5626	
Paving	192½ @ 8		1540	
44 Doors	@ 14		896	
172 Windows	@ 12		2064	
Clearing Foundation @	Rods 625½		60	2
Painting			136	
	Each Range Pay.		15831	29

One of the Middle Ranges

	S. F.	
Walls	30256	
Deduct Doors	2040	
Do. Windows	2100	67 Sq.
	26116	= 967 - 7
Front Veranda	12932	
Deduct Arches	6632	67 Sq.
	6300	= 232 - 9

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		12932	
Back Veranda		3780	
Deduct Arches		700	
Do Windows		8452	311 – 1
		11634	
Partition Walls		1360	
Deduct Doors		10274	380 – 14
			992 –
Foundation			114 .. 14
Steps			2006 .. 19
	Plain Brick Work		741 .. 1
Arches	S.F.		
Paving	17100		
Chunaming	128769		
Plain Brickwork C.S.	2006½	=	3009 .. 31 .. 40
Arches	741	=	1482
Paving Squares	171	=	1360
Chunaming	1287½	=	5150
40 Doors			560
80 Windows			960
Clearing Foundation			55
Painting			124
	Pag.s		12708 – 31 .. 40

One Range of Barracks

Walls	22474	
Deduct 36 Door & 48 Windows	33312	
	19162	
	S.F.	
Verandas	18650	
Deduct Arches	9072	
	9578	
Foundation	13311	
Partition Walls	5096	
Steps	2900	

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Arches		21748	
Interior Chunaming		S. F. 39515	
Exterior Do		42500	
Paving		145.84	
Plain Brick Work	1976 1/3 Pag		2964 20
Arches	805 1/2		1611
Chunaming Square	820		3280
Paving	145 3/4		1166
Doors @ 12 Pags			288
Windows			384
Clearing Foundation			35
Painting			72
Rack and Hooks			200
		Pags	10,000 20

Officers Kitchens

		S. F.	
Walls		3303	
Deduct Doors		112	
Do Windows		48	
		3143	
Foundation and Steps		1643	
Partition Walls		466	
Arches		1022	
		S. F.	
Chunaming or rough casting		2260	
Exterior Chunaming		3451	
Paving		720	
Brick Work	C. Pd. 194 1/4	Pags	291-31 40
Arches	30		76 - -
Chunaming the Inside of Sq. 22 1/2 @ 2 Pags			45
Exterior Chunaming	34 1/2 @ 4		138
Paving	75 @ 8		57 25
Doors	@ 10		40
Windows	@ 6		24

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Painting			8
Clearing Foundation			7
		Pagodas	686 - 14 - 40
Field Officers Kitchens d		Pag.s	200
Kitchens of three rooms each			463
Soldiers Kitchens each			926

Officers Necessary house

Walls		2660	
Deduct doors		224	
		2436	C.P.
Foundation & Steps		1062	= 159
Arches & Drain		1079	= 69 - 16
Chunaming the Inside		Sup. Feet 8252	
Exterior D.o		3765	
Paving		864	
Brickwork	C.yds 159 = Pag.s	238	31 - 40
Arches & Drain	69½	139	
Chunaming Sq.r	32½	65	
D.o the Outside	37½	150	
Paving Sq.rs	8½	60	
Doors		80	
Carpenters work & materials		100	
Well and Sess Pool		37	
Clearing Foundation		5	
Painting		8	
	Each Pag.s	890	31 - 40

General Estimate

Field Officers Ranges	31663	12
Center Ranges	25457	21
Barracks	20,000	40
Kitchens	5,476	29

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Nursary Houses	3.450.10.40
Magazines	3.617.20.—
Drains	2,100.—
Total	91,634.6.40

H.T. Montresor

To be laid before the Nabob

Agreed that the above Plans Designs and Estimate be laid before the Nabob, that he may acquaint us whether he consents to the Buildings being undertaken.

The President lays before the Board the following Letters from Captain Sawyer.

Sir

Letter from Capt. Sawyer recommends Ensign Gun to be Quarter Master of Cavalry

By the Promotion of Mr. Ratzel the post of Quarter Master in my Troop becomes Vacant, and as we are at this Time particularly in want of a Quarter Master. I take the Liberty to recommend to the Honourable Terms Ensign John Gun to succeed to the Quarter Master Ship, the Young Gentleman has always served in the Cavalry and is an extreme good Horseman for which reason among many others he is by much the most proper person to fill that Vacancy.

I must beg permission to mention that Young Mr. Gun by the Death of his Father is left the chief Support of the Widow and Family (a circumstance I am convinced will have weight with Mr. Du Pre) and the addition of the Pay to his Ensigncy will in some measure enable him to bear this Heavy Burthen, and allow me Sir at

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at the same time to add, I shall esteem his Appointment a very particular Favor confered on Sir.

Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant.
J. Col. Tonyn

Cuddalore July 11th 1772

Sir.

Letter from Capt. Tonyn, Represents the Price limited for Horses as insufficient, Recommends Trumpets, the Troopers want of Cloaks, Detains the old Troopers.

In compliance with the Direction of the Board, I shall order an Officer to Arcott to purchase Horses and shall set out in a few days myself for that place I purpose taking some orderly Troopers with me which I hope the Board will not object to. —

I must beg permission to remark that although the Price limited by the Board may have been very sufficient for the Purchase of such Horses as have formerly been bought for the Cavalry, yet I fear it will prove not to be sufficient to procure such as I could wish in future the Cavalry to have & which I'm sure the Service require; small Horses though they may endure Fatigue very well when not overloaded yet have not enough weight for a Body of Cavalry which are to act offensively, and at the same time they heart the appearance of a Corps, which However trifling it may seem yet in Fact no small

consideration

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consideration. I can assure you Sir I have the good of the Service much at Heart and my sole Motive is the promoting it, I therefore what I may be deemed reasonable I must beg the Sentiments of the Board upon it and that the Board will be pleased to send me an order to authorize the Paymaster at Vellore to pay my Bills on that Account —

I must beg leave to inform you Sir as Cavalry have Drums they have been long thrown aside from experience of their inutility, Trumpets are the Proper Instruments for Horse, as the[y] are least expensive being only an expence, Drums a constant one I find for the Troops have been for some time in want of Cloaths which the Company used to furnish and are an Article no Cavalry can be without as they are indispensibly necessary; I have ordered them to be made at my own Expence and shall charge them to you when with Trumpets to the Company which Account I make no Doubt the Board will order to be paid —

I take the Liberty of enclosing a return of my Troop, by which you will observe Sir. I have recruited Twenty five New, Finish'd I could say they are such as I flattered myself we should have got from

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from the Ships of this Year, but when the Artillery have always the first choice it cannot be supposed our Men will turn out so good as they should be I have not yet discharged the old Troopers, as we should not be able to mount a guard without them in a few days we shall have some of the Recruits sufficiently disciplined to take the Guard we shall then turn over the men for the Artillery and Infantry, It will give me great Pleasure to hear my recommendation for the Post of Quarter Master meets your approbation.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most Obd. and
most humble Servant
J. Col. Tonyn

Cuddalore July 14. 1772

Orders thereon

Agreed that the consideration of Capt. Tonyn's Recommendation of Ensign Gun to be Quarter Master of Cavalry be deferred untill General Smiths Arrival

The President acquaints the Board that upon consulting with the Nabob regarding the Purchase of Horses, the Nabob had acquainted him that Five Hundred Rupees was deemed a very sufficient Price for the Good Troop Horses. It is therefore resolved that Captain Tonyn be acquainted that the Price must be limited to 150 P.

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The Board approve of Trumpets being used with the Cavalry instead of Drums - But as Cloaks have never been allowed of as they do not appear of any real Service in this Country we cannot consent to put the Company to any Expence for them.

As the charges of the Troop will be increased beyond the Establishment by detaining the old Troopers intended to be exchanged new recruits have been drafted for the Cavalry in their room It is resolved that Capt Sam Lyon be ordered to send the Men intended to be discharged from the Cavalry to Madras, that they may be incorporated in the Artillery or Infantry Corps.

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of the Out-Garrisons for the following Months Viz.t

Ongole
Madura
Palamcotah
Vellour
Amboor
Vellum
Trichinopoly
} for May

& the Camp for April and have the following remarks Viz.t

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Trichinopoly

We observe in these Accounts that the Repairs of the Surgeons Quarters at Warrior amount to Pag.s 400 & the Repairs of the Store Rooms & Laboratory & Extra Artificers to Pag.s 67.. 12.. 720.. 62 all which appear to us very irregular —

The Charge of 400 Pag.s is what was expended on the Surgeons Quarters at Warrior and inserted in the List of Repairs transmitted by General Smith which the Nabob having acquiesced in the Same was ordered to be allowed — Ordered that the latter part of this Para: be transmitted to Mr. Hay the former Paymaster that he may explain the charge for repairing the Store Room Laboratory &c.a no order having passed for that purpose —

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20th July 1772

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd.t humble Servants
John Smith
George Stratton
John Holland
George Maubray
Edwd. Saunders
John Renton
J. Hudleston

Letter to be wrote to L. Coll. Bonjour

Ordered that a letter be wrote to L. Coll. Bonjour advising him of the favorable Sentiments the Nabob entertains of his Conduct of our having

confirmed

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commend him on the Command of the Detach-
ment left with the Young Nabob & not having
given Orders for Major Braithwaite to return into
Garrison & of our Sentiments respecting the Nabobs
Troops having been put under his Orders by
General Smith and as it is probable that the
Service on which Lt Col. Bonjour is employed will
be a work of some Time and as it will be prosper
that the Several Field Officers should join their
respective Brigades as soon as the Service will
admit of it - It is resolved that Captain Chargneau
be appointed to the Command of Madura in
his room - And the Governor acquaints the Board
that he proposes appointing Captain Robert
Wood to be Town Major in the Room of Captain
Chargneau.

Capt. Chargneau appointed to Command at Madura

Capt. Robert Wood appointed Town Major

The President acquaints the Board
that he hath rec'd a Letter from Mr John Roß
desiring of his having been left by General Smith
to act as Paymaster to the Detachment with
L. Coll. Bonjour which the Board approve.

Mr John Roß appointed Payr to Coll. Bonjours Detachment

The President acquaints the Board
that Mr Nicol Mein one of the Cadets of this
Year, having been bred to Surgery, has express'd
a Desire of acting as Surgeons assistant & for which
he has been recommended by Mr Pasley.

Mr Nicol Mein Cadet appointed to act as Surgeons assistant

As we are in great want of Surgeons
assistants it is agreed that Mr Nicol Mein be
appointed to act as such for the present

present, and that he be sent with the Detach=ment now under Orders to embark for Masulipatam.

Letter from Mandarow advising of the Defeat of the Rohillas.

Read a letter from Mandarow as entered in Country Correspondence N.126 Advising of the Victory obtained by his Troops over the Rohillas.

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged.

Letter from the Nabob discharges Capt. Matthews from his Service.

Letter from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence N.127. Advising that he hath no further occasion for Captain Matthew's Services & desiring Leave to return him to the Company.

His reason for so doing.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had informed him, that the reason of his being unwilling to employ Captain Matthews any longer, was that he had great reason to be displeased with Captain Matthew's Behaviour at the Capture of Kala Koil.

As the Board in their Letter to General Smith of 15 Instant, have desired to be informed of the Particulars of that Affairs, Agreed to defer taking any Measures regarding the same untill we receive his Answer.

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
J. M. Mc
Geo. Mackay

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Wrote the following Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour

To Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour
Commanding the Detachment of the Company's Troops with the Young Nabob

Sir

Letter to L. Coll. Bonjour regarding his appointing to the command of the Detachment Major Braithwaite ordered into Garrison Respecting the Nabob's Troops, advising of Capt. Chaigneaux being appointed to the Command of Madurai

General Smith hath informed us that he had appointed you to the Command of the Troops left with the Young Nabob to assist him in settling the Affairs of the Government and it is with great Pleasure we acquaint you that the Nabob from a Sense of the Propriety of your conduct, hath expressed himself well pleased with the appointment which being also very agreeable to us we have confirmed you in the command of the Detachment.

We have wrote to General Smith informing him of the reasons why we think the presence of two Field Officers with the Detachment unnecessary & have in consequence thereof directed that Major Braithwaite do join his proper Corps in Garrison we doubt not but General Smith hath made you acquainted with our Sentiments lest he should not we desire you will Signify them to Major Braithwaite and that he proceed to his Station —

In the Orders delivered to you by General Smith Copy of which he hath transmitted to us we observe that he hath directed you to take upon you the Command of the

Nabob's

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Nabobs Troops left in that Country, the Nabobs Troops are under his own immediate Controul unless he Shall at any time Judge it expedient to put them under the Command of our Officers for the Execution of any particular Service, they were put under the Command of General Smith for a particular Service that Service being finished & the Army seperated they returned again of course under the immediate Orders of the Nabob who may if he thinks fit put them under your Orders, we hope he will, but that must be an Act of his own and could not with propriety be done by General Smith, it will be proper therefore that you apply to Omdut-Ul-Omrah Behauder that they may be regularly put your Command if that be his intention —

As the Service on which you are employd may, as far as appears to us be a work of some Time and as it will be proper that the Several Field Officers should as soon as the Service will admit of it, join their respective Corps, we have Judged it expedient to appoint an Officer to relieve you in the Command of Madura, and have accordingly appointed Capt. Chaigneau for that Station He will set out in a few Days, when we Shall direct the Officer whom you have left in the Command to deliver the Same over to him

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We are Sir
Your most Obdt. Servants
Jos. Du Pré & Council

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

To Alexander Wynch Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to Mr. Wynch advising of the Detachment embarked on the Snow Daniel —

We have this day embarked on the Snow Daniel a Detachment of Troops as Return enclosed.

You have herewith an Invoice of the Arms and Accoutrements sent with them as also an Account of the Provisions &c. put on board for their use whatever may remain on the Vessells arrival at Masulipatam, you will be pleased to receive from the Captain

We have sent with the Detachment Mr. Nicol Mein a Surgeons assistant, He came out in the capacity of a Cadet, but having been bred to Surgery & being willing to Act in that Department, in which we are in great want of assistants, we have permitted him to do so he is to receive Pay as such untill further Orders —

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Jos: Du Pré & Council

Fort St. George
23 of July 1772

At a Consultation Present

Monday 27th July

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
John Smith " ——
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
" J. M. Stone

George Mackay
Mr. Stratton absent

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Mr. Charles Smith Indisposed.

Letter from Mr. Wynch Chief at Masulipatam read as follows.

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

Letter from Mr. Wynch on the Subject of the Guntoor Circar.

I did myself the honor to write you the 8th instant advising you of my having sent Mulloo Pundat to Bazalet Jungs Court Yesterday a letter came from him accompanied by one from the Duan to me, who being at a Village a few Coss distant from Adhony. Mulloo Pundat went to see him there, the Duans letter contains nothing more than expressions of ceremony and Compliment Mulloo Pundat informs me that as soon as he arrived at the Village, the Duan came and visited him, and continues to shew him the utmost Civility & kindness, He told him that he should go in a few days to Adhony, that on their arrival he would introduce him to his Master & that they should then treat of the Business whereon he was came, He assured him of Bazalet Jungs good Inclination towards the Company - acquainting him that Hussein Ally sometime ago wanted to rent the Circar of Murtazanagur, but that his Master did not approve of his having the Management of it, that Zehoor Ullah Cawn

likewise

likewise sent a Vackeel for the same purpose but he was also refused, that Alleyaar Beg had sent his Vackeels & wrote letters to him which he shew'd to Mulloo Pundat) that in one of those he offered 40,000 Rupees Month for the Circar, exclusive of Jaghiris and Sibbindy in another 42,960 & that his Vackeels had offered in their Masters name 45,000 but that Bazalet Jung would not take less than 50,000 Mulloo Pundat is of Opinion that when Alleyaar Begs Vackeels know of his Arrival & the cause of his coming they will offer the 50,000 and perhaps obtain the Circar, He will however be better able to Judge of the matter when he gets to Adhony & has seen Bazalet Jung, In the mean time I shall write to him to the follow=ing effect ¶ To insist strongly tho' in decent & proper Language on the Arguement I before furnished him with to wit, that the princi=pal aim of the Company in desiring to Rent Murtazanagar is, to prevent the misunderstand & that may probably arise, should the Circar continue under Phouzdars or Renters, who should be Insolent towards the Company; for that the Dignity and Honor of their Govern=ment which they would at all Events maintain would not permit them notwith=

standing

notwithstanding their good will towards his highness to let such behaviour go unpunished.

2dly To recommend to him to reflect on the consequences that may from thence follow and 3dly to consider that the Company in all their dealings treat openly and fairly and never offer more than what they mean to perform, an instance whereof he has before him in the Punctuallity wherewith they pay the Money that they consented to give his Brother. I have already informed you that I think the Circar of Murtazanageer would produce to the Company about Mds. Pags. 180,000 ℔ Annum exclusive of Jaghires, After deducting from that Sum the expence of Sibbendy and of a Battalion of Sepoys and after making allowance for such contingent charges as may arise & for Durbar charges that is allowances to the Duan and other Servants at Bazalet Jungs Court without which the Circar cannot be obtained I think we may afford to give 125,000 Mds Pags. net Rent, I shall accordingly write to Mullos Pundit, that he must not at any rate exceed that Sum that I hope & expect he may be able to procure it for less, nevertheless should Alleyaar Begs Vackeels be pressing, and from that or any other cause, he should see an absolute necessity for making such offer he may do so. However that I should be better

pleased

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pleased first to hear from him what Bazalet Jungs answers to the Arguements he should use, may be & what may be the last expec=tation of himself & his Servants

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
C. Wynch

Masulipatam
16th July 1772

Ordered that the above Letter do lie on the Table

Letter wrote the Nabob respecting the Buildings proposed at Trichinopoly

The President acquaints the Board that he hath laid before the Nabob, the Plans & Estimates of the Barracks &c. proposed to be built at Trichinopoly that the Nabob desired a Letter might be wrote him on the Subject, to which he would return an Answer. A Draft of a Letter is therefore now prepa=red as intend in Country Correspondence N. 132 which is ordered to be translated.

Letter from Hyder concludes a Peace with the Morattas

Read a Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn N. 130 advising of his having made Peace with the Morattas.

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledge.

acknowledged

Letter from the Nabob send 5000 Pag. for Pernamale

Letter from the Nabob N. 129 advising of his having sent Pag. 5000 for Pernamale to the end of June

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknow=ledged.

Ensign Forbes dies at Vizagapatam

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from Mr. Andrews Chief at Vizagapatam advising that Ensign John Forbes died there the 11 Instant.

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The Honble Court of Directors having signified their Intention of sending out 50 Cadets for this Establishment, It is agreed that they be ordered up to Ponamalee as they arrive & formed into a Company by which means they will learn their Duty better & be enabled by being formed into Messes to live more reasonably than by being divided among the different Garrisons; And it is ordered that such Quarters as are necessary be constructed for them

The Cadets to be formed into a Company at Ponamalee.

more

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from Mr Casamajor Paymaster at Vellour enclosing an Indent for Materials for that Garrison; which is ordered to be delivered to the Surgeons to be complied with

Indent for Materials for Vellour.

To be complied with

Jon. Du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
J. Hope
Geo: Mackay

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Wrote the following Letter to Bombay to go by the Terrible Bomb Ketch

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President & Governor & Council at Bombay.

Honble Sirs Sirs

Letter to Bombay with Duplicate of that by Resolution on the subject of Sir Robert Harlands Powers

We take this opportunity by the Terrible Bomb Ketch to forward to Your Honor &c. Duplicate of our Letter of the 9th May with the Journal Papers which accompanied it the Original of which went by the Resolution.

We are
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedt
Humble Servants.
Josias DuPré & Council

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List of the Packet to Bombay & Terrible Bomb Ketch

No. 1	General Letter	30 July 1772	
2	Do Duplicate	9 May 1772	
3	Extract of Letter from Sir Robert Harland with Remarks	25 Dec 1771	1771
4	Extract of Letter from Sir R. Harland	20 Do	
5	Extract of Letter to Sir Robt Harland	1 Jan 1772	1772
6	Copy of Letter from Sir Robt Harland	Do	
7	Copy of Do	Do	
8	Extract of Letter from the Court of Directors to the Select Committee at Fort St. George	10 April 1771	

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Monday
3d August

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor Presidt.
John Smith " George Stratton
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Chas. Smith " J. M. Stone
George Mackay

Letter from Mr. Wynch Chief at Masulipatam read as follows.

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

Letter from Mr. Wynch & the Copies of Letters from Mullor Pundat.

Herewith your Honor &c. will receive translates of two Letters from Mullor Pundat. I imagine he is now on the Road hither, when he arrives, and when I shall have conversed with him and read the Letter he brings from Bazalet Jung, I shall again do myself the Honor to write to you.

I have received your Commands of the 23d The Military that came on the Snow Daniel are landed, and will march tomorrow for Ellore.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
A Wynch

Masulipatam
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The Letters from Mulloo Pundut are also read as intend in Country Correspondence No. 137 & 138 by which it appears that there is little room to expect that Bazalet Jung will consent to our renting the Circars of Mustazanagur on the Part of the Company but on Conditions of our engaging to Support him against his Brother the Soubah, in case he should take offence at Bazalet Jung's having left that Circar to the Company, which is a measure we can by no means adopt, for whatever advantages he might hope to obtain by having that Circar under the Company's Management; we never entertained the least Idea of procuring by such means as might tend to Involve us in future Difficulties and Embarrassements, It is therefore agreed that Mr. Wynch be made acquainted with our Sentiments, and Instructed to break off the Negociation, which the Return of Mulloo Pundut will afford him a favorable Opportunity of doing.

Letter from Mr. Samuel Johnson read as follows —

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

Letter from Mr. Johnson delivers his Employ of Paymaster at Trichinopoly to Mr. Davidson —

Having delivered over the Charge of my Employs together with the Orders and Regulations regarding them to Mr. Alexander Davidson I shall on a presumption there will be no impropriety in it, proceed in a few days to the Presidency

I have the honor to be with

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Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
Saml. Johnson

Treasurepoly
the 29th July 1772

Read the following Letter from Major Vaughan Commanding at Vellum

To the Honble Presid. & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Vaughan with an Estimate of the Expence of Sepoy Sheds at Vellum

I have enclosed an Estimate of the expence that would attend the building a Shed for Barracks for Seven hundred Seapoys which would be about the Number that would be off Duty. I take the Liberty to send a Plan and Section of the Building, and likewise a Letter which Mr. Maule wrote me on the occasion,

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. humble Servt.
Richd. Vaughan

Vellum July 24
1772

To Major Richd. Vaughan
Commanding the Garrison of Vellum

Sir

Letter from Mr. Maule Engineer on the Subject

In compliance with your Directions I hereweth send you a Plan for the erecting Seapoy Barracks and an Estimate of the Expence attending the same, the Place I would propose for the Building them is, the remaining Part of that Wall which served for the Gun Carriage Shed By Building two Rims of Piers on the outside of which there will be a Shed of 133 feet in Length and 20 Broad and by breaking

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Apertures through the Wall and converting the 16 Piers already erected and intended for the completing the Gun Carriages Shed, on the other side, a second Shed will be gained of nearly an equal Length wth the other and 14 Feet in Breadth, both of which will serve to accommodate the Number of Men you propose (700) with their Arms. In the accompanying Plan whatever is erected already is coloured red the proposed Additions are in Yellow As it will be highly proper the Stores &ca which are in the Sheds adjacent to the Barracks should be received from the Sepoys the Piers already built, and which are now open to the Store Yard must have their present Intervals filled up for that Purpose which may be done with a Wall of one Foot thickness, leaving Windows therein for the Passage of the Air. The enclosed Estimate is as nearly calculated as it can be where there is not a fixed Price annexed to every necessary Material which must be the Case in this Part of the Country where the Difficulty and Delay in procuring Materials of all kinds more particularly Timber is so great The Price of the Workmanship there is no ascertaining with the greatest Accuracy but as it cannot at any rate amount to much more than the Sum appropriated thereto, it will not be a matter of any great consequence There are a Sufficient Number of Tiles (or nearly

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nearly remaining to compleat the whole.

Should the present Proposition be carried into Execution you may be assured every thing in my Power will be done to facilitate the Execution as well as to render it as little expensive as possible.

I am Sir
Your most Obd. Pbl. Servt.
Geo Maule

Vellum
23d July 1772

Estimate of the Expence

Estimate of the Expence of building the proposed Sepoy Barracks.

	Bricks	Pagodas
94 Feet of Wall 10 feet in height including Foundation, and 1 Foot in thickness	16,800	
10 Piers, 16 feet in height including the Foundation of 1 Ft. C. Square	5,760	
10 Piers, 10 feet in height including the Foundation of 1 Ft. C. Square	3,600	
Partition Wall from the Gun Carriages	3,600	
	29,760 at 38 fan. ⅌ thousand	27 . 6 . 0
Chunam 240 Parrah @ 3 fan. 70 Ch. Parrah		22 . 6 . 0
Jaggery 120 Seer @ 2 fan. 50 C. ⅌ Seer		7 . 21 . 0
18 Beams 12 feet in length by 7 Inch. square at 30 f. @		12 . 36 . 0
2 D. . . 18 D. by 10 D. at 2 Pag. @		4 .
54 Palmeras Trees at 2 Pag. each		108 .
150 Large Bamboos at 8 fan. each		28 . 24
5000 Small D. at 6 Cash each		89 . 12
220 Large Nails		6 . 31 . 40
1000 Midling D.		10 . 16 . 40
65,000 Small D.		25 . 21
Pits and Baskets		5 .

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Workmanship.

Bricklayers	39.	19.
Carpenters	26.	25.
Smiths	8.	—
Total	441.	8.

To be laid before the Nabob —

Agreed That the Plan and Estimate accompanying the above Letter be laid before the Nabob & his consent requested for erecting the Sepoy Sheds.

Adjustment to be made in the Nabobs Account respecting the Pay of 3 Batt.ns to be charged & how —

The Nabob not having yet returned an Answer to the Letter wrote him the 29 June in consequence of the Orders of the Court of Directors for changing ten Battalions of Sepoys to his Account the President is desired to request his Answer thereto — And it is Ordered That an Adjustment be made in his Account by charging him with the Expence of three Battalions, in Addition to the seven Battalions he has paid from the 13th August 1770 the Time the Sepoy Establishment was ordered to be compleated to 12 Battalions of 1000 Men each in consequence of the orders of the Court of Directors to the 30 April last. From which Time the Nabobs Account is to be debited for the charges of ten Battalions under two seperate & distinct Articles Viz.t —

To the Pay of 7 Batt.s as by his Agreement
To the Pay of three Battalions carried to his Account in consequence of the Orders of the Court of Directors of 27 Nov.r 1771

By which means, on

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case the Nabob should refuse to admit of the charge of Nine Battalions ordered by the Honble Court to be carried to his Debit in addition to the seven Battalions before charged to his Account the Amount thereof will always appear and regarding which we must wait the Orders of the Honble Court. X

In the like manner as the Nabob has only been Debited for 7/12 of the Arms & Accoutrements issued to the Sepoys at Madras, the Military Storekeeper is ordered to make out an Account, whereby he is to charge the Nabob with 3/12 of the Amount of such Arms &c.a in addition to the 7/12 before charged to him from the 13th August 1770 the Time the Sepoys were completed to 12 Battalions of 1000 Men each to the 30 April last, which Account is to be delivered to the Commissary General who is to pay the Amount & charge the Same in his Accounts And from the 30 April last the Nabob is to be debited for 1/12 of the Amount of all Arms & Accoutrements supplied the Sepoys under two distinct Articles as directed above with regard to the other Expences And as the Nabob is charged for all Military Stores sent to the Out Garrisons it is now ordered that he be credited for 3/12 of such Arms as have been issued to the Several Battas.s at the Out Garrisons from the 13 August 1770 to the 31st Ulto and to effect this the General Storekeepers

Orders regarding the Arms sent to the Out Garrisons & Charged to the Nabobs Account

are

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are directed to transmit to the Military Storekeeper at the Presidency an Account of the Exact Number so Issued, to enable him to draw out a General Account of the whole, which when compleated he is to lay before the Board. It is ordered that the Several Storekeepers at the Out Garrisons do from from the 1st Instant send in Monthly with their Returns a particular Account of the Arms & Accoutrements issued by them specifying the particular Corps to which they are Issued, that the Natal may be Credited for 2/12 of such as may have been delivered out to the Sepoys which in like Manner is to be done by the Military Storekeeper by an adjustment with the Commissary General —

As no Contract hath yet been made with Captain Tonyn who now Commands the Troop of Cavalry It is agreed that a letter be wrote him, desiring he will Informs us whether he will accept of the Contract on the same Terms Captain Kisker had it —

Robert Smith the Company Cooper being Dead Nicholas Mills is appointed in his room at an Allowance of ten Pagodas Month for which he is to attend the Several Employs in which a Cooper may be wanted —

The President acquaints the Board that he had on the Application of Mr. Adams Cadet, permitted to proceed on Furlow to Bengall on his private Affairs & to return

by

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by the first Ships of which the Gentlemen at that Presidency are to be advised

Letter from Mandanarow read as entered in Country Correspondence N. 134 desiring that his Vackil Mandanarow Tadasere may return to him and that any Business may be transacted with the Person left behind for that Purpose To which a Draft of an Answer N. 139 is now presented —

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N. 135 with Pagoda's 5000 for Tinnevelly District due the 31st Inst —

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged

Jos: Du Bré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith

Geo: Mackay.

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General Smith arrives from Camp.

General Smith arrived this day from Camp.

7 Wrote the following Letter to Alexander Wynch Esqr. Chief at Masulipatam.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to Mr. Wynch Ordered to put a Stop to Negociation with Bazalet Jung regarding the Guntoor Circar

We have received your Letters of the 8, 16 & 27th July

From the Tenor of the Letters from Mullah / Mulloo Pundat, we see little reason to expect that Bazalet Jung will consent to our uniting the Circar of Murtazanagur on the Part of the Compy. but on such Terms as we can never accede to for whatever advantages we might hope to decide from that Circar's being under the Company's Management & however desirous we might therefore be to obtain it, we never entertained an Idea of procuring it by such means, as could in the least tend to Involve us in Difficulties and embarrassments. See / of future /

The Tenor of Bazalet Jungs Conversation with Mulloo Pundat has opened us to his Views so clearly that we desire you will proceed no further in the Negociation, Mulloo Pundats return will give you a good Opportunity to drop it

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

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7th August 1772

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Friday 7 Augt.

At a Consultation Present

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

General Smith being returned from Camp take his Seat at the Board.

The President acquaints the Board that General Smith having returned from Camp He together with General Smith had proceeded to fill up the Vacancies in the Select Committee occasioned by the Departure of Mr. Hastings and the Death of Mr. Ardley & that they had both concurred in the Choice of Mr. John Smith's who together with them had appointed Mr. Stone the Secretary to the Committee to be the other Member of the Committee

Mr. John Smith and Mr. Stone appointed Members of the Select Committee

Report of the Committee of Stores read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of Committee of Stores with Indent from Masulipatam & a List of what the Committee judge necessary to be sent

We have the honor to lay before you an Indent of Military Stores wanted at

Masulipatam

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Masulipatam together with a List of such as we are of Opinion may be spared from this Garrison

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Stratton
Mitt. Stockr.
Patrick Ross
L.C. & C.E.
Edw. James
L.C. Artr.

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7th August 1772

To be sent

Ordered that the Stores recommended by the Committee to be sent to Masulipatam be forwarded by the first conveyance.

Letter from Lieut. Tolson read as follows.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut. Tolson desires to proceed to England for his Health

Having long laboured under a very bad State of Health, and suffered much by Disorders incident to this Country, which have reduced me so much, that the Surgeons, whose Certificate I take the Liberty to inclose, have Judge a Voyage to Europe necessary for the Establishment of my Health, I have to request of the Honble Board, that they will be pleased to order me a Passage on the Fox and make such favorable mention of me to the Honble Court of Directors

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Directors that I may (if my Health will permit return to the Country without Prejudice to my Rank

I have the Honor to be very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
Richd Tolson
Lieut

August 7 1772

Surgeons certificate regarding him

These are to Certify Lieut Richd Tolson has since his arrival on this Coast been subject to Consumptive complaints & Bilious Obstructions besides Many Attacks of severe illness for all which he has already made a Voyage to China but as his complaints since his return begin to relapse again and as his constitution is much impaired we advise him to a Voyage to Europe as the only means of reestablishing his Health

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7 August 1772

Gibt Pasley
Jo Anderson } Surgeons

Granted

Agreed that Lieut Tolson be permitted to proceed to England for the Recovery of his Health agreable to his request

Le Sellers dies at Vellour

The President acquaints the Board that Lieut Sellers died at Vellour the 31st Ult.

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There being a Vacancy for a Lieut. Fireworker in the Artillery & Mr Tull one of the Cadets arrived on the Earl of Lincoln, who is recommended by Lieut. Coll. James is appointed thereto, but his Rank with regard to the two others lately appointed must remain to be fixed on the Arrival of the General List of Cadets from England.

Ensign Gunn Appointed Quarter Master of Cavalry

General Smith being consulted agreable to the resolution of 26 July, regarding Capt. Tonyns Application that Ensign Gunn may be appointed Quarter Master of Cavalry and General Smith acquiescing therein, Agreed that the Appointment do take place accordingly. +

Sepoy Sheds at Vellum approved by the Nabob

The President acquaints the Board that he hath communicated to the Nabob the Plan & Estimate of the Sepoy Sheds proposed to be built at Vellum, transmitted by Major Vaughan & which the Nabob had approved.

To be set about

Agreed that Orders to be sent, for their being immediately set about

Jos. du Pré

John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill

J. W. Hope
Geo. Mackay

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Arrived this day his Majesty's Ship Dolphin

10 Recd. the following Letter from L. Coll. Bonjour

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from L. Coll. Bonjour

Inclosed I send you a Monthly return of the Honorable Company's Troops under my Command with an Account of the Stores in Camp at the same time acknowledge having received the letter you have honored me with the 25th Ult. by which I am glad to see that my Conduct has met with your and the Nabobs approbation, so as to confirm the Command which General Smith has left to me of this Detachment Major Braithwaite set out the 26th of last month in order to Join his Regiment at Trichinopoly, I suppose it is in consequence of the Nabobs desire that General Smith has directed me to take the Command of his Troops, for I find this answer his intentions, I having nothing Material to inform you of relative to Publick Affairs, but assure you that I shall at every opportunity in my Power endeavour to express my Gratitude for your favorable attention, having the Honor to be with a profound Respect.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
L. Bonjour

At Camp near Sholoorum
the 4th of Aug. 1772

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 10 Aug. — Josias Du Pré Esqr. Govr. President
Joseph Smith " John Smith
" Henry Brooke
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
J. M. Stone " George Mackay

Mr. Stratton absent.

The Select Committee communicate to the Board their Minutes of the 8th Instant, containing their Sentiments and resolution in Consequence of the Nabob's request that a Force may be sent against the Poligars in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries, with which the Board acquiesce And Resolved that Major Braithwaite be appointed to the Command of the Detachment to be employ'd on this Service.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had appointed his second Son Meddaur Ul Mulck Behauder to superintend the Expedition & settle the Country, that he had also represented the Necessity of reducing the Naut Collieries, who have long been very troublesome to the Circar Districts & had desired that Lieut Coll: Bonjour may be furnished with the necessary Orders for effecting their Reduction before the Rains for which purpose the Nabob had proposed that another Battalion of Sepoys may be ordered to reinforce the Detachmt.

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under Coll Bonjours Command.

Ordered that Captain Brownes Battn of Sepoys do immediately proceed to Trichinopoly & accompany the Detachment under Major Braithwaite from thence to Madura to be employd either under Lieut Coll. Bonjour or Major Braithwaite as shall be Judged most for the good of the Service; That Lt. Coll Bonjour be instructed to take the most effectual Measures for reducing the Naut Collories & that both he and Major Braithwaite be acquainted that it is our Intention that the Detachment under their respective Commands do mutual support and assist each other on such Manner as may best tend to Ensure success & promote the good of the Service

Resolved that Mr. Cuming be appointed to Act as Paymaster to the Detachment under Major Braithwaite

The President acquaints the Board that conformable to the Resolution of the Committee we had applied to the Nabob on the Subject of his furnishing Money for the Expedition; who had acquainted him that one First of 59,000 Pagodas would be due this Month which with the Sum of 35000 for Extraordinary Expenses due for the Month of May he would immediately discharge

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from Mr. Ross Paymaster to the Detachment with Lieut Coll Bonjour enclosing

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an Indent for Medicines for the use of that Detachment which is referred to the Surgeons to be complied with.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had frequently represented to him the Necessity of endeavouring by some General Rules Regulations and Orders to be published as well to the Company's Servants & others under their Protection, as to the Officers belonging to the Circars, to prevent the many disputes which have arisen between the Company's Servants & others passing thro' the Country & the Circars Officers on Account of Coolies Provisions &c. and which have often been the occasion of much Trouble & Vexation both to the Nabob & the President and Council, the President had Informed him that the Board would with great Readiness acquiesce in any measures that were likely to put a stop to them, but that after the Pains and Trouble which had been taken & the disputes Orders that had been issued for that end it was much to be apprehended that the Evil would not be effectually remedied - That however to convince the Nabob of our good Inclination to promote so desirable a Measure, and at the same Time that nothing on our Part may be wanting He the President now lays before the Board the following Rules and Orders which he had framed

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and which appeared to him the most likely to answer the end proposed —

GO Whereas Complaint hath often been made of Oppressions and Injuries sustained by the Inhabitants of the Towns and Villages thro which European Travellers or Detachments of Troops occasionally pass by the Kressing and compelling the Labourers and Artificers to serve as Coolies which it is alledged are not seldom dismissed after having performed the Service to which they have been so compelled without Pay or reward for their labour and also by forcing from the Inhabitants Provisions &c. to the great detriment of the Circar And whereas on the other hand it hath also been represented both by European Travellers and by Officers Commanding Detachments that they generally find so much unwillingness and inhospitality in the Officers of the Circar that they are often driven to the greatest Straights for the Common necessaries which every Village can amply supply that when the Coolies which carry their Baggage desert on the Rout which often happens they meet with no assistance from the Officers of the Circar in procuring others which subjects them to the unavoidable necessity of using compulsion since a Detachment marching

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Baggage

on Journies cannot proceed without the necessary Baggage and travellers must suffer great distress & in such Cases no dispatch be given them to prosecute their Journey And Whereas it is not to be doubted but that Causes of complaint on both sides such as have been before set forth have arisen occasionally Altho it is highly probable that they have been greatly exaggerated on both sides; by which Exaggerations the means of ascertaining the Truth and consequently the means of redress have been obstructed and a Mutual distrust excited. And whereas from a sincere desire to prevent the Grievances complained of The Nabob and the Governor & Council have been induced to consider of the means of sustaining & establishing that Confidence and good will which is Essentially necessary to the general benefit and convenience of the Publick and of Individuals, And in Order thereto the Nabob hath Undertaken and promised to Issue the Strictest Orders to all his Officers throughout the Carnatick to treat all European Travellers with Courtesy and Hospitality supplying them as expeditiously as possible with Cooleis for their Baggage and with such Provisions & other necessarys as they may stand in need of & to enable them to prosecute their

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their Journey they paying a reasonable price for the same and on their parts behaveing themselves in a manner suitable to good order and Decorum and the Nabob hath also undertaken and promised that like Orders shall be Issued throughout the Carnatick that Detachments of Troops marching on Service or from one Garrison to another shall be supplied with such a Number of Coolys as shall be really necessary for the Service and also with proper and sufficient Provisions and Necessarys provided that the Officer Commanding such Detachment do give previous and timely Notice to the Cutcherry Officers of the Number of Coolies wanted and of the Number of Persons to be provided for and also of the Time he purposes to arrive at the Place to which such Notice is sent provided also that a reasonable price be paid for such Provisions before the Officer Commanding such Detachment shall leave the Place and in respect to the Pay of such Coolys as shall be so supplied by the Officers of the Cutcherry a List of them must be delivered to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment by the Cutcherry Officer who shall so provide and supply them, and when the Detachment shall arrive at the next Stage the said Coolies are to be there Mustered and paid in presence of the Officer of the Cutcherry there presiding and so in like manner at every Stage.

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Stage And as it does appear most reasonable that these conditions should be always readily complied with to the end therefore that nothing may be wanting on the Part of the Governor & Council which may tend to the Furtherance of the General good proposed They do hereby strictly require and enjoin all officers Civil and Military and all others whom it may concern and who are subject to their Orders and controul to conduct themselves agreable to the Spirit and Intention hereinbefore expressed behaving themselves in a Courteous manner to the Officers of the Circuit desiring what they may stand in need of in a civil manner paying for the same in ready money and giving such Previous Notice to the Circuit Officers of the Approach of any Detach=ment as may enable them to provide properly for their accomodation And whereas Cooleys and such people as get their living by carrying of Burthens are very rarely to be found in the Villages and small Towns and the pressing or employing of the Labourers and Artificers on such Service is a great discouragement to Cultivation and Manufactures it is therefore to be observed as a General Rule that all such Baggage as can with any Degree of Convenience to the Service be transported on Bullocks be always so transported and that Cooleys be employd for the transporting of such

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such things only as would suffer damage by being transported on Bullocks and that such Coolies as may be absolutely necessary be always hired at the Principal Towns & there only that so the Villages may not be distressed by the pressing of Labourers & Artificers ——

The Board entirely approve of the foregoing Rules & Orders, & the President is desired to communicate them to the Nabob & if approved by him, that they be given out in general Orders here & at the Several Out-Garrisons & transmitted to the Several Subordinates - And that they be translated into Persian and delivered to the Nabob who is to be desired to Issue them to his Several Officers —

Jos. du Pré

John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
J. H. Hong
Geo. Mackay

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The following Letters were this day wrote and Sign'd to Lieutenant Coll Flint Commanding at Trichinopoly —

Sir

Letter to L. Coll Flint for forming the Detachment ag.t the Polygars in the Madurah Tinnevelly Countries.

Having Judged it expedient to order a Detachment to reduce the Polygars in the Madurah Tinnevelly Countries the following Force is to be immediately got in readiness at Trichinopoly Viz.t

200 European Infantry Rank and File
50 Artillery
Capt. Johnsons Battalion of Sepoys with its Guns.
Two 10 Pounders
Two 6 Pounders
Two Howitzers

Of the above Force Major Vaughan is directed to furnish our Company of Europeans

The above Detachment will be Joined by Capt. Brown's Battalion of Seapoys now under Orders to march to Trichinopoly for that Purpose.

So soon as the Detachment is formed and supplied with the necessary Stores and Ammunition, the whole is to be put under the Command of Major Braithwaite, to whom you will deliver the accompanying Instructions for his future Proceedings.

You will order one of the Surgeons now at Trichinopoly to accompany the Detachment.

We now order 106 Recruits from Poonamale to Trichinopoly to compleat the Battalion stationed there, Upon their Arrival

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will be pleased to reinforce the Garrison of Vellum with the Number now ordered to be drafted from thence, or with as many as the State of the Garrison of Trichinopoly will with safety admit of

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Josias Du Pré &c Council

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To Major Braithwaite

Sir

Instructions to Major Braithwaite appointed to Command the Expedition

The Polygars in the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries having taken the Opportunity of the late Troubles in which we have been engaged to rebuild their Forts and strengthen themselves in their Pollams from which they are became very troublesome to the Circar; we Judged it expedient at the Nabobs request to order a force to reduce them to a proper State of Subjection, by demolishing their strong holds and laying open their Pollams for which purpose we have ordered the following Detachment to be immediately got in readiness at Trichinopoly.

200 European Rank and Tile
50 Artillery Men
Capt Johnson's Battn of Sepoys with its Guns
Two 10 Pounders
Two 6 Pounders
Two Howitzers.

We have appointed you to

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to the Command of the Troops intended to be employd on this Service. You will therefore as soon as the above Detachment is formed & equipped with the necessary Stores and Ammunition, march with it to Madura, where you will be Joined by half a Battalion of Sepoys from that Garrison.

Lieutenant Coll Bonjour who was left in the Command of the Detachment appointed to assist the Nabobs Son Umdut Ul Omrah Behauder in regulating the Country lately reduced, is also instructed to use his Endeavours at the same Time to bring the Naut Colleries under proper subjection; and as the Force he has with him may not be sufficient for this Service, we have ordered Capts. Brown's Battalion of Sepoys to proceed immediately to Tritinopoly & to accompany you from thence to Madura when it is either to Join the Detachment under his Command, or to Act with you as he shall think most expedient, It being our Intention & express direction that Both Detachments should mutually support and assist each other according to the Necessities or Exigencies of the respective Services on which they are employd for which Purpose we now write to Lieutenant Coll Bonjour enclosing to him

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a Copy of these our orders —

The Nabob has appointed his Son Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder to accompany you on this Service for the Purpose of superintending the Expedition & settling the Country

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 Plans that are to be taken and Subsidies are to be delivered over to Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder and whatever Negociations may arise in the Course of this Service are to be conducted entirely by him or whomsoever he may appoint for that Purpose — Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder will give you all necessary Information on this Subject from time to time, that you may be the better enabled to form your Plans of Operation, and you will be pleased to communicate to us whatever may come to your knowledge relative thereto.

The Nabob having promised and undertaken to supply the Detachment with Provisions and entrusted this management intirely to Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder You are therefore to apply to him for whatever you may require —

The Nabob also proposes that you shall be joined by three Battalions

of

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his Seapoys and Some of his Horse, which the Nabob will put under your Command for the Services of this Expedition —

Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder will Set out immediately for Trichinopoly from whence he will accompany You on the Expedition —

Mr Cuming is appointed to act as Paymaster to the Detachment —

You will keep us constantly advised of your marches & Operations, We wish you Success and are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Jos. Du Pré & Co Council

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14 August 1772 —

To Lieut. Coll. Bonjour

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 1st Instant.

We enclose you herewith a Copy of our Instructions to Major Braithwaite whom we have appointed to the Command of a Detachment intended to proceed against the Polygars in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries, These Polygars as we are Informed have taken the Opportunity of the late Troubles in which we have been engaged to strengthen themselves in their Pollams from whence they commit depredations in those

Districts

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Letter to L. Coll. Bonjour with Copy of Major Braithwaites Instructions and ordering him to reduce the Naut Collerees —

The Nabob having represented to us the Expediency of bringing the Naut Nutt-am Collerees to a proper state of Subjection we recommend this Object to your particular Attention; and the better to enable you to execute this Service, at the same Time that you attend to that on which you are now employd we have ordered Capt. Brownes Battr of Sepoys to Trichinopoly, from whence it will accompany Major Braithwaite to Madura when you shall either order it to Join you, if you shall think it necessary for the Execution of the Service we have committed to your Direc-tion or if you shall think it may be employd more for the general good under the Command of Major Braithwaite, you will put it under his Orders; and we earnestly recommend that both Detachments do mutually support and assist each other in such manner as may best tend to ensure success & promote the good of the Service - altho we have particularly mentioned and recommended the Reduction of the Naut Collerees you are to be entirely guided in the object of your Operation by the Advice or declaration of Omdut-ul-Omrah Behav-der under whose Superintendance as to the Object you are to Act, Our Intent and meaning being that the Southern Countries comprehending the Maravar & Naalcooty and the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries

should

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should be effectually settled and reduced to proper Obedience and Subordination

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Josias Du Pré Jr. Council

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To Major Vaughan
Commanding at Vellum.

Sir

Letter to Major Vaughan ordered to send a Company of Europeans to Trichinopoly.

Having ordered a Detachment to proceed against the Polygars in the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries, you will be pleased to order one Company of Europeans to march from Vellum to Trichinopoly to assist in forming that Detachment, We have ordered a Reinforcement to march immediately from hence to Trichinopoly on its arrival the Number now drafted from your Garrison are to be replaced or so many as the State of the Garrison of Trichinopoly will with safety admit

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We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Josias Du Pré Jr. Council

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At a Consultation Present

Saturday 15 August

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

General Smith indisposed

Mr. Samuel Johnson takes his Seat at the Board

Mr. Samuel Johnson having this day taken the usual Oaths as a Member of the Council, He now takes his Seat at the Board.

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

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

Report of the Committee of Accounts with Orders thereon

We have examined the Accounts of the Out Garrisons as follows.

Vellour
Amboor
Madura
Palamcotah
Ongole
Vellum

And the Detachment under Coll. Bonjour for Camp for May & June Trichinopoly not come in and have the following Remarks.

Vellum

2 The Paymaster charges the Ordered Accordingly.

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the Bounty Money paid for enlisting three Europeans under the head of Charges Extraordinary which we think should be carried to Account by the Military Paymaster.

Vellour

3 A Fort adjutant is drawing for from the 15th at 5 Shillings a Day which we have thought proper to remark to your Honor &c. as no order for such an Allowance has passed ——

— Ordered that the Paymaster do give Credit in his Accounts for what has been paid to a Fort adjutant at Vellour no such Office being allowed by the Regulations —

The Camp for May & June

4 We observe that after the proportions of Cooles Artificers & Lascars to the Several Corps are made, we observe that upon Cooles at the rate of about 100 to a Day are charged and Artificers, for May and June 1 Mastry & 9 Carpenters, 1 Mastry & 10 Smiths 1 Mastry & Armourers & 9 Hammermen 7 Bellows Boys, 2 Chunkdars & 3 Chunklers Lascars for May 2 Tindalls & 50 Lascars June 2 Tindalls and 49 Lascars The Numbers of Lascars to the Quarter Master of

of Artillery are 1 Syrang
4 Tindalls & 80 Lascars which
appear considerably too many
The first Battalion is
allowed 1 Syrang 4 Tindalls
& 97 Lascars whereas from the
Military Regulations they
ought only to have had 1
Syrang 4 Tindalls & 60 Lascars
the Brigade Major 4 Lascars
& the aid Du Camp 3 Lascars.

5 There appears also a
very irregular charge for
a Horse for Lieut: Lucas.

6 Upon a reference
to Mr. Petrie Paymaster by
the Commissary General
he informs us that by orders
of the Board he in March
or April dismissed the
Coolies Lascars & Artificers
employed in the expedition
against Tanjore to their
Respective Places & that
in the month of May
following Orders were given
to compleat the Army
with these People the conse-
quence of which was a
necessity of impressing Coolies
to compleat the different
Corps who took every
opportunity

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opportunity to desert
notwithstanding he took
all possible care to prevent
their being ill treated &
the precaution of seeing
them paid himself.

7 Apprehending the desertion
of Coolies which afterward
happened even to a greater
degree than was expected
he thought it absolutely
necessary on leaving Tri=
=chinopoly to entertain a
number of spare Coolies
to guard against the
many Inconveniencies
which happened to an
Army on the Desertion
of Coolies upon actual
Services on the Arrival
of the Army at Vellum
their number decreased
so fast that he was
obliged to send his Coni=
=copties to Tanjore with
an advance to procure
Coolies by which he was
a looser of 150 Pagodas.

8 The Lascars (he says)
that were entertained
at Trichinopoly being
Novices in their Duty so
that half the number

number of such Lascars as they has at Tanjore would have answerd that Purpose much better, the same reason rendred it necessary to have so many spare Artificers.

9 The Number of Lascars for the Quarter Master of Artillery and Infantry and to the Staff were allowed in consequence of Orders from the General & the Excess was represented to him but was to be that the 8 Lascars being sent to their respective Garrisons the same number there could not be expected to do their Duty.

7 Adjutant Lucas's Horse was shot under him as he was carrying a message from Major Dirs Plans to the General on the Battery at Ramnaspuram and Mr Petrie says he was ordered by him the General to pay him for it —

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9 The Number of Lascars for the Quarter Master of Artillery and Infantry and to the Staff were allowed in consequence of Indents from the General & the Excess was represented to him but was told that the old Lascars being sent to their respective Garrisons the same number of new could not be expected to do their Duty.

7 Adjutant Lucas's Horse was shot under him as he was carrying a message from Major Des Plans to the General in the Battery at Ramnadaporam and Mr Petrie says he was ordered by him the General to pay him for it —

We are with Respect

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servts

John Smith

Geo. Mowbray

Edw.d Saunders

John Renton

I. Huddleston

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Letter from Captain Pascal Commanding at Chingleput read as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
& Council

Honble Sir and Sirs

Letter from Capt. Pascal regarding repairs wanting at Chingleput.

Permit me to acquaint you that the Scarp and Counterscarp, to the N.ward being just finished there remains only the Parapets of the Inner and outer Fort on the same side to be completed, that on the latter I fear to carry on, as the outer Wall is in a very bad Condition, and the Stones forced out in many Places, not being laid in Chunam nor having a sufficient Slope to Resist the Pressure of the Earth behind, which is sunk in many Places where the Projection of the Wall is most apparent.

When Captain Pittman passed this Way I requested his Examination of the same, to whom I beg leave to refer you for a more distinct and Proper Account.

The Lake being dry for a considera-
ble distance on this side is a further Inducement to

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to Recommend the Reestablishing this Wall, as so good an Opportunity may not offer Again for Years to come, no further Expence than the current one need attend this Business, which I conceive may be compleated in about three Months or at least carried so high as to be under no Apprehensions from the Encrease of Water on the Lake.

I have requested Mr. Johnson to Visit the same, his observations will I presume Agree with the Representation I have now the Honor to make.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
Edm. Pascal

Chingleput
August the 13. 1772

Capt. Pottman to be applied to –

Ordered that Application be made to Captain Pottman who has lately been at Chingleput for Information regarding the Repairs necessary, & the Expence that will attend making them.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieut. Coll. Lang Commanding at Vellour

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

Letter from L. C. Lang with the Proceedings of a Court Martial Indorsed regarding the Sentence The Officers Quarters at Vellour in want of Repairs Desires to be informed whether Amboor is to be considered depend. on Vellour

I am favored with yours of the 8th Inst. the Directions in which shall be punctually observed.

Herewith you will receive the Proceedings of

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of the General Court Martial held on Edward Turpin you will pardon my troubling you with it, after the full Power which the Board have been pleased to rest in me my reason is. I have some Doubts about the legality of the Sentence, tho I remember two very recent Precedents in its favor (one in the case of this very man at Trichinopoly, the other of Lanagan a Grenadier at Varrior They were both tried for murder, both acquitted of the General charge & yet sentenced Corporal punishment I am therefore to request your private Opinion of the Matter, If you approve so do I But if it appear to you that farther Advice is requisite, may I beg through you the Judgement of the Board.

The many Inconveniencies attending the Gentlemen here from the Insufficiency of the Quarters make it necessary for me to address you on that Subject.

Almost all the new Barracks are so leaky that unless shortly repaired they will in all probability give way Besides there is not a single necessary for the use of Officers in the whole Garrison

Agreable to former Orders, the fifth Battalion shall proceed to Amboor, I beg to know whether that Garrison is to be considered as dependant on this, as the fifth Battalion belongs to a different Brigade.

I am
Honble Sir
Your very humble
& Obedient Servant
Ross Lang

Vellour
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The Board having read and considered the Proceedings of the Court Martial held on Edward Turpin on Suspicion of Murder, of which he is acquitted but found Guilty of assaulting the Deceased for which he is sentenced to receive 1000 Lashes, it does not appear from the Evidence that the Prisoner had the least design or intent to commit the Crime for which he hath been tried and altho the Kick given by the Prisoner to the Deceased, might have hastened his Death yet it appears to have been given accidentally & without any Premeditation or evil Intent, which in a civil Court of Judicature could only be brought in chance Medley; the Board are therefore of Opinion that the Sentence of the Court is very Severe; and it is agreed that it be recommended to L. Coll Lang to disapprove the Sentence, the Board however think it necessary to observe that the Prisoner might with great reason have been tried for Drunkenness & for which he desired severe Punishment ——

Agreed that the President be desired to apply to the Nabob regarding the Quarters at Vellour. ——

Altho it has been resolved that Capt. Cosby be appointed to the Command of Amboor & that his Battalion of Sepoys, or such Part of it as may be necessary Shall do Duty there, the Board are nevertheless of Opinion that the Garrison of Amboor should be dependant on Vellour, as it must be reinforced from thence in case of need. —

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

Prisoners	Crime	Sentence
Isaac Legate Private	Mutinous behaviour	300 Lashes
Samuel Smeer D.o	Desertion	700 Lashes

The President acquaints the Board that Lt Col James the President of the Court Martial had represented to him in the name of the Court that the Prisoner Samuel Smeer appeared to them to be a very weak and simple fellow.

The Board approve of the foregoing Sentence but In consideration of the representation of the President of the Court Martial It is agreed that Samuel Smeer be pardoned.

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Board a List of unserviceable Stores received at different times from the General Out Garrisons the Military & Artillery and Seapoys in this Garrison & from Vizagapatam, which having been surveyed by the Inspector of Stores and reported by him unserviceable, the Military Storekeeper desires that the Board will pass such Orders as they may think proper, that they may be wrote off his Books & taken out of the Godowns as they take up much room & oblige him to hire several Godowns for the Military Stores under his charge.

As the Stores which have been sent to the out Garrisons have been charged to the Nabob, Agreed that he be applied to to receive Back such as have been returned unserviceable from thence, Or in case he should decline receiving

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receiving them that they together with the others be broke up & sold as old Iron & that the Nabob be credited for the Amount of those received from the Out Garrisons - with respect to those received from the Sepoys in the Carnatick the Nabob is to be credited for seven twelfths of the Amount & the Company for five twelfths, The Amount of those that have been received back from the Artillery Infantry & from Vizagapatam must be brought to the Company's Account, & the difference of the whole wrote off to Profit and Loss.

For: du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
[illegible]
Geo: Mackay

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Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Wynch chief at Masulipatam

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam
Sir

Letter to Mr. Wynch advising the Detachment of Artillery sent on the Aurora

We have this day embarked on the Aurora Snow the 6 Company of Artillery as p Tuition enclosed.

You will receive herewith an Account of the Provisions put on Board for the use of the Detachment, whatever may remain on their Arrival you will be pleased to receive from the Captain. You have also herewith an Account of the Arms & Accoutrements. The Detachment has been paid to the end of this Month, and the Officers are to receive their Sea Batta at the rate of two rupees p Day during the time they are on board.

We are Sir
Your affectionate Friends.
Jos. Du Pré Ja Caunter.

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Wrote the following Letter to Capt. Lang

To Lieut Colo. Lang
Commanding at Vellour
Sir

The President hath communicated to us your Letter of the 13th inclosing the Proceedings of a General Court Martial held on Edward Simpson on Suspicion of Murder and having attentively read and considered the Proceedings it does not appear to us that the Prisoner had the least Design or Intent to commit the Crime

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Crime for which he hath been tried, that altho the Kick given by the Prisoner to the Deceased might have been the Cause of hastening his Death, yet it appears to us to have been given accidentally & without any Premisation or evil Intent and we are convinced that had the Prisoner been tried in a civil Court of Judicature the most that a Jury would have done would have been to bring him Guilty of Chance Medley, which would not have subjected him to any Severe Punishment - For which reasons we cannot but think the Judgement of the Court Martial in Sentencing him to receive 1000 Lashes very Severe, and we therefore recommend that you disapprove the Sentence.

We cannot avoid observing that the Prisoner might with great reason have been tried for Drunkenness & for which he deserved Severe Punishment

The Nabob shall be applied to respect the Officers Quarters at Vellour

Altho it is intended that Captain Cosby shall be fixed in the Command of Amboor and that his Battalion or such part of it as shall be necessary shall do duty there nevertheless we have thought it proper that the Garrison shall still be continued dependant on Vellour

We are Sir

Your very Obed^t Servants

Jos. Du Pré &c^a Council

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Monday 17 August

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
Joseph Smith " John Smith
" Henry Brooke
John Whitehill " Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson " J. M. Stone
George Mackay

Mr. Stratton absent

General Smith delivers in to the Board the following Letters &c.

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

Letter from Genl. Smith on the Subject of what passed regarding the Plunder taken at Cala Coil

In my letters to the Honble Board of the 29th June, I gave them to understand that I should have occasion to say something farther on the Subject of the Prize Money given by the Young Nabob Omdut Ul Omrah Behauder in lieu of Plunder and Booty taken by the Army under my command at Kala Koil. I shall now take the liberty to lay before them an impartial account of what passed there on the 26th June relative thereto —

The day following the surprize of the place the Young Nabob and myself went thither and on our Arrival Colonl. Bonjour informed him that he had used his utmost endeavours to prevent the effects &c. of the Rajah from being

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being Plundered and that there was in the inner Square of his House two small rooms locked, supposed to be his Treasury and containing other valuable effects, the Colonel conducted him to the Place and opened the two Doors in presence of myself Major Braithwaite, Captains Baillie Cosby, Pettman, Mr Ross & several other Gentlemen, whose names do not immediately occur upon examining one of the Rooms, there was found only some Brass Pots and a number of trifling things of small Value in the other some Potts covered with cloth sealed and tied Iraised the first that came to hand from the Ground and found it not very weighty, Captain Cosby lifted another which appeared much heavier, and from the weight supposed must have contained Gold or Silver, but none of them were opened in my presence, there were likewise some small Boxes covered with Cloth one of which I took from the rest promiscuously opened it and found only a Jewel, such as the Natives wear about their Necks of no great worth with some few Trinkets, the Young Nabob having satisfyed his Curiosity, Centrys were posted at the Doors with positive Orders to admit neither Whites or Blacks, without Colonel Bonjours permission, this being done we adjourned to the

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head Quarters where the Officers of the Detach-
-ment were assembled and a number of Gentlemen
from Camp amongst whom were Major
Horne & Braithwaite, The Colonel took the
Young Nabob and me aside to make known
that his Officers either expected the Plunder found
in Cala Coil should be given up to them as
their right and Property, or that he should give
a Sum equivalent thereto and Col. Banjours
Detachment not having shared Prize Money
for the Capture of Ramnadaporam laid their
Claim to the whole Plunder and Booty in this
Place. The Young Nabob listened to all the Colo-
-nel said on the subject and then made him
this reply as nearly as I can remember, that
in the Instructions given him by his Father
he had positively enjoined him not to grant any
Donations or Prize Money but in cases were
fortifyd Towns were taken by Breach and assault
that as it had never since he could remember
been customary or usual to grant donations
or Sums of Money to the Company's Troops
when employd on Service against Polygar Woods
or Pollams, He thought they had no right
to what was found in the Place and gave us
instances where it had not been done, the taking
of Warrior Pollam, Aniatour &c. when Col.
Campbell

Campbell commanded the Army, however he said in consideration of the fatigue and Trouble the Detachment had undergone and for the taking of Tripavanum, he would consent to give Lieut Coll: Bonjour and his Officers the same Prize Money as the Officers shared at Ramnadaporam but not a Pagoda more He farther observed that as the Articles of Peace between him and the Rajah were finally concluded and Signed early in the morning of the 25th June & in consequence Orders were immediately dispatched to Col: Bonjour to halt his Detachment wherever those Orders should meet him and all Hospitalities to cease against the said Rajah, which Instructions by the dilatoriness of the Rajahs Vackeels were not forwarded in Time so as to prevent the Colonel from advancing and surprizing him at Kala Kail where he had remained in full confidence of the Security of his Person, agreable to the Treaty which he had reason to think was on the Point of being concluded - On these Grounds the Young Nabob insisted the Troops had no right to Plunder or Booty, as what was found there had been kept for the Circar agreable to the Articles settled and concluded

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by him and the Rajah Colonel Banjour communicated the Young Nabobs Sentiments to his Officers at which they seemed greatly dissatisfied and soon after presented the Colonel with an address to this Purport "That if the Young Nabob would give to each Captain 6,000 Pagodas each Lieutenant 3,000 and so in proportion they would give up all title to the Plunder, but if these Proposals were Rejected they would make the most of what they found in the Place The Young Nabob declared he would not add a Fanam more than what he had first offered, with which if they were not contented He would refer it to his Father and the Board As soon as the Officers of the Army understood that Colonel Banjours Detachment claimed the whole Plunder found in Kalu Kad to their exclusion Majors Braithwaite, and Horne waited on me and requested in behalf of themselves and their Brother Officers that no Agreement might be made with the Young Nabob in which the Army was not included When Colonel Banjour marched from my Encampment his Detachment was reinforced with a Battalion of Sepoys, some Field Pieces and Artillery Men of course considered then as part of the Army & operating with

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me against the common Enemy and not on the
light the Officers of that Detachment seemed
to think. This difference in Opinion brought on
some Altercation between the two Parties, which
were soon after settled amongst themselves
and it was agreed that the Officers of the
Detachment should receive from what might
be given for the Plunder of Kala Kail a Sum
equal to the Officers shares at Ramnad apo-
quat to the Remainder be carry'd as a Joint
Stock and equally divided amongst the whole
This Point being finally agreed to by all
present the next to be considered was, what
Sum they should accept of in lieu of the
Plunder or Booty - about the Sum this was
agreed to the Young Nabob made an offer of
36,000 Pagodas, and left the Division of it to
be settled by the Army themselves, immedi-
-ately after he retired with me to the Pagoda
and left them to consider of his Proposal
but the Sum not being deemed adequate to the
supposed wealth of the Place to which they
afterwards a night the Young Nabob at my
request increased it to 40,000 Pagodas, Assuring
him that if his Father did approve of this
addition I would willingly give it out of my
own share of the Ramnaud Prize Money
rather than the Army should them themselves
Injured

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Injured or appear dissatisfied, this Proposal was made known to Col Benjour and his Officers by Mr Duffin Surgeon to the Detachment, who had been back and forward several times with messages to me relative to the Business, and who was the acting Person for them during the whole transaction - he returned with an Answer that the Gentlemen rejected the Sum of 40,000 Pagodas continuing still in opinion, that it was inadequate to the wealth found in the Place finding after all the Trouble I had taken to settle matters between the Partys they still seemed discontented, I informed Mr Duffin that I could not think of Interfereing any more in so disagreable a Business especially as the Young Nabob asserted and declared that the Troops had no right to the Plunder of the Place Peace having been concluded between him and the Rajah and for other reasons before mentioned and being myself doubtfull with respect to the rights of the claim on account of the aforesaid circumstances, I declared that if this Business could not be settled to the Satisfaction of both Partys I should be under the necessity of putting a Garrison into the Place secure the Treasure and effects and transmit an Account of the whole to the Honble Board

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Board to be Lenally adjusted by them and the Nabob. Also assured them that should any Officer presume to Seize or touch any part of the Effects &c. he should be put in Arrest and sent to Madras. While this was in agitation hints were thrown out that 4 50 000 Pagodas could be obtained in lieu of the Plunder all then wanted to be perfectly satisfied and me being very heartily myself to have it ended, I desired Captain Baillie to wait on the Young Nabob and give him an intimation of it. He did so the Young Nabob came in a few Minutes after to the Place where we sat at Dinner and consented to give the Sum above mentioned, what was accepted by all the Officers present. Capt. Baillie at my request waited upon Colonel Bonjour and his Officers to inform them of the Young Nabobs last Offer & to know if they were fully satisfied with this agreement, in that case our Centrys might be removed and the Effects put under the charge of the Young Nabobs people; he accordingly went and brought me for answer that the Colonel and his Officers were satisfyd and that he would put my Orders respecting the Centrys into Execution, Mr. Duffin returned to know when the Young Nabob would order the

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Bond to be prepared and at what period the Payment should be made - The Young Nabob reply'd three Months the same as he had agreed to at Ramnadapuram, having no Munchees on the Spot the Bond could not be drawn out the same Evening which seemed to give some uneasiness to the Officers of Coll: Bonjours Detachment, two or three of them met me on my return to Camp and after paying their compliments expressed a desire to have the Bond Signed ere the Young Nabob left the Place I observed to them that his word was sufficient I would be answerable for the Bond on this assurance they took leave and were thoroughly satisfy'd Captain Cotgrave to the Best of my remembrance was one of the Number —

I returned next morning to Cala-Coel to Visit the Young Nabob where I found Colonel Bonjour and Captain Matthews, the former of these Gentlemen informed me that Captain Matthews had been speaking to him on the Subject of what passed the day before relative to the Agreement made with the Young Nabob and not being present himself greatly disapproved the Step his Brother Officer had taken in resigning their right to the Plunder for so trifling a sum as 50,000 Pagodas - Captain Matthews spoke to me at the same time intimating their dissatisfaction

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I answered that the Officers themselves then on the Spot had debated and settled the matter and that it could not be altered, here the conversation drop'd and he took his leave, about Noon Colonel Bonjour received an address from Capt. Matthews and the Officers of the Detach-ment with another to the Young Nabob Copys of both I have the Honor to enclose as also a letter some time afterwards from Capt. Matthews to Mr. Duffen and his Answer thereto, I cannot help here remarking that it was a very extraordinary Step taken by the Officers of Colonel Bonjours Detach-ment to sign an address absolutely denying what they so lately had agreed to and that in the Presence of their Colonel & other Officers I could not refrain from rebuking Captain Cotgrave and others of them, for having recanted in the manner they did (and under their hands) what they the day before had given their consent to and which amongst men of honor should be held ever sacred Capt. Cotgrave reply'd that no written agreem't had been made at that time and he did not think himself bound to the observance of any other —

You will please Hon'ble Sir and Sirs to observe that in the Officers address to Col. Bonjour

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Bonjour dated June the 27 they request that an Inventory may be taken of the effects & in Cala Coil, tho' they themselves the day before consented that every thing should be given up to the Young Nabob for the consideration before mentioned and well knew the Time our Centrys were removed from the Inner Square Lieut Bryne as he commanded the Sepoys must certainly have known it and if I recollect right he was ordered by the Colonel the moment the Agreement was made to deliver over the Plunder to the Young Nabobs Servants I was at the Time highly displeased at the Inconsistency of behavior that appeared among those Gentlemen during the whole of the Transaction and should most undoubtedly have proceeded against them as I thought their Demerits deserved but considering that such a Step might have awed them from making any representations to the Honble Board on a matter wherein they afterwards imagined themselves agrieved, I forbore for the present taking publick Notice of it.

Thus Honble Sir and Sirs I have given you as candid and Impartial Account of this Affair as my Memory can furnish and have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed. Servant
Joseph Smith.

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To Col. Bonjour Commanding the
Detachment that stormed Carricoil

Sir

In consequence of a right invested to Captors by a General order of the Honble the Court of Directors of the East India Company we find ourselves entitles to the Plunder of Cala Cad which upon inspection we find amounts to a considerable Value

The small number of Officers & men that have been upon this Expedition will make the share of each the more considerable, We therefore request of you to acquaint his Excellency Umdut Ul Omrah, That we are willing to accept of 3000 Pagodas for each Subalterns share & the rest in proportion, Otherwise that we are willing to take the Plunder on our own Account, We are Sir

With the greatest Respect
Your Obed Servts
Signd
Jno Cotgrave Captain
in the name of the Officers

A True Copy
Thomas Parkinson Jun

Cala Cad 26 June 1772

To Lieut Col Bonjour Commanding
a Detachment at Calacad

Sir

We the Officers do in the name of all your Detachment, considering ourselves by the Honble the Governor & Councils Orders and the rules of War entitled to every thing that was in this Fort when

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when taken by us by assault & having heard that a compensation is likely to take place by no means in proportion to the Value in Money Jewels & other things which we have seen do therefore take this Method of assuring you that we do not agree thereto & request you will represent the same to the General & Nabob & cause an Inventory to be taken of every thing by proper Persons that we may have our Just dues.

We send you a Letter for the Nabob beging you will deliver it to the General for him

We are Sir With Respect
Your humble Servants
Signed Richard Matthews
Jno. Cotgrave
Geo Bryne
Jno. Oldham
Harcourt Woodhouse
Robert Scouler
Alexr. Gordon
Charles Barron
Manuel Martinz
Michs. Bruce
Joseph Carre
Edward White
Thos. Green
Chas. Teale Ashby.

A True Copy.
Thomas Parkison
Secy.

Cala Coil June 27. 1772.

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To his Excellency The Nabob Umdut Ul Omrah Behauder
&c &c &c

Sir

We the Officers of the Detachment commanded by Lieut Coll Boyonr, considering ourselves entitled to all the Effects found in this Place at the Time we took it by Assault & hearing that an Agreement is likely to take Place which we think by no means equal to the value thereof. Without our consent having been obtained do in the name of the said Detachment signify to your Excellency our disapprobation of any such agreement being made & do request you will permit an Inventory to be taken of the said Effects, that they may be divided amongst us according to the Custom of War.

We are with respect
Your Excellencys
most Obedt Servants
Signed Rich.d Matthews
Jn.o Cotgrave
George Boyne
Jn.o Oldham
Harcourt Woodhouse
Robert Scanlon
Alex.r Gordon
Manuel Martins
Mich.l Bruce
Joseph Jarvis
Chas. Barron

Edw.d White
Tho.s Green
Chas. Peale Ashley

A True copy
Thomas Parkinson Jun.r

Fort Cala Coil
29 June 1772

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To Mr. Duffin

Sir

Being Authorized by the Officers of Lieut Coll: Bonjours Detachment to act for them respecting their lawful Claim to the several things found in the Fort of Cala Coil when taken by us by Assault on the 25th of June and having heard that you was an active person in an agreement said to be made with the General or Nabob, that 50,000 Pagodas should be the ransom of the said effects. I am to request of you Information what you did say concerning the Matter to any person or persons, and by what Authority you acted, it being of the Highest concern to us all.

I am
Your Most Obedt.
Servant
Richard Matthews

Camp 29th June 1772

A true Copy of Mr. Duffin's copy of the Original in his own hand Writing —
Thomas Parkinson Secy.

To Capt. Matthews

Sir

I have recieved your letter of the 28th Ult. and am not a little surprized to find the Officers of Lieut: Coll: Bonjours Detachment are unacquainted with what was transactated at Cala Coil as they were all present except Lieutenants Bryne & Schooler however Sir

Sir

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for your Satisfaction I shall repeat what I know of the affair & how far I acted

When the General and the Nabob came to Cala Coil the 26th in the morning, By Desire of Coll: Bonjour all our Gentlemen Assembled to consult what was best to be done in Settling the Prize Money with the Nabob accordingly a Letter was wrote with the consent of the whole address'd to Lieut Coll Bonjour: The purport of which was that by a right invested in the Captors, The Plunder of Cala Coil became our Property, the smallness of the Detachment & the supposed Riches of the Place made us form an Estimate of 3000 Pag.s to Subalterns & 6000 to a Captain which if his Excellency did not approve of, We are willing to make the best of the Plunder ——

After Col Bonjour read the Letter he gave it to the General who upon reading it also gave it to the Nabob and mentioned to him at the same Time the Proposals, which were disapproved of and offered only a share to each Officer equal to what was given at Ramnadaperam, but by the Generals interposing an offer was made soon after of 40,000 Pag.s which was to be given for the good of the whole Our shares being first made equal to those at Ramnaud. I being present was desired to acquaint our Gentlemen of it, I immediately went to Col Bonjour who was lying in his Palankeen and told him the Message, His Opinion was we had better accept it and by his desire I went to propose it to the rest of the Gentlemen - except Lieut Bryne and Schooler, I believe all the Officers were present

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and it was their Opinion if we could raise it to 50,000 Pag.s it would be much better to accept it than to have any further dispute. This I acquainted the Colonel of who repeatedly wished it might be settled —

Authorized by the Colonel and the greatest part of the Officers I went to the Nabob who was then in the Pagoda, I first spoke to Capt. Baillie I mentioned the Proposals which he communicated to the General & afterwards to the Nabob soon after he came & told me the Nabob had agreed to them which I made known to the Gentlemen who seemed satisfied.

This is the substance as near as I can recollect of what I know of the Officers, as I left the Place soon after I cannot say what other resolutions have been taken, and have only to mention that I acted implicitly as they desired, If they have altered their Minds they cannot blame me.

I am Sir
Your Obd.r Servant
Sign.d Wm Duffin

Madura
July 1st 1772

A true Copy of A Duplicate of Mr Duffins answer to Capt. Matthews Letter — wrote & signed by Mr Duffin
Thomas Parkison Secy.

General Smith also lays before the Board the following Letters he has Just Received —

To Capt. Baillie

Sir

I have received a very extraordinary

Letter

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Letter from Capt. Matthews a Copy of which I now enclose you with my Answer thereto. I shall make no Comments on it, or those Gentlemen who I'm afraid are deceiving Capt. Matthews but Time I hope will shew who has acted with most Probity, agreeable to what I have wrote to Captain Matthews I beg you will lay our Letters before the General to whom make my most respectfull Compliments and believe me

Dear Sir

with much Esteem

Your Devoted Servant

(Signed) William Duffin

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To Mr. Duffin

Sir

As our Affair respecting to what pass'd at Cala Coel, will be brought before the Board what you wrote to me concerning the Part you acted, and what you told Messrs. Oldham, Gee Gordon and Green, being contradictory, you may not appear to advantage, therefore I think you had better recollect what did happen and favor me with what will be of Service to you, if your Letter of the first of July be dropped.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Signed Richard Matthews

To Capt. Matthews

Sir

I have recd. your Favor of

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of the 4th Instant desiring me to recollect again what was transacted at Cala Coil the 26th June last, As Messrs. Oldham, Gee, Gordon and Green have informed you that I have declared otherwise to them than what I wrote you in a former Letter concerning that affair.

Whatever those Gentlemen may have told you Sir I can form no Idea of as I am conscious whenever I have had any conversation with all or any of those Gentlemen about Cala Coil (which has always been in a cursory manner) I have never deviated from the Substance of what I wrote you I am sorry to observe that Capt. Matthews should entertain a Doubt of my using any finesse in giving a circumstantial and Voluntary Account of the Affair merely for his private Satisfaction I painted Matters as they really were, in order to prevent your interesting yourself to your own disadvantage on the Occasion from a wrong representation of Facts I shall therefore Sir strictly adhere to what I have already wrote you, nor am I under any Apprehensions of appearing to a Disadvantage, as you seem to intimate and as Matters are brought to such Lengths, I think it necessary to clear up an Affair that from false representation might throw aspersions on my Character) lay the whole of our Correspondence before the General

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General that it may be transmitted to the Board.—

Jam Sir
Your humble Servant
Wm Duffin

Madura
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Ordered that the foregoing Letters do lie on the Table.

General Smith having on the 1st Instant addressed a Letter to the Board requesting Permission to resign the Service, the President at the same Time received a Letter from General Smith desiring to be excused attending in Council, as he was busy in preparing the Letters and Papers he has to lay before the Board, whereupon the President caused the Council to be assembled on the 4th Instant in the Morning, when the Letter from General Smith was read, setting forth that as Peace was established throughout the Carnatic, and as he has suffered much in his Constitution from the Climate, he purposed returning to England by the first Opportunity and therefore requested Leave to resign the Service and expressed his Satisfaction at resigning the Command into the Hands of an Officer of Sir Robert Fletcher's known Merit and Abilities

Upon reading the abovementioned Letter it occurred to the Board that as it had always been usual for the Members of their Council

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in their quitting the Senate to take their leave personally of the Board and as General Smith had the day before attended in Council his Sudden Application, by Letter, to resign the Senate might appear to arise from Disgust to the Senate or to the Individual Member of the Board, which Opinion it might with Reason be supposed would be more readily received and propagated after the Disputes and Differences which has formerly subsisted and which were publickly known and canvass'd, not only in India but in England. It further occurred that the Letters which had been wrote to General Smith on the subject of the Insult said to have been offered the Jenny Nabob on the Plains of Trichinopoly, and regarding the Plunder taken at Pulicat, remains yet unanswered and Although the Board were convinced that General Smith meant to give them all the Satisfaction in his Power on the Subjects of those Letters and had informed the President that he was preparing his Answers thereto nevertheless the Board thought it would appear more regular and proper that the Answer should be given in before General Smith applied to leave to resign and then it was not a Doubt but that General Smith would upon the

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least hint, so that Propriety and wish to have it so. It was therefore agreed that no Minute should then be made on General Smith's Letter and the President was desired to acquaint General Smith as well as Sir Robert Fletcher with the Reasons which Induced the Board to defer the consideration thereof.

The Council having met on the 14th Instant in the Civil Department Mr. Mackay proposed that the Letter from General Smith should be taken into consideration. Whereupon the President informed the Board that it having been agreed on the 11th Instant to defer the consideration thereof untill he could make General Smith and Sir Robert Fletcher acquainted with the Sentiments of the Board as above recited he had informed Sir Robert Fletcher thereof the same day, but had not had an Opportunity so soon of seeing General Smith, but some of the Members of the Board having acquainted the General of the Boards Sentiments. He the President received a Letter from General Smith on the 12th in the morning by the hands of Captain Baillie desiring that the Letter might be returned to him. As no Minute had been made therein and the Board having express'd their

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wish that General Smiths resignation might
be agreable to the usage generally observed
and being of Opinion that he would have the
Appearance of more Regularity as well as
Civility if the Application to resign were
postponed until his answers to the Points
referred to him were received, the President
ordered the Secretary to return the Letter agree-
-able to General Smiths Request and at the
same Time desired Captain Baillie to acquaint
the General with the reasons which had induc-
-ed the Board to defer the consideration
thereof. — The following Question was then
proposed by Mr. Mackay to be put Viz.
That General Smiths Letter read before
the members of the Board the 11th Instant
be taken under Consideration — and instead
of accepting his resignation at this Time
that he be desired by the Board to remain in
the Service till he shall have replied to the
Boards Letter of the and have likewise
reported to the Board what passed in regard
to the Plunder taken at Calacat, To the
latter Part of this Question the President
objected, as it appeared to him to imply
an Intention of the Board, to enquire into
General Smiths Conduct; whereas he understood
that the Board never meant any such thing

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and that all they proposed was merely for the sake of Propriety and Regularity and for the Appearance it might have to the Public to afford General Smith the Opportunity (which they conceived he would upon Reflection wish to have) of giving to the Board, previous to his Resignation some Eclaircissements on the subject before mentioned and the President therefore proposed that the Question might be put without the latter part Viz.t till he shall have replied &c.a Mr. Mackay thereupon declared that it was by no means his Intention, by proposing the latter part of the Question to call General Smith to an account for his conduct all he meant was for the purpose of giving General Smith an Opportunity of explaining to the Board the Subjects of those Letters before he quitted the Service & which appeared to him the only reason why the Board should defer accepting General Smiths resignation. This Matter having been debated some Time and the other Members seeming to concur in Opinion with the President, Mr. Mackay proposed that the Question might be dropped entirely which was agreed to and it was then intended that the whole transaction should drop in Silence as there appeared

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no Necessity for entering a Recital of it in our Proceedings. But as the Board are given to understand that, immaterial as it appeared to them, it is become the common Topic of Conversation in the Town and that they are accused of having refused to accept of General Smith's resignation, and Sir Rob. Fletcher having also declared that he thought himself as well as General Smith ill used by the Board in this affair and as there is no reason to believe that the conduct of the Board which has been misrepresented on the Spot may be represented at home with still more agravating Circumstances, they have thought it necessary to be thus particular in relating the Matter on their Proceedings as it really happened.

General Smith lays before the Board the following Letter address'd to him by the Cadets stationd at Poonamalee

To General Smith

Sir

Letter from the Cadets desire to be sent on the Expedition under Major Breathwaite

We the Cadets now quarterd at Poonamalee, hearing of an Expedition being shortly to take place, should think ourselves extreamly happy, if Genl. Smith would espouse our cause with the Governor, for Leave to march with the Troops for the intended Destination

Poonamalee 15 Aug.t 1772.

Timo.y West
Wm

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Mulloo Pundat acquaints me that the Deserters are with one Lally a few miles from Adhamy. I am

very respectfully

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

A Wynch

Masulipatam

12 August 1772

The Letters from Bazalet Jung and Davy Chund are also read N. 145 & 146 referring to Mulloo Pundat.

Opinion of the Board

We have already in our Letter of the 7th Inst. expressd our Sentiments to Mr Wynch respecting the Gentoor Circar & we see no Cause to alter the Resolution then taken to drop for the present all further Negociation on the Subject.

Letter from General Smith read as follows.

To the Hon̄ble Josias Du Pré Esqr.

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St. George

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Genl. Smith on the Subject of the Insult to the Nabobs Son on the Plains of Trichinopoly.

I am honored with your Letter of the 6th Jelly which came to hand while on my Journey to the Presidency, therefore deferred replying thereto till my Arrival & hope that will in some degree Apologize for the delay there appears in the Answer.

In my address to the Hon̄ble

Board

Fort St. George 24th August 1772.

Board dated the 5th of June it is time I remarked they were misinformed with Respect to a report which prevailed at Madras of the Young Nabobs being Insulted by the Troops under my command on the day he Joined the Army & that too when they were under Arms, As such a Report could be spread with no other view than to give your Honor &ca some unfavorable impressions with regard to my conduct or otherwise to prejudice me in your Opinions and as the Propagators of these reports had not Justly informed themselves of what did really pass at the time, so I thought myself at liberty to reply only to the information given, but as the Honble Board in their Letter of the 6th July seem to think that I ought to have given them a circumstantial account of the matter so am I convinced it was not fully stated to your Honors in my address of the 5th June which would have prevented any further Trouble on this Subject — I never heard any complaints from the Young Nabob, or his Brother that the Soldiery had behaved to either of them with disrespect, while the Troops were encamped on the Plain, and all the Information I did receive relative thereto came from private hands which I now take the Liberty to Inform you

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you with.

On the 4th of May the second day after the Young Nabob joined us his Brother Mortar Ul Mulek Behauder attended by nadjiff Cawn rode along the Front of our line in his Charidte just before sun set where many of the Soldiers woemen were cooking Victuals for the different messes, these woemen its said were the first who called out to Mardar Ul Mulek Behauder for Money, the Soldiers who heard the Clamour joined in it & immediately the noise spread from right to left of the Europeans, but what Language they made use of on the occasion I never was perfectly informed of as it happened just at the Time when both Officers and Soldiers were preparing themselves for Evening Roll Calling.

I made the strictest Enquiry in my Power to find out the Person or Persons concerned in the Insult that a most examplary punishment might be inflicted on them, but my enquiries were not attended with success, the next day I met both the Young Nabob and his Brother & to the best my remembrance neither one or the other touch'd on the Subject, or even gave a hint at what had pass'd the day before I therefore immediately Issued out General Orders expressing my displeasure at such unprecedented behaviour in the Troops towards

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the Young Nabob who was at that Time supposed to have been in the Chariote with his Brother A Copy of those Orders I now enclose for Your Honor &c a Perusal with respect to what happened at Trichinopoly previous to this, the only Information I ever had was from the Young Nabob himself who mentioned that as he was passing thro one of the Streets an Artillery man in liquor came to him and asked for Prize Money, the Young Nabob instead of desiring his attendants to seize the man and bring him to me ordered the Soldier to follow his Palankeen home & there he presented him with some Pagodas I remarked to the Young Nabob at the time how imprudent it was in him to reward a man who had behaved with disrespect & instead of it, he should have given me immediate Notice that by a severe punishment such Disorders might be in future prevented, The Young Nabob then said that he looked on it as the action of a man who was deprived of his Senses by the Liquor he had drank & not in the Serious light I had repre=sented, begeing of me that no farther Notice might be taken of it & at his desire I acquiesced

I have the Honor to send accompanying this Letter the orderly book with Plans of Encampments & during the Tanjore Expedition

And have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. Servant
Joseph Smith

Fort St. George
20th Augt. 1772

Trichinopoly Plain Tuesday 5th May 1772
Parole Suffolk Sign Sarniavarum

Genl. Orders given out by General Smith on the Occasion

The General is much concerned to hear the very extraordinary & unprecedented behaviour of the European Soldiers to His Excellency the Young Nabob yesterday Evening, he considers it indeed as the highest disrespect to himself and only from a supposition that present folly more than premeditated design was the cause for this Time forgives - In future whoever is known to attempt anything of the kind or in anyway behave improperly to the Nabob may depend on being punished with the utmost Severity, particularly the Non Commissioned Officers who ought to know better and whose particular Business it is to prevent such irregularities

This Order to be Read and well explained to all the Troops at Evening Roll Calling.

A true Copy
Thomas Parkison Secy

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Observation of the Board thereon

The Board can only express their wish that General Smith had considered their Application to him in the Light it was really intended, viz that of Justifying their conduct in a Matter which from the Reports which prevailed, seemed to reflect on this Government & that he might have an Opportunity of vindicating himself from the Reflections which might be cast on him, for suffering an Insult offered to the Nabob in the Person of his Son to pass unnoticed — If General Smith had on our first Application given us the like Information he has done now & had transmitted to us a Copy of the above General Orders given out by him on the Occasion, we should have thought any further Enquiry unnecessary.

The Military Paymaster lays before the Board the following Letter & Accounts respecting Stoppages for Seapoy Cloathing —

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

Letter from the Military Paymastr. regarding Sepoy Stoppages & with accounts respecting the Same

In consequence of your Orders I have the honor to lay before you, an Account of Sepoy Stoppages from 1st January to the 31st December 1770 and from that time to the 30 April 1772.

The first comprehends an Account

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Amount of Stoppages for 9 Battalions of Sepoys by which the Honble Company have sustained a Loss of 2733. 26. 33. Pags. The Latter is an amount of Sepoy Stoppages for 10 Battalions for 16 Months and tho the foregoing Ballance is brought forward on this last Account there appears a ballance in favour of the Company of Pags 30th. 20. 55. this arises from the Stoppages being brought to Account for 16 Months out of which the Captains have been paid their allowances for that Period) tho the Cloathing has been paid only for 12 Months; I order therefore to shew your Honor &c. whether the Stoppages made will reimburse the Expence of Cloathing and the Captains their Allowance I have drawn out and now lay before you an Estimate Amount of 10 compleat Battalions of Sepoys; by which it appears that after paying the Agent for Cloth & Expences and the Captains their Allowances the Company will only sustain the inconsiderable Loss of 173. 4. 9. From the foregoing it must appear very extraordinary to your Honor &c. that there should be so great a loss on the 9 Battalions as appears by the first Account of Pags (2733. 26. 33) when it is so small on 10 Battalions it rests therefore with me to acquaint you with the cause of this difference which principally arises from the Madrass Battalion being broke in

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the middle of the Year, by which one half of the Stoppages were lost as they received their Cloathing for the whole Year, about the same Time also the Establishment of a Battalion was encreased from 700 to 1000 when the Cloathing for the latter was to be paid out of the Stoppages made from the former, by which the Expences of Cloathing exceed the Stoppages.

I thought it most regular to close the Account the 30th April that the Military Paymasters Books might agree with the General Books.

In drawing out these Accounts I have had much trouble to collect the particular Payments and Stoppages on the Corps for the the latter are brought to account Monthly, the Payments to the Captains are very irregular particularly when removed from the different Battalions; to obviate which I must therefore propose to your Honors &c. that the Stoppages be in future received, by the Military Paymaster General who must then make all Payments whatever to the Agents, and Captains, on account of which he will then with ease be able to lay before your Honor &c. at the expiration of every Year, but if your Honor &c. do not approve of this mode, I beg leave to recommend that the Military Paymaster be directed to pay the Agents, for Sepoy Cloathing as well as the Import Warehouse Keeper, for the Cloth

as

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as he issues the same and that he brings the whole account in his Books under the head of Seapoy Stoppages and that the allowance to the Captains of all the Battalions, be also paid by him at the end of the Year —

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
George Stratton
Mtry Pay.

Fort St. George
24th August 1772

Dr.

Seapoy

1770. April	30. To Cash paid the import Warehouskrs note for deliver'd to the Agent as P Account	11965	27	35
	To Cash paid the Agent Charles Smith his note for Cloth & the Expences of making the Clothing of 9 Battns & 5 Companies of Sepoys as P Account particulars N. 2	3616	1	10
	To Cash paid the Allowances granted the Captains of Sepoys 8 Captains a 500 each	4000	"	"
	To Ditto paid Capt. Mackain from 1st Jany to 6th July 1770	258	9	17
		19840	1	62

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Stoppages. Cr.

1770 December	31	By the Amount of Sepoy Stoppages brought to Account monthly by the Military Paymaster in his Books from 1st January to 31 Decr. 1770	5100	12	72
		By General Books brought to Account at Masu Pagd. 1864 21 70			
		Deduct for 12½ Pagd. 6 month overchanged for 4 Months at Masulipatam & this head debited in May 50	1814	21	70
		By Ditto for the amount of Stoppages brought to Account at Vizagapatam	2944	23	28
		By ditto by the Commissary in the Circars	3713	20	49
		By Ditto at Ganjam	2765	4	42
		By Ditto at Cuddalore	768	"	"
		Amount of Stoppages for 9 Battaloons & 5 Companies Pagd.	17106	11	29
		By Ballance Carried forward to compleat the purposes of the off. Reckonings	2733	26	33
		Pagodas	19840	1	62

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George Stratton Ms. Pay.

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Dr. Seapoy

1772		To Ballance Brought from last Year	Pagd	2733	26	33
January	31	To Cash paid Sepoys for Clothing		396	20	..
	29	To Ditto advanced the Agent		5000	..	..
April	30	To ditto paid the Captains their allowances for off Reckonings		11502	32	68

To Sundries Vizt.

Import Warehouse keeper ... Ps. 20853 .. 2 .. 15

Sepoy Agent Mr. Smith for the following Vizt. —

making Coats for 18 Battn. P. 3844 .. 27 .. 10

Charges Packing Freight &c. 167 .. 40 .. 75

Godown Rent for 7 Months ... 84 .. .. ..

Commr. on 24694 .. 22 .. 25 @ 5 P Ct. 1234 .. 26 .. 10

5320 .. 10 .. 15

Deduct what has been advanced 5000 .. .. ..

320 .. 10 .. 15

	21181	12	30
	40814	19	51
	3811	20	55
Pagd as	44626	4	26

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Dr. Estimate of Seapoy Stoppages for 18 compleat Battns.

To the Expences of Cloth making and Charges to 18 compleat Battalions of Seapoys as pr. the Agents Accounts for the Year 1771 ... 27181 .. 9 .. 2

To allowances to 18 Captains @ 500 Pagd each ... 9000 .. .. ..

Pagd as 36181 .. 9 .. 2

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Stoppages

	Cr.		
By Stoppages brought to Account monthly by the Military Paymaster	23233	13	50
By General Books for Ditto in the Circuits from 1st Jany 1771 to 30th April 1772	15335	6	22
By the Commissary General from 1st Jany to the 30th April 1771	6057	20	34
Pags	44626	4	26

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E E & George Stratton
Mr Payr

Cr.

By Stoppages for 10 Compleat Battalions for one Year	Pags	35900
By Profit and Loss for ye deficiency		173 " 9 " 2
	Pags	36181 " 9 " 2

George Stratton
Mr Payr

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Orders in consequence —

Ordered that the Military Paymaster do retain the Sepoy Stoppages in his hands from the last adjustment and that the Proportions to the several Captains be issued every Six Months & the Proportion to each Captain of a Battalion is to commence from the Time of his being declared in orders as such & to continue untill he be succeeded by another —

The Nabobs desires to be furnished with an Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Offrs Quarters at Vellour

The President acquaints the Board that he had applied to the Nabob regarding the repairs necessary to the Quarters at Vellour who had desired to be furnished with an Estimate of the Expence —

To be sent in.

Ordered that Lieut Col. Lang be directed to transmit to us an Estimate of the Expence, that the same may be laid before the Nabob

To the Honble. Presidt and Council

Read the following Letter from Major Vaughan Commanding at Vellour.

Honble Sir & Sir

Letter from Major Vaughan Orders a Company of Europeans to Trichinopoly.

Conformable to the Order of the 14 Inst. received from the Honble Board, Capt. Bassets Company will march to morrow morning from Vellum, and proceed with all convenient dispatch to Trichinopoly.

Having received a Letter from Lieut Colonel Flint informing me that he will be distressed to make up the Number of Europeans required unless the company I send be compleated to fifty Rank and File, I have therefore compleated them to that number.

Vellum 4 Augt. 19. 1772

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs with due Respect
Your most Obedt. Humble Servt.
Rd. Vaughan

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Letters from Mr. James Hay read as follows.

To John M Stone Esqr.

Sir

Letter from Mr. Hay orders the Pay issued to L. Lamballais as adjutant at Trichinopoly to be brought to account

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 25th May giving me to understand that the President & Council has been pleased to order me to refund the allowance made to Lieut. Lamballais as Town adjutant

The above allowance was made in consequence of the Recommendation of the Commanding Officer who signed the Bills, But as the Board are pleased to disapprove thereof I have ordered it to be brought to account agreeable to their Directions

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

Trichinopoly
31st July 1772

To John M Stone Esqr.

Sir

Letter from Mr. Hay, explaining the Charge for repairing Magazines &c. at Trichinopoly.

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 28th July enclosing me the Extract from the Report of the Committee of Accounts 20 July 1772 with the orders of the Board thereon, To which I should ere this have made a Reply, but having left Trichinopoly before it came to hand was under the necessity of waiting till such time as I could be provided with a Copy of those Accounts

The Charges for repairing the Store Rooms and Laboratory was occasioned by the

by the late accident and by order of General Smith representing the distress we should be in for want of those places to put the Stores into that we saved, and those that was daily expected from the Presidency which he had wrote for, & to be sent with all expedition, at the same Time he gave me to understand that he had acquainted the Board with what he had ordered to be done, which I should have done at the same time, but was unable being much hurt by the Accident that happened

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

Fort St. George
20 Augt. 1772

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. William Light Paymaster at Vellum —

To J. M. Stone Esqr.
at Fort St. George
Sir

Letter from Mr. Light the Nabob's Amuldar at Vellum refuses to supply materials &c. for Sepoy Sheds at Vellum —

I am honored with your Letter of the 11th Instant and have in consequence thereof applied to the Nabob's Manager acquainting him with the Directions of the Honble Board in relation to the erecting the Sepoy Sheds, He gives me to understand that he has not received any orders whatever from the Nabob concerning them and that untill he is furnished with

such

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such he cannot take upon him to do any thing, I have also made Major Vaughan acquainted with my Directions from the President and Council who is anxious that they should be carried into Execution & compleated as soon as possible since the present Situation of the Black Soldiery is by no means one to be wished.

As the mode presented me by the Hon.ble Board for the procuring materials Workmen &c.a has not been put in Practice for the Repairs that have been hitherto made in this Garrison, I must take the Liberty of giving it as my Opinion that it will greatly impede the Design proposed, since the Nabobs manager has not as yet supplyd a single Article for those purposes & consequently is now totally unprovided with them unless I am furnished with further Directions on this Head I must wait untill the Nabobs Instructions to his Kellidar shall arrive ——

I am Sir
Your very Obed.t
humble Servant
Wm Light
Pay.r

Vellum
18 Aug.t 1772

the Nabob to be applied to — —
The Nabob approves of the Regulations respecting Detach.ts passing thro the Country.

Resolved that application be made to the Nabob on the Subject.

The President acquaints the Board that he has delivered to the Nabob a Persian Translation of the Orders & Regulations proposed respecting

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respecting Detachments &c passing thro the Nabobs Country entered in Consultation the 10th Instant which the Nabob had approved ——

Orders in consequence —

Ordered that they be given out in General Orders to be communicated to all Officers under this Presidency & transmitted to the Chiefs of the several Subordinates & to the Paymasters at the out Garrisons ——

The Secretary acquaints the Board that he this morning recd a Letter from General Smith enclosing the following Letter & Memorial from Capt. Nixon Campbell Davis & Watts

To Joseph Smith Esqr.
Brigadier General &a &a &a

Sir

Letter from Captains Nixon Campbell Davis & Watts to General Smith

The enclosed Memorial we beg you will be pleased to present to the Board, the enclosed —

As upon perusal you will we flatter ourselves find our Demands reasonable we make not the least Doubt of your patronizing it & we have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Nixon
D. Campbell
Robt. Watts

Fort St. George
23d August 1772

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

The Memorial of Captains Nixon, Campbell Davies, and Watts

Most humbly Sets forth

Memorial of those Years regarding our Rank

That your Memorialists were Appointed Cadets on this Establishment in the Year 1763 That on their Arrival in this Coast, they were sent on Field Service, and were at the Reduction of Madura and Palamcotah And have since been on almost every Service of consequence by which they have sustained considerable Losses and Hardships, Particularly Captains Campbell and Davies suffered a Severe Imprisonment from the Enemy That they have lost Rank, as well by being constantly superceded since their Arrival by Gentlemen from Europe Particularly in the Year 1770) as also by the Promotion of Captains Montresor and McKay of the Engineers and Artillery the former of whom had no rank in this Service Untill the 8th of Sepr. 1767 And the Latter was Appointed a Cadet at Madrass in the latter end of the Year 1764

We therefore humbly hope, that our Zeal for the Service as well as the constant adherence to our duty will Induce this Honorable Board to take these Circumstances into consideration And we beg leave to submit to this Honble

Board

Board whether from these circumstances and the nature of the Case as before related it would not be proper that we should Rank before the said Captains Mentuser and M'Kay And we humbly hope and Doubt not but if it should appear to this Honorable Board in the light in which we conceive it, that this honorable Board will be pleased to appoint us to Rank before the said Captains, which we shall ever gratefully Acknowledge, And take every Opportunity, by Exerting ourselves in the Street discharge of our Duty, To convince this Honorable Board that we retain a proper sense of such Indulgence —

To be on the Table

Ordered that the above Memorial do lie on the Table.

Letter from Lieut Haycock read as follows.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Letter from Lieut Haycock desires to be appointed a Capt. of Invalids

Encouraged by that General regard to Justice, and consideration of long and faithfull Services, shewen by you in your Military Appoint-ments, and believing that the peculiar hardship of my Situation may have arose from my back-wardness in setting forth my Pretensions, joined to the Obscurity and Remoteness of my situation I am therefore induced on Occasion of the Company of Invalids now vacant by the Death of Capt. Mackaine humbly to submit my Pretensions

to

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To the Equity of this Honorable Board.

I have now served the Company Thirty and nine Years, I will not say with Ability, but to the best of my poor Capacity with a character unimpeached, and with the constant approbation of my superior Officers. When I inform you that during thirteen of these Years I have been a Commissioner in the Service I need not add that I have been suspended during that Period: For what reasons unless because I am grown Old and Grey Headed I do not know, for I have never had the smallest Imputation on my Character — I will freely own that being now almost worn out with Age and Infirmities, I am no Lawyer Yet for active Service Yet I may be allowed to think myself as capable of doing Duty of Captain of Invalids, as that of Lieutenant in which Station I have had the additional Duty of commanding the Military in this Garrison without Batta, or the smallest Emolument for these last three Years.

By appointing me to this Vacancy or (should it unfortunately be already filled up to the next that happens you will make an Old man happy, who has always endeavoured to approve himself to be very respectfully

Honble Sir and Gentlemen
Your very Obedient Servant
Richd Haycock Lieut

Vizagapatam
12th August 1772

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Ordered that the foregoing Letter do lie on the Table until we receive the Companys Orders respecting the Invalid Establishment recommended to them.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Certificate, which the Board approve.

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandel.

Whereas it is ordered by the regulations for transacting the business of the Honble Companys Fund for the relief and maintenance of European Officers and Soldiers who by Wounds or Infirmities are rendered incapable of further Duty in India, that they produce a certificate from their Commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Pension made by the said Military Fund. I do certify that John Longstaff, born at Darlington in the Parish of Darlington and County of Durham aged fifty four Years is a Serjeant upon this Establishment serves the Company upwards of twenty four Years has been wounded Several Times, is almost blind and being rendered incapable of Duty, has been put on the Pension List, and obliges to return to England depending on the said Military Fund.

John Longstaff recommended to partake of the Military Fund

Given under my Hand at Fort St George this 25 day of August 1772.

Joseph Smith

B. G.

To the Honble the Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

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Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Joseph Smith.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from General Smith desires to resign the Service.

When I address'd the Honble Board on the 11th Instant to Solicit their permission to resign the Command of the Troops, an impediment arose that had not occurr'd to me & which was thought necessary should be removed ere I resigned the Service and having now endeavoured all in my power to give the Honble Board that satisfaction, I am induced again to renew my former request, and at the same time beg leave to assure the members of that Honble Board that whatever disputes may have arisen while executing the Publick Service with me they are entirely forgot & I declare that neither disgust or any other motive of discontent towards the Honble Board urges me to this Solicitation, but an ardent wish of once more revisiting my native Soil after a Servitude of 22 Years & I can do it with the greatest pleasure since the Command will devolve on an Officer (Sir Robert Fletcher) whose abilities as a Soldier have been proved

to

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the World & who I'm persuaded will always exert those abilities to the publick good —

With my warmest wishes for prosperity to the Honble Company's affairs in this Country and every possible success to you Gentlemen. I remain with all Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed. Servant
Joseph Smith

Vipery
24 August 1772.

Granted.

Agreed that General Smith's resignation be accepted & that a letter be wrote him informing him thereof —

The Honble Company in their Commands of the 22d March 1771 direct that as soon as Colonel John Wood shall have paid and satisfied the Sums that shall be decreed by the Mayors Court in consequence of the Suits commenced against him, that he be forthwith restored to the Service. Those Suits are still pending in the Mayors Court as well as a Cross Suit brought by Colonel John Wood against the Company. Untill therefore the Mayors Court shall pass their Decree therein, & Coll John Wood shall satisfy & pay the same he cannot by the orders of the Honble Court be considered as in the Service

his rank in

Col: Sir Robt. Fletcher appointed to the Command of the Troops.

The Command of the Troops on this Coast therefore of course devolves on Colonel Sir Robt. Fletcher who is accordingly appointed thereto And the Honble Court having in the 13 Para. of their Commands of 10 April 1771 directed that General Smith's Succession, or the Commanding

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Commanding Officer of the Troops on this Establishment for the Time being do have a constant seat at the General & Seperate Councils & Select Committee, Sir Robert Fletcher is therefore desired to attend the Board & the Oaths of Allegiance and Fidelity are accordingly administred to him, and he now takes his Seat at the Board —

Takes his Seat at the Board

Colonel Sir Robert Fletcher requests that Mr Chaloner Hawke may be appointed his Secretary with which the Board acquiesce —

Mr Hawke appointed his Secretary —

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had given him his Consent for the Cadets to proceed & Join the Detachment under the Command of Major Braithwaite & that in consequence thereof Instructions had been sent to Captain Jelend at Poonamalee to order them to hold themselves in readiness —

Agreed that Colonel Sir Robert Fletcher be desired to consider of a proper Officer to Command them —

Jos. du Pré
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Saml. Johnson
J. Wyne
Geo. Mackay

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Recd the following Letter from Mr. Wynch chief at Masulipatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Wynch Detachment of Artillery Co. arrived at Masulipatam.

I have received your commands of 16th Instant. The Detachment mentioned therein is landed and will proceed for Ellore to morrow. The remainder of the Company of Artillery now at Ellore, shall be sent you by the first proper Sea conveyance that may offer.

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. hubble Servant
A. Wynch

Masulipatam 21st Augt. 1772.

27 Wrote the following Letter to Mr. William Cuming

To Mr. William Cuming
Paymaster at Madura & Palamcotah

Sir

Letter to Mr. Cuming advising of his appointment to Paymaster to Major Braithwaite's Detachment

A Detachment of Troops under the command of Major Braithwaite having been ordered to proceed against the Polygars in the Madura & Tinnevelly Countries, we have appointed you to be Paymaster to the Detachment during that Service: You will therefore leave proper Persons with the necessary Instructions to execute the Duty of Paymaster & Storekeeper in the Garrisons of Madurah and Palamcotah & hold yourself in readiness to accompany the Detachment from Madura

We are Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Jos. Du Pre & Council

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31 The following Letters were this day wrote

Capt. Christopher Theophiles Chaigneau

Sir

Letter to Capt Chaigneau ordering him to proceed to take the Command of Madura.

We have appointed you to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Madura, you will therefore proceed thither & receive charge thereof from Capt. Samuel Evans, or the Officer who may be at present in the Command, to whom you will deliver the accompanying Letter.

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Jos. Du Pré Esqrs

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To Capt. Samuel Evans
or the Officer Commanding at Madura

Sir

Letter to Capt Evans directing him thereof

Having appointed Captain Christopher Theophiles Chaigneau to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Madura, We now proceed thither accordingly. You will therefore on his arrival deliver the Command over to him.

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

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 31 Augt

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
Sir Robt Fletcher, John Smith
" Henry Brooke
John Whitehill " ———
Samr Johnson " J. M. Stone
Mr Stratton. Mr Charles Smith & Mr Mackay absent.

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The following Letter to General Smith is now signed ——

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith

Sir

We have received your letter of the 24th Inst. & have in consequence of your request, accepted of your resignation ——

Letter to General Smith accepting of his resignation

Your Zeal and Attachment to the Companys Service, in the course of our administration need no Testimony; and if we offer ours we hope our Honble Employers and you will receive it as a Justice which we owe to both.

We receive great Satisfaction in the Cordial Declaration you make towards us, Differences in Opinion upon Publick measures ought never to go beyond those measures. with us they never have: and it is with Truth & Sincerity we wish you all happiness ——

We are with real esteem
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Jos Du Pré & Council

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Read the following Letter from Lieut Col. Flint Commanding at Trichinopoly.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.
President & Governor & Council

Letter from Lt. Coll. Flint only 1. 18 Ur. pt for Service - want of Tents respecting a Surgeon to attend the Detachment

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 14 Instant I have received with Major Smithwaites Instructions inclosed, Agreable to your Orders I immediately

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set about giving directions for fitting out the Detachment, but upon Enquiry find we have only one 18 Pr. fit for field Service at the same Time am informed those four left at Madura are compleat with every thing also two at Vellum, One of the latter if you think it necessary please to send me an Order for; we have likewise a great Deficiency of Tents, those were Indented for with many other Articles in May, Specify'd in the List of Stores for April, Mr. Alexander Davidson is arrived whom I have made acquainted with the Circumstance.

The proper Carriages for the Howitzers were destroyd in the Explosion so that we are under the Necessity of fitting two others for that purpose, they will be ready in a few also to take two of the three Pound Lumbers for them.

Regarding my sending a Surgeon with the Detachment shall be distressed in that Point as Mr. Hinchleys health is so much impaired that he will be under the necessity of going to the Coast, I have an assistant Mr. Hyle, that can be spared should you think it necessary to appoint one of the Surgeons that are to the Sward to attend the Detachment either from Madura or Palamcotah, to officiate in his absence, there being but few People to attend to what we have here.

The Accompanying is the Present State of the Artillery my Battalion & those that

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were left sick here belonging to the 1st Battalion of the 1st Brigade now doing Duty here from which you will see Gentlemen that I shall be Obliged to take some of the latter to make up the number R & File Ordered notwithstanding Major Vaughan as been so good as to compleat the Company sent here upon my Application every thing else will be ready by the Time Capt. Browns Battalion Arrives.

I am with due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & very
humble Servant
Wm. Flint

Trichinopoly
Augt. 20. 1772

Orders thereon

As part of the Heavy Artillery, employd in the reduction of the Marawar and Naaloody Polygars, was sent to Madura it will be more convenient that the Detachment should be furnished from thence with what may be necessary, of which Lieut. Coll. Flint and the Storekeeper at Madura are to be advised.

Ordered that it be referred to the Committee of Stores to report what Tents & other Articles are necessary to be sent from hence, that they may be forwarded with all Expedition

Mr. Hinckley one of the Surgeons at the Trichinopoly having requested leave to come to Madras for his Health Resolved that Mr. Whyte be ordered from Palamcotah to Trichinopoly in his room & that Mr. Davies do attend the Detachment - And that Mr. Kyle Assistant

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in the Hospital at Trichinopoly do proceed to Palamcotah in the room of Mr Whyte during the present Service ——

Letter from Major Braithwaite read as follows.

* To the Honble Jos. Du Pré Esar

President and Governor and the Gentlemen of Council

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Major Braithwaite regarding the Instructions sent him - Expects little assistance from the Nabobs Troops Desires a Quarter Master an Adjutant a Brigade Major & a Conductor of Stores to the Detachment may be appointed.

I am honored with a letter from you dated the 14 Instant, wherein you express your intentions to assist the Nabob to reduce the Polygars in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries (who have taken the advantage of the late troubles to strengthen themselves and prove Troublesome to the Circars) by demolishing their strong holds and laying open their Pollams and that you have for that purpose directed a Detachment therein named to be immediately got in readiness at this Place and have done me the Honor to appoint to appoint me to the Command of the said detachment, as soon as it shall be formed and equipped with the necessary Stores and ammunition, and to proceed with it to Madura where it is to be augmented with half a Battn of Seapoys.

You have likewise done me the Honor to communicate to me the service intended to be performed by the Troops under the Command of Lieut Colonel Bonjour, who may or may not as Hee Judges it most expedient for the Service, aug-

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augment his own Detachment, by drawing from mine Captain Browns Battalion of Seapoys which you have ordered to this Place, and which is to proceed from hence under my command, and have expressly directed that Lieut. Colonel Bonjour's detachment and mine shall reciprocally assist and support each other as the necessities and exigencies of the several services for which they are employ'd may require and permit.

You have also therein informed me, that the Nabob has appointed his Son Muddaur Ul Mulek Behauder to accompany me on this Service, for the purpose of superintending the Expedition and settling the Country, that the Plan and conduct of the Military Operations are left entirely to me, but that as the Company in this Expedition act only as Friends and Allies to the Nabob, the Places which may be taken or subdued are to be delivered over to Muddaur Ul Mulek Behauder, by whom or Persons of his appointing all negociations are to be carried on, and that he will from Time to Time give me all necessary informations the better to enable me to concert my Plans and carry on my Operations and that I shall advise you of whatever may come to my knowledge relative thereto ——

That the Nabob has undertaken to supply the Detachment with Provisions and entrusted the same to Muddaur Ul Mulek

Behauder

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Behauder, to whom I am to make application for whatever I may require.

That the Nabob proposes that I shall be accompanied by three Battalions of his Sepoys and some Horse, which for the Services of this Expedition he will put under my Command that Muddaur-Ul Mulck Behauder is to Join me before I proceed from this Place and accompany me on this Expedition - That I am to consider Mr. Cuming as Paymaster to the Detachment and am to advise you of my marches and Operations —

I have Gentlemen thus taken the liberty to re-capitulate to you, your letter, that you may be the better satisfied that I comprehend the whole and every part of your Intentions, to which I shall endeavour to pay the most exact atten-tion and Obedience ——

I hope it will not be deemed imperti-nent in me to inform you that by the best Intelligence I can procure, the Nabob has not three Battalions of Seapoys to send upon this Service, I cannot hear that he has more than Six Corps of Seapoys, which can be said to be said to be formed into Battalions, one of which Captain Lindens is broken by Desertion and ne-cessity of incorporating it among others, to prevent any bad consequences from a spirit of Mutiny which had arisen among them - One is in Garrison at Arcott one at Ramnadaporam, one at Cala Coil, and one at Tripatour so that there

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remains but one which makes part of the Army in the Field with Umdut-Ul Omrah Behauder for which it seems there will be sufficient employment, I fear therefore that the Nabob when he mentioned three Battalions of Seapoys to be employd on this Service alluded to his Sepoys already in the Tinnevelly Country. an uncertain number, dispersed in small bands all over the Country without Officers or Discipline, ill paid and much worse armed: If these are the Troops to which I am to be assisting, I fear my whole attention will be taken up, in getting out of the Scrapes in which they will bring me and in protecting them and their numerous followers from the Insults of a crafty and distinguished Enemy. It may not also Gentlemen be improper to inform you, that the Nabob as I hear is preparing what I think too numerous a Train of his own Field Artillery, if it is not properly equipped with Ammunition and Stores it will be entirely useless, if it is I shall be very much Puzzled to give it sufficient protection besides that other bad consequences may arise from such a beginning ——

I shall also beg leave to represent to you, that as my detachment when collected will be numerous and probably not altogether composed of the most regular Troops, I shall by no means be able to assure myself of their all maintaining their several positions in Camp Action or the Line of

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March but by an extraordinary dilligence in, and the constant fatigue of the Officers whom I must necessarily appoint to act as staff Officers for the whole, for on them I must chiefly depend for all that is done by the Nabobs Troops, Lieutenant Harper and Ensign Fowke acted with me as Quarter Master and adjutant to my Corps of Grenadiers in the late Expedition and acquitted themselves well, as it will make no addition of Officers in the Field, I should wish to employ them again on this occasion as we were never for any long Time divided from the Body of the Army in the late Expedition, I did not trouble the General for any allowance for them, but as on this occasion their Duty will be great I hope you will admit of their having one, and that you will also permit me to draw for Capt. Cheshyre one of my Captains) as Brigade Major, an Officer which cannot easily be dispensed with where there are such a Variety of Corps employd, from the Punctuality and Activity of such an Officer as Capt Cheshyre I am confident I shall derive great support and assistance, A conductor also to take charge of the Company's Stores and Ammunition will be absolutely necessary, as the Officers of Artillery which I understand are destined for this Service fall short of the number usually allotted to the like number of Guns, and of course do not permit of my appointing one to the particular charge of

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The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Capt. Tonyn.

Sir

I received your favor requesting to know if I would Agree to the Contract for the Troop on the same Terms the late Captain Kirker had it. In answer to which, I will accept of the contract on the same Terms but I look upon the Accoutrements & which came by the Northumberland last Year and sent to Madras to belong to me as they were ordered to be made, and bought by me my Bills were paid by order of the Court of Directors who intended the Accoutrements particularly for my Troop therefore must look upon them as my property untill the Time of their being delivered out to the Troop when by the Contract they will become the Companys, when eight Pagodas are deducted for the feed of the Horses and Five for the Pay of the Troopers, there will remain only half a Pagoda to furnish Horse Accoutrements and every thing as in the Contract, which in future I am to supply as well as Cloathing out of the usual Stoppages On these Terms I am willing to agree to it and shall be enabled from the other Emoluments to be answerable for my Troop & do Justice to the Company.

I am Sir with respect
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
J. Coles Tonyn

Letter from Capt. Tonyn on the Subject of the Contract for the Troop of Cavalry looks upon the Accoutrements sent out as his property.

Cuddalore August 23 1772.

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The Board can by no means agree with Capt. Tonyn that the Accoutrements which have been paid for & sent out by the Company can be considered as his Property - But that if when they are delivered out to the Cavalry the Amount of them ought to be charged to the Person conducting to send them - It is however resolved that the Accoutrements be in future furnished on the Company's Account & that a contract be only made for finding the Horses. Agreed therefore that Captain Tonyn be desired to inform the Board on what Terms he is willing to contract for finding them ——

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieut. Coll. Sang.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr
President and Governor at Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from Lt. Coll. Sang regard the ill behaviour of Ensign Kirwan who desires leave to resign his Commission ——

By the accompanying paper you will perceive that the late most extraordinary Indulgence granted to Ensign Kirwan by his Brother Officers has been totally misapplied & abused On receiving the Complaint against him I immediately ordered the Court of Enquiry which has hardly assembled when I was presented with a Letter which is now also literally Copied —

The many and notorious Irregularities in his conduct will presume convince

You

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you that he is unworthy his Commission & indeed you therefore to accept of his proposal I have myself merely in consideration of his Youth & Unexperience, frequently overlooked Crimes in him which if made publick must have ruined him long since, am therefore humbly of Opinion that a Court Martial will only be a superfluous trouble to all Parties, If however it be thought necessary to bring him to a regular Trial, the Major Part of the Evidences are now on their march for Madras with Capt. Mc Kenzie's Battalion) & the remainder may be dispatched, with the Prisoner at a moments warning, nor I to presume to advise the unfortunate Young man should be permitted to take his passage on the first Ship — I am therefore to request your Instructions upon this matter & am

Honble Sir

Your very humble

& Obedient Servant

Ross Lang

Vellour
August 13. 1772.

The following is a Copy of the Letter address to Lieut Coll Lang by Ensign Kinman, & which was laid before the Court of Enquiry ——

To Lt. Coll Lang.

Sir —

I have been very unfortu-
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yesterday as drinking a little and going in the Sun which takes a very particular Effect at times, I happened to commit some foolish things which I am entirely insensible of, therefore as the Officers think me disagreable in that Case should be much obliged to you if agreable to the Officers offended to ask Pardon, and resign my commission - Your using your Interest in this will always be esteemed a Favor by

Vellour 10 August 1772.

Sir
Your very humble Servant
Ok Kirwan Ensign.

From the very unfavorable character given by Lieut Coll Lang of Ensign Kirwan, he appears very undeserving of holding a Commission in the Company's Service, and it is therefore resolved that his resignation be accepted, on Condition of his entering into an Obligation to return to England by the first conveyance or in Default thereof empowering the Board to send him home, of which Lieut Coll Lang is to be advised - And resolved that Mr Kirwan be particularly mentioned to the Court of Directors as a Person unworthy of their Service.

Memorial of Ensign Mirwan Matthews read as follows.

To the Honble the Governor & Honble Council at Madras

Memorial of Ensign Matthews Desires leave to go England on perlow on his Family's affairs

The Memorial of Merwyn Matthews, Gent. Ensign in the First Regiment

Most humbly Sheweth

That your Honors Memorialist was at appointment of Coll Ford, as one of the Superd.

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to any Officer to return to England & to continue on the List & which must be properly certified by the Surgeons.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Capt. Wood Town Major.

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

Letter from Capt. Wood Town Major regarding the additional Trouble of his Office, hereunto of assistants and a Room for transacting his Business.

The additional weight of Business which the orders of the 5th April 1771 and 24 August 1772 have affixed to the Office in which you have been pleased to place me, obliges me to this address.

It is with reluctance I make so early and so public an Application on a subject that may be thought too nearly connected with my own Interest, But I will submit the circumstances to your consideration and whatever may appear necessary and just in your Opinion shall be satisfactory to my wishes: my most Zealous desire being to merit your Approbation in executing the Duties of my Station

It would be necessary to set forth particularly the Multiplicity of Duty which was connected with the Office of Town Major in this place even before the Orders I allude to were Issued, That Duty however various would be executed tho' not without constant Labour and Assiduity for the examining and signing all Passports, Discharges, Renewals of Time in the Military Department

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and likewise the Countersigning of all Notes for Pay Batta and every other Military Payment in this Garrison together with the continual Applications from Officers & Soldiers required all the attention and Service that one Officer and an Assistant could bestow or Execute.

But the Orders lately issued join almost all the Duties of an adjutant General to the Office, nor could the aid of two more assistants fully relieve the additional weight of Business by those Orders the Town Major is obliged to send all General Orders which relate to the Establishment, together with an Account of the constant changes that necessarily happen in this Service to all the Chiefships and Forts both to the Nward and where any of the Companys Commissioned Officers Command in the Carnatick.

These are as follows

To the Officer Commanding the Troops under the Presidency

To the Officer Commanding the First Brigade

To the Officer Commanding at Palamcotah & at Madura, to Col. Bonjour, Tricinopoly Cuddalore Chingleput, Vellour, Amboor, Poonamalee, Angole and to the chiefs of Masulipatam, Vizagapatam and Ganjam, From this List, Hon'ble Sir, you will be pleased to observe that no number of Assistants could supply my own part of the additional Duty - for I must carefully examine and correct every Copy they transcribe of these

Orders

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Orders, as a single Error in any of them might be attended with disagreable Consequences But this Duty I will endeavour to perform to the best of my Power and I submit it to your conside-ration whether I may be thereby entitled to any additional Advantages or Augmentation of Pay

I must likewise take the liberty of representing to you that my Writers have no proper places to carry on their Business for the Room allotted to them is at so great a Distance from the Town Majors Quarters that during the Rains no Books can be carried to or from them without being Wet and as there is no other place allotted for transacting Regimental and Garrison business the constant noise and hurry of the Orderly non Commissioned Officers attending render it a place in every way improper

The Writers Room on the left hand side going to the Fort Square is the most convenient I could point out for this Business, as there could be a communication opened under cover without any Difficulty between it and the Town Majors Stairs I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect Hon.ble Sir

Your obliged and Obed.t Servant
Rob Wood M.

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The Board

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Board are fully sensible of the Justness of Captain Wood's representation, and that the Business now transacted by him is much more than properly appertains to the Office of Town Major or than what was formerly looked upon as any part of his Duty: since he performs great part of the Duty of an adjutant General, as well of that of Barrack Master to the Garrison which ought to be seperate and distinct Employs, if it were not for the additional expence that would attend such Appointments & that we should thereby remove too many Officers from the Regiments, It is therefore agreed that an additional Allowance of ten Shillings & Day be made to Captain Wood for the Extraordinary Trouble he must necessarily have, that two more monthly writers be allowed him, and it is recommended to the Committee of Rooms to find out a convenient Apartment for conducting his Business

Allowed 10 Shs. additional Pay and two Writers

The Secretary lays before the Board a Recommendation for a Sepoy belonging to one of the Independant Companies at Cuddalore to be put on the Invalid List & for whom a regular Certificate is produced to the Board Ordered that he be invalided accordingly.

A Sepoy of the Independant Companies Invalided

The Commissary General lays before the

Naboks Accounts to 30 April laid before the Board.

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The Board the Nabobs account Current for the Months of February March & April last, the Ballance of which is Pags. 444470.. 23. 44 as also General Abstract of his Account from the 1st May 1771 to 31 April 1772 the Ballance of which agrees with the Foregoing.

Ordered that the same be delivered to the Nabob

Jos. Du Pré
Robt. Fletcher
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Saml. Johnson
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of three Battalions of the Nabobs Sepoys, We shall apply to the Nabob on the Subject, when we shall write you further thereon ——

Major Braithwaite has also represented that a Brigade Major, a Quarter Master, an Adjutant and a conductor of Stores will be necessary on the Expedition — As to a Brigade Major it never has been usual to employ one with so small a Detachment of Troops, and we do not see the Necessity of appointing one for the present Service — If the Adjutant belonging to the Battalion of Europeans from which the Detachment is drafted does not proceed in the Expedition, Major Braithwaite may appoint an Officer to act as such, with the usual Allowance, a Quarter Master and conductor of Stores appear also necessary and may therefore be appointed for the present Service ——

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

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3d Sept. 1772

To Mr. William Cuming
Storekeeper at Madura
Sir,

Letter to Mr. Cuming ordered to prepare heavy Artillery ——

As we understand that a part of the heavy Artillery employed in reducing the Maravar & Naaleooty Polygars was sent to Madura, we have thought it expedient that the Detachment under Major Braithwaite should be compleated from thence with

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Arrived this day the Honble Company's Ship Nassau with 4 Cadets for this Presidency

Pursuant to the Resolutions of last Consultation the following Letters are now wrote

To Lieutenant Col Flint

Sir

Letter to L. Colt Flint in answer to his and Major Braithwaites —

We have recd your letter of the 20 August — such part of the heavy Artillery, ordered for the Expedition, as can be supplied from Madura had better accompany the Detachment from thence of which you will acquaint Major Braithwaite and orders will be sent to the Storekeeper there accordingly —

We have given Directions to the Committee of Stores to consider what Tents and other Articles are necessary and to order them to be forwarded with all Expedition —

You have already been acquainted with our Orders respecting the Surgeon appointed for the Expedition and with the Directions we have given for Mr Whyte to proceed to Trichinopoly & Mr Kyle to Palamiotah during the present Service.

We have recd a Letter from Major Braithwaite in answer to the Instructions sent to him — But as we consider him as acting under your Orders untill the Detachment is equipped & put under his Command for his intended Service we think it proper that our Answer to him should be conveyd thro you —

He has represented to us that he apprehends he shall be disappointed of the proposed Assistance

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with the heavy Guns &c.a which have been ordered to accompany it you will therefore on the Receipt hereof set about preparing two 18 Pounder Guns with their Carriages Lumbers Tumbrils &c.a as also two Howitzers with their necessary appurtenances that they may be in readiness on the Arrival of the Detachment at Madura.

We are Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Jos. DuPré & Council

Fort St. George
3 Sepr 1772

To Lieut. Coll. Lang
Commanding at Vellour

Sir

Letter to L. Coll Lang regarding Mr Kirwan.

The President hath communicated to us your Letter of the 18 August and for the Reasons you have given we have thought proper to accept of Ensign Kirwan resignation, provided he will enter into an Obligation, which you must demand from him that he will return to England by the first Ship or in case of failure authorizing us to send him thither & that during the Time he remains in India that he will subject himself to Military Law in consideration of his being allowed to draw Cadets pay for his subsistence, On his giving you an Obligation to the above purport you will transmit the same to us & order Mr Kirwan to Madras.

We are Sir
Your most Obedt. hubble Servants
Jos. DuPré & Council

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To Capt. Pascal
Commanding at Chingleput.

Sir

Letter to Capt. Pascal regarding the repairs at Chingleput

We have received your letter of the 13 August & having obtained Capt. Pettmans Opinion on the subject of rebuilding that part of the outer wall which is represented to be in so ruinous a condition We have consented to its being set about, and we now send Orders to the Paymaster to provide the necessary Materials & workmen for that Purpose.

We are
Sir
Your most obedt. humble servts.
Jos. Du Pré & a Council

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To Mr. Robert Duncan Munro
Paymaster at Chingleput.

Sir

Letter to Mr. Munro on the same Subject.

Captain Pascal having represented that part of the outer wall of the Fort is in a very ruinous Condition & requires to be rebuilt, we have consented thereto - you will therefore be pleased to provide the necessary materials and workmen without loss of time, that the same may be compleated if possible before the Monsoon, or at least that it may be carried so high as not to be in Danger of receiving Damage from the rising of the Lake.

Capt. Pascall will give the necessary Directions and Superintend the Work, the Artificers & Coolies employd must be daily mustered and Paid by you & it will be proper that the Commandant be present at the Musters & that the Muster Rolls be counter-signed by him

We are

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We are Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Jos. Del Pre & Council

4 Mr. Stratton embarked this morning on the Success Galley for Vizapatam

The President having conversed with the Nabob on the Subject of his Troops intended to Join Major Braithwaites Detachment &c. the following Letter was immediately wrote to Lieut Coll Flint

To Lieutenant Colonel Flint
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

Letter to L. Coll Flint regarding the Nabobs Troops the Detachment to proceed without the Nabobs Son Seyd Mahomed Khan to accompany the Troops till he Joins, An Engineer to be sent if necessary

We wrote you Yesterday in Answer to your letter of the 20th August, as also in reply to that received from Major Braithwaite, we are now to acquaint you that having applied to the Nabob on the Subject of his Troops intended for the Expedition against the Polygars in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries, we understand that only two Battalions of his Sepoys can be employed on this Service & which are now stationed in the Tinnevelly Countries & are intended to Join the Detachment on its arrival there, However as we placed little Dependance on the Troops to be furnished by the Nabob in determining the Force necessary for the undertaking, We resolved to order such a Detachment of the Company's Troops, as was judged sufficient for effecting the reduction of the Polygars without regard to the assistance to be received from the Nabob and we hope the Force allotted

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will answer the end proposed.

The Nabob informs us that his Son Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder will not be able for some time to proceed on the expedition & has desired that it may nevertheless be set on foot without loss of time, you will therefore be pleased to order the necessary Stores &c. to be collected and as soon as the Detachment is properly equipped you will order it to be encamped & to march to Madura, from whence it is to proceed in the Execution of the Service intended and untill Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder Joins it the Superintendance of the Expedition is to be committed to Seyed Mahomed Khan who is now in the Tinnevelly Country and who is to be considered as acting with the same Powers as were vested in Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder untill his arrival.

If an Engineer should be required to accompany the Detachment, the Nabob has desired that one may be employd, in which case we desire you will order Captain Montresor to proceed on this Expedition.

We are Sir
Your most Obedt. Servants
Jos: Du Pré & Council

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6 Received the following Letter from Mr. Munro Paymaster at Chingleput.

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

I have recd. the Letter of your

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Letter from Mr. Munro in answer to the Orders for rebuilding the outer wall at Chingleput

your Honor &c.a dated the 3d Instant relative to the outer wall of this Fort & have taken the necessary means for putting your Orders into immediate execution. I remain with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servant
R. D. Munro
Paymaster

Chingleput
5th Sepr. 1772

I Wrote the following Letter to Alexander Wynch Esqr. Chief at Masulipatam

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir

Letter to Mr. Wynch advising of the Detachment embarked on the Spy Cutter

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We have this day embarked on the Spy Sloop a Detachment of Infantry for Masulipatam as Return enclosed

You have also herewith an Account of the Provisions &c.a put on board for their use the remainder of which you will be pleased to receive from the Commander on their Arrival.

The Detachment hath been paid for this Month, & the Officers are to receive their Sea Batta at the usual rate of two Rupees Pday each to the time of their Arrival at Masulipatam.

We are Sir
Your Affect. Friends
Jos. Du Pré & Council

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 7th Sept.

Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor President
Sir Robert Fletcher. John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
" Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone "

Messrs. Charles Smith & Mackery absent

Read the following Letter from Lt. Coll: Bonjour

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Lt. Coll. Bonjour regarding his Operations & enclosing Letters to & from Umdut Ul Omrah Behauder respecting the same Zone from Lt. Plummer of the Nabob's Troops at Toadi.

I have received the honor of your letter enclosing your Instructions to Major Braithwaite in order to proceed against the Polygars in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries agreable to your intentions, I shall assist his operations as much as in my Power ——

In consequence of your above letter, and at the Desire of the Nabob Omdut Ul Omrah Behauder, I have entered the Naut Colleries Country with the Company of European Grenadiers in my Detachment ten Companies of Seapoys and the Party under Capt. Rumley, in order that you may be the better Judge of the Plan proposed for the Reduction of these People, I send you a Copy of the first instructions I had on that account also my answer and representations upon the matter which the above Nabob has approved and given me directions to proceed accordingly

Two districts of these People have express'd some sign of Obedience but as nothing is concluded, and having till now used as much moderation as possible, I cannot yet say whether good

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good Treatment or extream severity will be the better plan to pursue for the end proposed, about one hundred of them were lately put to death as a punishment for having killed one of the Nabobs subidars in coming to camp.

I am sorry that I cannot give you an agreable account of the Maravars Country you will see by the inclosed intelligence, how far they are to be settled, and notwithstanding it is reported that all these Disorders are Committed by the Collerics, it is a matter of Doubt to me if it is not by People who formerly had employd and Priviledges which the new Government does not allow to them.

I have the Honor to remain with a profound respect.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble
and Obedient Servant
J. Bonjour

Camp near Melloor
the 28 August 1772

To Coll Bonjour
Sir

Correspondence between Conduct Ul-Omrah Behander & L. Coll Bonjour on the subject of their Operations

I rec.d your Letters from Trivadore dated the 21st instant, I was from the first of Opinion that we would not be able to get Tondry Pilly into our hands — its difficult to catch a Bird who once fled from the Snare You and Captain Rumley will be pleased to enter the Naut Country on one side Arshed Beg Cawn on the Shutter sunon Cottah side and Mooden Sahib on the Cillendirah side, and as it will in my Opinion expediate our Operations

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Operations, I intend, you should rebuild the Mud-Forts formerly built by Yoofoof Cawn Commandant in the different parts of that Country, You, my Friend be so good as to rebuild 2 Mooden Sahib is to undertake compleating 4 & Arshed Beg Cawn 2, let them be strong and Capable of Defence & finished with all possible Speed, for the least delay will furnish our Enemies with Opportunitys of rendering themselves more & more formidable ——

I intend having 4 flying Partys, one under the Command of Capt. Martins, consisting of 4 Companys, 100 Horse & 2 Guns, another under the Command of Captain Bilderbeck consisting of 4 Companies, 100 Horse & 2 Guns & another 2 in like manner; I have given orders to have Plenty of Grain & in the Forts near the Naut Countrys, and am now getting Bags of Rice ready, which will soon be dispatch'd for the use of your Comp. When Capt. Brown's Battalion arrives, you will be pleased to let it come here; & order Capt. Hopkins with his 5 Compa-nies to Join your Detachment, If I am to attend to my Fathers and the Boards advice & wait the arrival of the Troops under the Command of my Brother Madar Ul Mulck we will not be able to attack the Collieries till after the rainy Season, this I for many Reasons do not think adviseable, am therefore determined to attempt the conquest of their Country as soon as we can with the least Propriety ——

I am Sir
Your Friend & Ill
Umdut Ul Omrah
Behauder

Shivagunga
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P.S. You will be pleased either to encamp at Trivalore, or at Mockanimellah

My Answer to the foregoing Letter

To His Excellency the Nabob Omdut Ul-Omrah Behauder

Sir

I have recevd your Letter directing me to enter the Naut Country, my Orders were given for that purpose and as I am charged with the Plan of Opperations, I did flatter myself you would have been easy upon that Matter, by depending upon me as upon a Man in whom you may put all your confidence Notwithstanding as you have been pleased to direct my first Step I shall march tomorrow morning with the Parts you desire towards Wallaboor, and proceed as to answer the Intentions proposed - having the honor to be with Respect

Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
& humble Servant
J. Bonjour

Camp near Trivadoor
23d August 1772

P.S. As we have but few Tools in Camp if your Excellency could send us 500 Mamootys with 1000 Baskets, it would be a good thing

To Coll. Bonjour

Sir

I received both your last letters Whenever any of the Collories are willing to

accept

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accept of my Coul & protection, let them have it, I have sent a man on purpose to negotiate in my name with such as should be in the least desirous to a reconciliation with the Sirkar, I have agreeable to your desire sent you 300 Mamolies, 60 Pick axes & 160 Baskets being all I could possibly procure, Should you my Friend be of Opinion that mud Forts are necessary in any other part of the Country, besides where Joosoof Cawn had them let them be built Moodin Sahib has particular Orders to assist you to the utmost, I am sorry I cannot do myself the pleasure to be with you the disturbances of this Country encrease daily which to me is a very mortifying circumstance, that God may render your Arms victorious is the ardent wish of your Friend

Umdut-Ul Omrah
Behauder

P. S.

Let me know whatever you may be in want of & if in my power it shall be sent.

To His Excellency the Nabob, Omdut Ul-Omrah Behauder

Sir

As I was given to expect an Interview with some of the People of Vallaloor, did change my Resolution and proceeded towards Mookamally, near which place I am now encamped in order to rebuild one of the Forts, formerly erected by Eusoph Cawn, but to my

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great surprize I find that the Country People are so effected by the entry of our Troops, into their Districts that I could not get one of them to come near us, All have abandonned their Villages, and are wandering among the Hills: from whence I cannot procure any material Intelligence ——

This being the Case your Excellency must be Sensible, that the rebuilding of the Forts proposed, cannot produce an Effect sufficient for the reduction of these People (each Fort being so inconsiderable) that except we agree with them, it will always be necessary to have a strong Detachment in the Field, in order to support the Troops which will be posted in these Forts, for which reason as their Country is not above 50 or 60 Miles in circumference, I therefore take the liberty to represent to your Excellency, that a Fort of large Dimensions situated in a centrical Position between Mookamally and Malacollah would answer much better this Fort should be capable of containing a Garrison of 12 or 15 Companies of Sepoys, out of which a Detachment may at any Time be formed in order to march where it may become necessary, to punish and calm the Spirit of Independency by which these People will be actually during many Years —— If your Excellency approves of this Plan you may depend upon it that before the Moonsoons, I shall put this

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Foot in a State of Defence, but must beg that Ashumbeg Cawn, and Goolamaly Cawns Partys may join me, in order that I may have the more People and Tools to work with —

In my last to your Excellency, I have requested to be provided with some Tools in case of difficulty on that account, I enclose in this an order from Madura, from whence perhaps they may be provided Wishing your Excellency Health and Success I have the honor to remain with Gratitude and Respect

Your Excellency's
Most Obd.t & humble Servant
J. Banjour

Camp near Mallaloor
August 25. 1772

Sir

I hope you will not take amiss my troubling you with this, and acquainting you that my post is very weak and not above 10 men to Guard the Post and the Town which is much too little, for that purpose, neither can I send any reinforcement to any of the Posts under my commands I had one company smartly engaged the other night at Trivampettore by the Colleries But they then off after they had attempted to scale their Walls, the next day the Amaldar sent to me for a Reinforcement and Ammunition, but it is out of my Power to send them either men or ammunition for I have got none, I shall take it as a great favor in your representing my case to the Nabob, and hope that by that means he will send me two Companies which is in Camp

belonging

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belonging to this Battalion and some Ammunition I have wrote to the Nabob before for both, but have no Answer, which is the reason of my troubling you with this ——

I remain Sir
Your most Obedt. &
most humble Servant
Geo. P. Cummer
Lieut.

Tondeo
August the 20, 1772

Agreed that the Nabob be consulted on the Subject of the Mud Forts proposed to be built to keep the Collerees in awe and if they are judged proper, it will be necessary for him to advance Money for the purpose as it is utterly out of our Power to do it ——

The Board cannot avoid observing that the order sent by Omdut Ul-Omrah Behauder to Lieut. Col. Bonjour, respecting the Disposition of the Troops as mentioned in the above Correspondence was certainly improper: as it interfered with Lt. Coll. Bonjours Command to whom the Execution of all Military Operations has been entrusted, the Board are however well pleased at the mild and Gentle manner in which the Colonel took notice of the Impropriety of the Order — and as it is evident that the above Letters from Omdut-Ul-Omrah Behauder are wrote by some Europeans, to whom we may with great reason impute many of the Inconveniences we experience, It is agreed that

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour be made acquainted with our Sentiments and directed to inform us who the Persons are that are employ'd to write those Letters and to acquaint them that we shall deem them responsible for any Ill consequences that may arise therefrom, And if they are Servants of the Company it will be proper to forbid them expressly to act in that manner & to order them to their proper Duty. ——

Letter from Lt. Colonel Lang Commanding at Vellour read as follows

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

Letter from Lt. Colo Lang with one from Mr Kirwan who agrees to the Proposition made him —

I am favored with yours of the 17th Ult. enclosing the Proceedings of the General Court Martial on Turpin, the Sentence of which in conformity with your Opinion & recommendation, I have disapproved, The Proceedings are returned to the Judge Advocate General ——

I am also to acknowledge your letter of the 3 Inst. with the obligations to be subscribed to by Ensign Kirwan, Enclosed you have his Original Answer, the latter Paragraph of which I beg to recommend as I know he as an Uncle in an honorable Employment under Government & other relations of Fortune & Reputations, to whose happiness you will largely contribute

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the Court of Directors may not be acquainted with the cause of his resignation, the Board think it incumbent on them in Justice to the Service to take every method in their Power to prevent Persons of bad Characters from gaining admittance into it and that therefore they cannot avoid advising the Honble Court of the particulars of Mr. Kirwans case ——

Letter from Major Horne of the Artillery read as follows ——

Honble Sir

Letter from Major Horne on the observation of the Board upon his application regarding his Rank, thinks the late Orders respecting Majors Billingham & Harper given him Rank above them

At the time Capts. Billingham and Harper were promoted to the Rank of Majors I did myself the honor of addressing you, in hopes of preserving my Seniority in the Service over those Gentlemen my Capts. Commission I imagined entitled me to, General Smith soon afterwards furnished me with a Para, of a Letter he received from the Honble Board which Censures my conduct for making an Application for what was imagined I could not but know was contrary to a mature determination of the Honble the Court of Directors when I was in England ——

At the Time this happened a very important expedition was set on foot in forwarding of which I had a considerable share, I therefore at such a juncture might have had an Apperance unfavorable to my reputation to have said more on that subject; And a Severe fit of Illness when that Expedition was over

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by complying with his request.

I am Honble Sir and Sirs
Your very Humble and
Obedt Servt
Ross Lang

Vellore
Sept. 6th 1772

To Lieut. Coll. Lang
Sir

Letter from Mr Kirwan who agrees to the Proposal made him, desires to continue in the Country till the Prize Money is paid & that the cause of his resignation may not be mentioned to the Company

In answer to your favor of this day, I beg you will acquaint the Honorable Board that I readily subscribe to all the Articles proposed in their Letter to you of the 3d Instant, Provided they will be pleased to permit me to remain in the Country till all the Prize Money due to me is paid off & till I receive some Debts which cannot be recovered till after the Payment of the Prize Money — I also request that you will use your Interest with the Board, that the cause of my resignation may not be specified in their General Letter to me

Sir
Your very Humble
and Obedt Servt
P Kirwan Ensign

Vellore
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Agree that Lieut Colonel Lang be informed that the only Indulgence we can shew to Mr Kirwan will be to permit him to remain in India, till the Departure of the last Ship of this Season for England —

As to his request that the

over prevented my then addressing your Honors in hopes of making it appear to your Satis-faction that my application was not inconsis-tent consequently my conduct not deserving of censure, I must therefore beg leave now to mention some particulars that will clear that part of my conduct ——

When I was Soliciting in England for a Removal into the Infantry, I was informed that an Arrangement would be taken into consideration to put the Corps of Artillery on a more eligible footing than it had been and that it would be more Agreable that I should remain in that Corps than to be removed into the Infantry, Coll. Pattison of the Artillery was consulted, he recommended that the Corps should have a Colonel a Lieut Colonel and a Major And it was believed for some Time these appoint-ments would take place, Colonel Pattison recom-mended Capt. Williams of the Royal Artillery for the Post of Colonel, and I was promised by Mr. Rous then chairman in the Presence of Genl. Lawrence that I should be appointed one of the Field Officers, Some time afterwards it appeared that the Court of Directors had not adopted this Arrangement fully, And that only a L. Col. and Major were to be the Field Officers of this Corps Capt. Williams was apply'd to, to know if he would accept of the L. Coll's Post, he refused

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refused quitting his Majestys Service for less than a full Colonels appointment, Col. Pattison then recommended Capt. Butler who was appointed Lieut Coll. at the same Time I found myself greatly disappointed in being only reinstated in the Service to my former Rank, however I was somewhat reconciled to this appointment by Col. Butler who informed me he had assurances from Col. Pattison and also Mr. Scrafton that it was settled: that although the Artillery Battns. was only to have two Field Officers and they were not to be removed from that Corps, yet their Rank should be preserved in the Army by Brevet, I afterwards myself asked Mr. Rous if that was to be the case who answered that Directions would be given about its being so, And I here solemnly declare on my word of honor I never would have returned to this Country on that appointment if I had not believed it was to have been so—

On our Arrival at Madras Col. Butler soon understood that no Directions had been received by the Honble Board to that purport which alarmed and occasioned him much uneasiness, he therefore wrote to Col. Pattison informing him of this Circumstance, And desired to know whether the Honble Court of Directors had not agreed to this Arrangement

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and reminding him that it was on these Assuran=ces he left his Majestys Service and entered into the Honble Company's, The Colonel in his Answer from Venice (which I have now in my Possession) tells Colonel Butler that the Articles stipulated between him and the Court of Directors were that, if by the Fortune of War any Junior Officer of the Troops was promoted to the Rank of Col: in that case his Rank and Seniority was to be preserved to him by Brevet, and that was formally and Solemnly Agreed to. This Answer was recd. about the Time we were going against Tanjore, It therefore could not be inconsistent in me to apply for what I had every reason to expect and believe was so justly due to me ——

I have thus far Honble Sir trespassed on your time in hopes of removing any appea=rance of inconsistancy in the Application I made to you, and to request (as it stands on Record in a Paree of a letter of the 6th Sepr. 1775 to Genl. Smith a censure on me that it may no longer in a light prejudicial to my Reputa=tion with respect to the Preservation of my Rank as a Vacancy of a Majority in the Corps of Artillery happened long before any in the Infantry which the Honble Board was pleased to appoint me to, of which favor I have the most grateful Sense I presume has effectually

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put me over those Gentlemen again, more clearly as that Local Rank before given them appears to be annulled by the General Orders of June the 23 and July the 3.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect
Honble Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
M. Horne

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As Major Horne was in England soliciting to be removed from the Artillery to the Infantry at the time the Artillery Establishment was settled by the Court of Directors, it was natural to conclude that he could not well have been unacquainted with what passed on the Subject, and if so his Application here for what had been refused by the Honble Court, must have appeared improper; But as he now declares he was unacquainted with the Resolution the Court of Directors had taken not to grant Brevets to the Officers of Artillery as have been recommended to them by Col. Pattison the Brd. do not look upon his Application in the improper light, in which it appeared to them at the time. They however cannot avoid saying in the reasons given in Consultation the 12 Augt. 1771 that his application to be appointed to the Rank of Major in preference to Majors Billingham and Harper was unreasonable. The Orders now quoted by Major Horne for

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his Attorney Mr. Thomas Campbell had discharged the same, & which he desires to be reimbursed ——

The Board think it but reasonable that Sir Robert Fletcher should be reimbursed the Expence he has been at; but as it has been usual to refer all Demands of this nature to the Honble Court of Directors, It is agreed that this matter be also referred to them ——

Letters from the Nabob read as follows Vizt. ——

N 149 with Pags. 2000 on Account of Poonamalee due the 4 Instant ——

N 150 with Pags. 50,000 for the kist due last month - and advising of his having paid Pags. 35,000 on Account of the Charges of the Maravar Expedition ——

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged ——

Jos. Du Pré
Rob. Fletcher
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Saml. Johnson
J. Wm. Ye

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8 Wrote the following Letters, pursuant to the Resolutions of Yesterday

To Lieutenant Coll. Bonjour

Sir

We have received your letter of the 28 Augt. with those which passed between Umdut Ul Omrah Behauder and yourself on the subject of your Operations

We shall apply to the Nabob respecting the Mud Forts proposed to be built to keep the Collerees in Awe, when we will write you further thereon

As the Execution of all Military Operations is committed solely to you the Order sent you by Umdut Ul Omrah Behauder respecting the Disposition of the Troops was certainly improper, we cannot however avoid expressing our Satisfaction and Approbation at the mild and gentle Manner in which you took notice to him of the Impropriety of that order as, conciliating means are more likely to produce Harmony & good Understanding and of course to ensure success than violent and warm remonstrances.

We impute the impropriety of which we take Notice not so much to Omdut Ul Omrah Behauder as to those Europeans who are employd by him, whoever they are, we have ever found more inconveniences of this kind from the Indiscretion of such than from the conduct of the proper native Servants, we desire you will informs us who they are, that are employd to write his English Letters: and if they are Servants of the Company, we shall deem them responsible for all

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Letter to L. Coll Benjamin

all improprieties, and order them to their proper Stations this however is a matter which you must treat with great delicacy, as it respects Caudut-ul-Omrah Behauder, to whom we would shew all condescension and respect, there would have been no Impropriety had he communicated to you his Ideas, as such, and then left the Disposition to you, and we make this Observations, as an Example of the Method which we think may with propriety be observed ——

We are Sir
Your most Obedt. Servants
Jos: DuPré & Council

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To Lieut. Coll Lang
Commanding at Vellour.

Sir

Letter to Lieut Coll Lang

We have received your Letter of the 6th Instant enclosing one from Mr. Kirwan to you —

desire

We have you will acquaint Mr. Kirwan that the only Indulgence we can shew him, will be to permit him to continue in India till the Departure of the last Ship of the Season for England which will probably sail some time in the month of march next ——

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Jos: DuPré & Council

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is Came in the following Letter from Lieut Coll Lang

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

Letter from L. Coll Lang with one from Mr. Kirwan

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favor of the 8th Instant is answered by the enclosed original Letter from Mr. Kirwan.

In Obedience to your former Orders I have released him from Arrest & he proceeds to Madras in a few days

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very humble
and Obedient Servant
Ross Lang

Vellour
Sepr. 10, 1772

To Lieut Coll Lang

Letter from Mr. Kirwan to L. Col. Lang, promises to repair to go him by the last Ship of the Season

Sir

I request you will acquaint the Board that I shall be ready to take my Departure for Europe upon the last Ship of this Season

I am Sir
Your very humble Servant,
P. Kirwan Ensign

Vellour
Sepr. 10, 1772

13 Received the following Letter from Mr. Cuming

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

Letter from Mr. Cuming, acknowledges the Receipt of the orders of the Board to accompany Major Braithwaite's Detachment as Paymaster

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been duely favoured with your Orders of the 27 Ult. & shall agreable thereto, leave proper persons to execute my Duties here and at Palamcotah & be ready to Join Major Braithwaite's Detachment on their Arrival at this Place

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I remain with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & very
humble Servant,
William Cuming Pay.r

Madura 1 Sepr. 1772

Duke of Grafton arrives—

Arrived this day the Honble Company Ship Duke of Grafton with 16 Cadets & one Private Soldier for this Establishment, Together with a Packet for this Presidency containing a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors for this Department dated 25th March 1772 ——

Monday 14 September

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pre Esqr. Governor President
Sir Robert Fletcher " John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
—— " Saml. Johnson
J. M. Stone " George Mackay
Mr Charles Smith absent.

The Nabob desires our Payt. with Lt Coll Bonjour may not advance Money for the Forts

conversed

The President acquaints the Board that he has conversed with the Nabob on the subject of the Mud Forts, proposed to be built to keep the Collerees in Awe, as advised of by Lieut Coll Bonjour that the Nabob had desired that our Paymasters might not advance any Sums on that account except for the necessary Expences of the Detachmt. of which Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour is to be advised and directed not to Interfere in the building them himself any farther than to give his Opinion if desired by Omdut Ul Omrah Behauder ——

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Lt. Coll. Des Plans appointed to the Command of Vellum

Major Vaughan having in his letter entered last Consultation applied to be relieved in the Command of Vellum, Agreed that Lieut Coll Des Plans be appointed to succeed him therein, who the President acquaints the Board, the Nabob had informed him would be very agreeable to him.

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

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of the out Garrisons &c. as follows Vizt. for July

Report of Committee of Accounts with Orders thereon

Vellour
Amboor
Madura
Camp near Covenore
Palamcotah
Ongole
Camp
the Detachment under the Command of Lieut Coll. Bonjour
& Trichinopoly for June & July

And have the following remark to make to your Honor &c.

P.S. In the Accounts of the Detachment commanded by Lieut Coll Bonjour — One Masstry twenty Coo-

P.S. Whatever Lascars and Coolies are absolutely necessary for the Service of the Detachment must be furnished by

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Coolies & 1 Tindall & Sixteen Lascars are drawn for the Commanding Officer which we apprehend is more than he can be entitled to, as the Commander in chief of the Army is only allowed extra Lascars and Coolies by the Regulations ——

D2 Three Lascars are charged to the Aid Du Camp and four to the Brigade Major which is irregular as no such Officers are allowed ——

by the Commissary General & paid by the Paymaster in Camp, But as by the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors of 22 March 1765 recited in the 46 Page of the Military Regulations, the Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast only is allowed any Coolies to attend him in the Field the Board cannot admit of a charge of this Nature & which must therefore be discontinued ——

As neither an Aid Du Camp nor a Brigade Major are allowed to the Detachment with Coll: Bonjour, this charge is improper, and if any Officers have drawn the Allowances of those Employs the Paymaster must be ordered to refund the same —

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servts

John Smith,
Saml. Johnson
Jno. Holland
Geo. Moubray
Edr. Saunders
C. B. Dent
J. Renton
J. Hudleston

Fort St. George
10th Sepr. 1772

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The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letters from Mr. Casamaijor Paymaster at Vellour

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

Sir

Letter from Mr. Casamaijor, Mr. Lucas objects to sign the Covenants

I have received your letter of the 4 Instant —

I now enclose you the Covenants of Mr. James Becket Surgeon — Mr. George Benny's Surgeons Assistant and my own, properly executed — Mr. Colley Lucas says he has objections to the Covenants and does not chuse to sign them —

I addressed a letter to each of these Gentlemen relative to their finding security in England and with regard to myself, I shall write to my Friends there, on the Subject

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Jas. Henry Casamaijor
Pay.r

Vellour 7 Sepr. 1772

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

Sir

Letter from Mr. Casamaijor, Lieut. Fireworker Johnson refuses to sign his Covenants —

I have recevd your letter of the 7th Instant, & communicated the Contents to Lieutenant Fireworker Johnson, and Ensign Thomas Townsend, the latter has Executed the Covenants which I now transmit you the former, says, he will not sign the Covenants

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t
Jas. H. Casamaijor
Pay.r

Vellour
9 Sepr. 1772

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Agreed that Mr. Cassamayor be directed to acquaint Mr. Lucas and Lieut. Fireworker Johnston that if they persist in refusing to Execute the Covenants, they will be forthwith dismissed the Service and sent to England pursuant to the Orders of the Court of Directors ——

The Secretary also lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. Alexander Davidson Paymaster at Trichinopoly ——

John Maxwell Stone Esqr.
Secretary of the Military Department

Sir

Letter from Mr. Alexander Davidson Mr. Davis & Ensign Delafield refuses to sign their Covenants.

I have read your letters of the 24th Ult. and 3d Instant ——

Accompanying are fifty nine Covenants duly executed, Pursuant to the Orders of the Hon'ble the President and Council. Captain Fraser departed for Madras without executing that belonging to him — I therefore enclose it filled up, to be signed at the Presidency, Doctor Davis and Ensign Richard Delafield have declined signing their Indentures the for has addressed me in the enclosed Letter, Mr. Delafield told me he intended writing to the President

Most of the Officers were desirous of receiving the Counter Parts of their Indentures, or at least a Copy of what they signed: to obviate this request I told them I would deposite a blank Copy with Colonel Flint for their use, which expedient was agreable to them, but nevertheless, they begged I would mention the subject to you ——

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You will be pleased to acquaint the Board I have duely taken charge of the Employments of Paymaster & Storekeeper of this Garrison from Mr. Johnston, and that the Account annexed agree with the Books.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Alex. Davidson
Paymaster

Trichinopoly
7th Sept. 1772.

To Alex. Davidson Esqr.

Sir

Letter from Mr. Davis to Mr. Davidson, containing his reasons for declining to Execute the Covenants

On perusing a Covenant which was this morning presented to me in order to be executed, and knowing that I held my Employ as Surgeon without any Commission from the Honble Company consequently subject to be brought to the Halberts and suffer Corporal Punishment at the pleasure of a Commanding Officer, I am earnestly to request the favor of your interesting with the Governor & Council for leave to address them on so interesting a subject before I Sign the Indenture which leaves me no redress for any hardships I may suffer in the Service of the Honble Company

Your compliance with this my Desire will oblige very much

Sir
Your very Obedt. Servt.
Thos Davis

Trichinopoly
6th Sept. 1772

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The Secretary acquaints the Board that the Covenants tendered to Mr. Davis to execute were Military Covenants that those for the Surgeons had not reached Trichinopoly at the Time ——

Ordered that Mr. Davidson do acquaint Mr. Davis that he must immediately execute the Covenants which have been forwarded for that Purpose, or he will forthwith be dismissed the Service & Sent to England, and that he do give the like Intimation to Ensign Delafield ——

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Tonyn ——

Sir

Letter from Capt. Tonyn with his Proposals for feed. the Horses, represents the want of Lascars Bullocks & to attend the Troop.

I am honored with your letter of the 4 Inst. In answer thereto I am willing to contract for feeding the Horses of my Troop at 8 Pagodas 8 Month, and as the Corps ought at all times to be ready to take the field at a moments warning it will be proper to have all allowances fixed & not liable to Alteration unless by the particular order of the President and Council I therefore take the Liberty to represent that that three Puckallies Six Lascars & four Coolies are necessary for the Troops when in Cantonments, the Coolies are to clean the Barracks and the Lascars will be requisite for the care of the Company's Stores When the Troop is in the field or marches from their Quarters Six Bullocks will be necessary to carry Officers Tents and five Coolies for the Poles to assist the Quarter Master & pitch the Tents

of

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Tents of Officers & men one Tindall and twelves Lascars should be allowed and Twelve Bullocks will also be required to carry Tents for the men all the Company's Stores, ammunition &c.a and eight Coolies for the Poles of the Tents

One Maistry and Sixteen Dooley Coolies with four Doolies will be proper to carry the Sick or Wounded

Sampson
with Respect
Your most Obedient and most
humble Servant, I Col: Tonyn.

Sepr. 13, 1772

Orders in consequence.

Ordered that the Books be searched to see what Terms the Horses were formerly fed by Contract with regard to the Puckallys Lascars &c.a which Captain Tonyn represents as necessary to attend the Cavalry that such as are allowed by the Regulations be furnished

Tonyn / Cloaks to be furnished for the Cavalry

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Tonyn had again represented the necessity of the Cavalry being supplied with Cloakes as they were exceedingly useful in keeping the Arms and Accoutrements dry & in good Order, that the Expence in Providing them will not exceed 300 Pag.s & that he will undertake they shall last for three Years

are /

Agreed that they be allowed accordingly.

Mr. Mackay embarrassed the Costs of Suit with Mr. Johnson

Mr. Mackay represents the Board a Bill for the costs of Suit in the cause which he commenced against Mr. Johnson for the Recovery of Books and Papers amounting to Pag.s 289, 16, 40 &

which

on /

cavalry /

which he requests the Board will reimburse him —

The Board having in Consultation of the 30 July 1770 come to a resolution for the Reasons then given to indemnify Mr. Mackay from any Expences on Account of the said Suit of which the Honble Court of Directors were advised in the 20 Par. of our advises of 29 Sepr. 1770 & Lapsing, It is ordered that the Bill now presented by Mr. Mackay be discharged —

Letter from the Nabob respecting the Buzar at Villum & the application of his Officers for Prize Money —

Letter from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence N. 152 accompanying Copies of Letters from Manager to Muddaur Ul Mulek Behauder respecting the Buzar at Villum & a Copy of a Memorial from the Nabobs Officers respecting the reasoness of their sharing in the Ransom given for the Plunder taken at Ramnadaporam & Calu Coil —

reasonableness

President

The President acquaints the Board that as we had no Copy of the Nabobs Agreement respecting Kalu Coil, he applied to the Agent for the same a Translation of which he now lays before the Board —

P.S.

Copy of the Agreement for the Plunder of Calu Coil —

This is the writing the Nabob Umdut Ul, Omrah Behauder, has given under his own Seal to the Army of General Smith, Behauder Vizr. that he will pay to the said Army, into the hands of whatever Person he may appoint, on behalf thereto to receive the same in the term of three Months the Sum of Fifty Thousand Star Pagodas on which

account he has given this Agreement, Dated the 27 June 1772 of the Christian Aera or the 24th of the Moon Rubbee delawwel of the Hegyea Aera

Draft of an Answer Prepared

The President also lays before the Board a Draft of an Answer which he has prepared to write to the Nabob N B5 which the Board approve

The President lays before the Board the following Certificate delivered to him by General Smith, which the Board approve

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer of the Honble Companys Troops on the Coast of Choromandel

Certificate regarding Ensign Harbourne

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Companys Fund, for the relief and maintenance of European Officers and Soldiers Invalided or Superannuated, their Widows and the Widows of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service that they produce a Certificate from the Commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Military Fund

I do Certify that Joseph Harbourne has served the Honble Company near two Years was an Ensign on this Establishment and from the Fatigues he underwent during the Siege of Tanjore In the months of September and October last contracted complaints, of which he has since died

To the Honble the Court of Directors of the United Co. of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

Given under my hand at Fort St. George in the East Indies the 26th day of August 1772.

J. Smith B.G.

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The Secretary lays before the Board a recommendation for an Havaldar & Sepoy of the 9 Battalion to be put on the Invalid List which is approved, and Ordered Certificates be granted them according by ——

One Havaldar & Sepoy of the 9 Battn. Invalided

Jos. du Pré
Robt. Fletcher
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Saml. Johnson
J. H. Wong
Geo. Mackay

825 Fort St. George 15 Sepr. 1772.

Received the following Letter from Mr. William Cuming Paymaster at Madura

To the Hon'ble Jos. Du Pré Esqr.
Pres.t & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Cuming acknowledging the Receipt of the Orders for getting the heavy Artillery in readiness &c.

I have had the honor to receive your commands of the 3d Instant, agreable to which I shall not fail of getting in readiness, Two 18 Pounder Guns, Limbers Tumbrils &c. also Two Howitzers with their Appurtenances, by the Time Major Braithwaites Detachment arrives at this place

I remain with the Greatest Respect
Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
William Cuming

Madura,
11 Sepr. 1772.

Came in the following Letter from L. Coll. Bonjour

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from L. Coll. Bonjour

Enclosed I send you a monthly return of the Hon'ble Company's Troops under my Command since my last the different districts of the Naut. Collerics have claimed the Protection of the Nabob except a few Villages towards the Hills, where I have Just sent two of the Nabobs Officers with their Partys, in order to force to Obedience. The Nabob arrived this day in Camp, and I hope he will settle matters so as to insure the tranquility of his Country

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William Cuming

Madura,
16 Sepr. 1772.

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from L. Coll. Bonjour

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We have not yet begun the large Fort, mentioned in my last and I am not sure that the Nabob is determined in that respect, he having desired me to rebuild a small one formerly made by Esoof Cawn, I have the Honor to remain with profound Respect

Wonble Sir & Sirs

Your most Hubl. & Obdt. Servant,

J. Bonjour

Camp near Melboor.

Septr. 8. 1772

Received the following Letter from Rear Admiral Sir Robert Harland —

Jos. Du Pré Esqr.

President & Council of Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Letter from Sr. Robert Harland advising of his Intention of Proceedg. to Bombay —

The Season of the Year, and the wants of the Squadron, will oblige me to leave this Coast for Bombay, before the setting in of the Monsoon unless you have anything to propose for the Service of the East India Company to divert me from it. When the Squadron is refitted I mean to return here with it. I have the Honor to be —

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Rt. Harland

Fort St. George

14 Septr. 1772

16 To which the following Answer was wrote —

To Sir Robert Harland Barr.

Rear admiral of the Blue & Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India —

Sir

We have the

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Letter to Sir Robt. Harland in answer

the honor of your letter of the 14 Inst. and are much obliged to you for the Intimation you give us of your intentions, We have nothing at present to propose for the Service of the East India Company which can Induce us to request of you to alter your Intention of proceeding with the Squadron to Bombay before the setting in of the Monsoon.

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt. Humble Servts.
Jos. Du Pré & Council

Fort St. George
16 Sept. 1772

Wrote the following Letter to L. Coll. Bonjour

To Lieut Col. Bonjour

Sir

Letter to L. Coll Bonjour regardg Mud Forts desired to Survey the Country

Agreeable to what we wrote you under date the 8th Instant, we have applied to the Nabob on the Subject of the Mud Forts proposed to be built to keep the Collerees in Awe, who has desired that the Paymaster may not advance any sum on that or any other account, except for the necessary expences of the Detachment, of which you will be pleased to acquaint him, And as your Attention must be confined Solely to the Execution of all Military Operations, It is our desire that you do not interfere with any Forts or Buildings which Omdut-ul-Omrah Behauder or any Persons appointed by him may think proper to erect unless to give him your Opinion or advice thereon, if desired by him to do so.

In the late Expedition under the

Command

as/

him

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command of General Smith, Capt. Pittman who was sent on that Service as Field Engineer was directed to survey with as much Accuracy as the Course of the Service would allow, the rout of the Army, the Encumpments the nature of the Country, thro which is passed and every other observation that might tend to ascertain the bearings of places and nature of the Country, We recommend to you the same attention and shall be glad to receive from you at the end of your Campaign such Draught and Observations as you shall have been able to make or procure

We have recd. your letter of the 8th. Instant and are glad to find that there is a prospect of the Naut Collerics submitting to the Nabobs Government

We are Sir
Your most Obedt. Servants
Jos. Du Pré & Council

Fort St. George
16 Sepr. 1772

Friday
18 Septemr.

At a Consultation Present
Jos. Du Pré Esqr. Governor Presidt.
Sir Robert Fletcher, John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
" Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone " George Mackay

Mr. Charles Smith absent
Sir Robert Fletcher lays before the Board the following Letter from Capt. Long, which was delivered to him by Major Harper

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

Letter from Capt. Long, request leave to go Bengale to settle some private business

I request your permission to embark for Bengal in order to meet my Brother on business of the utmost consequence to my family and I beg leave to assure you that no other consideration than Business would at this Time induce me to make any Application to be absent from the Battalion.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
With the greatest Respect
your most Obedient
humble Servant,
Robt. Long. Capt. 2d Batt. 1st Brigade

Fort St. George
Sept. 17 1772

Granted

Agreed that Captain Long be permitted to proceed to Bengale agreeable to his request.

Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at this Place on Lieutenant Charles Fredk. Clawson of the Artillery for behaving unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman are now read, Of which he is found Guilty & Sentenced to be dismissed the Service which the Board approve.

Lieut. Fireworker Loyd appointed L. of Artillery

Ordered that Lieutenant Fireworker William Loyd be appointed Lieutenant of Artillery in his room to rank from this day.

The following Letter to the Presidt. and Council of Fort William is now Signed.

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
President & Governor &c Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William with Extracts of the Company's Orders regarding Messrs Imhoff Scott and DuPuy, Advising of Mr. Adams & Capt. Long having been permitted to go to Bengale on their private affairs

Enclosed we send you an Extract from the Commands of the Honble Court of Directors of the 25th March last, received the 13 Instant Duke of Grafton, respecting Messrs Scott, Imhoff & Du Puy — You have also herewith an Extract of their said Commands respecting Mr. William Henry Brisbane, to whom Orders have in consequence thereof, been sent to proceed to his Station on your Establishment —

On the Application of Mr. Thomas Adams one of the Cadets on this Establishment, we permitted him to proceed on Furlow to Bengale to settle some private affairs from whence he is to return to his Station by the first conveyance If he should not, we beg to be advised thereof.

We have also permitted Capt. Robert Long to proceed to Bengale on his private affairs, He is to return to his Station as soon as they are Settled —

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Jos. Du Pre & Council

Fort St. George
10 Sepr. 1772

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Letter from Mr. Francis Jourdan at Masulipatam received this day read as follows

To the Honble Jos. Du Pré Esqr.
President and Governor & the rest of the Council at
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Mr. Jourdan, the Detachment & Spy Cutter arrived at Masulipatam.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, by the Spy Cutter which arrived here the 11th Captain with the Detachment under his command, marched for Ellour this afternoon

The Covenants left by Mr. Wynch to be executed by the Military under his Command, I hope to transmit to you to morrow

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
With Respect Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Francis Jourdan

Masulipatam
Sepr. 13. 1772

Indent for Medicinis for Major Braithwaites Detachment sent in.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Letter from Mr. Alexander David Jon paymaster at Trichinopoly enclosing an Indent for Medicinis for the use of Major Braithwaites Detachment

Referred to the Surgeons.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Surgeons to be complied with

Jos. Du Pré
Wm. Thelisher
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Saml. Johnson
[illegible]
Geo. Mackay

032 Fort S.t George 19 Sept.r 1772

The following Letters were this day wrote

To Lieut Col Lang
Commanding at Vellum

Sir

Letter to L.t Col Lang advising of L.t Col Des Plans being appointed to command at Vellum, & ordering his Instructions —

Major Vaughan having applied to be relieved in the Command of Vellum about the middle of October next, we have appointed L.t Col Des Plans to succeed him therein, whom you will be pleased to order to proceed thither accordingly, The accompanying Instructions you will be pleased to deliver to L.t Col. Des Plans

We are Sir
Your most Obed.t Servants
Jos. Du Pre Jo Cumming

Fort S.t George
19 Sept.r 1772

To Lieut Col. Des Plans

Sir

Letter to L.t Col. Des Plans advising him thereof

In consequence of the Application of Major Vaughan to be relieved in the Command of Vellum about the middle of October next, We have appointed you to succeed him you have herewith a Copy of your Instructions to Major Vaughan on his being appointed to that Command which you are to consider as addressed to yourself, and he is directed to deliver over to you such further Orders and Regulations as he may have from time to time received from us.

We are Sir
Your most Obed.t Servants
Jos. Du Pre Jo Cumming

Fort S.t George
19 Sept.r 1772.

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To Major Vaughan

Commanding at Vellum

Sir

Conformable to your Desire, communicated to the President in your letter of the 21st Ult. we have appointed Lieut Col. Des Plans to relieve you in the Command of Vellum about the middle of October, and orders are now sent for him to proceed Thither accordingly; as Soon as you have delivered over to him the charge of the Garrison with the several Orders & regulations you have received from us regarding the same, you may proceed to Madras

Letter to Major Vaughan advising him thereof —

We are Sir

Your most Obt Servants

Jas. Du Pré & Council

Fort St. George

19 Sept. 1772

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esq. Governor President

Monday 21. Sept. Sir Robert Fletcher, John Smith

Henry Brooke, John Whitehill

Charles Smith, Sam. Johnson

I. M Stone, George Mackay

Letter from Mr Henry Du Pury read as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esq.

President & Governor & Council at

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pury furnishes by Mr.

834 Fort St. George 21st Sept. 1772.

Letter from Mr. DuPuy declares his willingness to come into the Military

Mr. Stone with the Answer of the Honble Court of Directors to my request to resign their Military Service in which I was appointed a Cadet in the Year 1769 I beg to Inform your Honor &c. that in Obedience to the Orders of the Honble Court I am willing to serve in their Military according to my said Appointment

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
and
most humble Servant
H. V. Du Puy

Madras
21st September 1772.

Agreed that Mr. DuPuy be readmitted into the Military but as the Court of Directors have not given any orders with respect to the Rank in which he is to be so received, and as the Board are of Opinion that it would be unfair to put him over the heads of those Officers who have served any Time, It is agreed that a Commission as Ensign be given him, to rank from this day untill the pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known

Read the following Letter from Mr. Jourdan at Masulipatam

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

Letter from Mr. Jourdan with the Military Covenants

The Covenants received for the Military in this Settlement & its Dependencies having been executed, according to the Directions recd. from

035 Fort St. George 21st Sepr. 1772.

your Honor &c. I now take the Liberty to return them, with a List of the Officers who have subscribed to them.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servant
Francis Jourdan

Masulipatam
16 Sepr. 1772

The additional allowance to Captain Wood Town Major be revoked

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The Honble Court of Directors having been pleased in their Command of the 25 march last to express their disapprobation of the Extra Allowances made to Officers who came on the Morse, as well as to those who arrived from Bengall & the Malabar Coast and having also in their commands of 25 Novr. directed that the Board do refund the difference of Pay and allowances granted to the Captain Lieutenants of Artillery who were appointed to the Rank of Captains. The Board apprehend that the Honble Court may disapprove of the additional Allowance of ten Shillings & Day agreed in Consultation the 31st Ult. to be made to Capt. Wood Town Major in Consideration of the extraordinary Trouble now annexed to that office, It is agreed that the said Resolution for making that allowance be revoked: untill the Pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known.

The Honble Court of Directors having also been pleased in the above mentioned Commands of 25 March last to express their disapprobation of our having suffered Miss Scott, Imhoff and DuPuy, who came out Cadets & declined to continue in the Military to remain in India.

& to repeat their Injunctions in that head, one Copy of that Paragraph has been transmitted to Bengall where Mr. Imhoff resides & another delivered to Mr. DuPuy, And as Mr. Charles Dark is exactly under the like circumstances, It is ordered that he be acquainted that he must immediately determine to accept of the Company's Military Service, or that we shall expect that he prepares to return to Europe by the first conveyance conformable to the Orders of the Court of Directors

Mr. Darke to be acquainted that he must accept of the Company's Military Service or return to England

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Pettman has made a Draught of the march of the Army thro' the Marawar Country & that to render it compleat a Survey of the Road from Satrum to Trichinopoly was wanting, The President therefore proposes that Captain Montuser (whose Services with Major Braithwaite cannot be apprehends be immediately required) be ordered to make such survey with all Expedition

Captain Pettman makes a Draft of the March of the Army on the Marawar Expedition

Captain Montuser to survey the Road from Satrum to Trichinopoly

Jos. DuPré
Wm. Fletcher
John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson
J. H. Hume
Geo. Mackay

037 Fort St. George 22d Sepr. 1772

The following Letter was this day wrote to Mr. Charles Darke

To Mr. Charles Darke

Sir

Letter to Mr. Darke - informing him of the orders of the Company for his entering in to the Military or returning to England

The Honble Court of Directors have signified to the Governor & Council their express commands that all Persons who came out in their Military Service & refuse or decline on their Arrival in India to be employd therein, be forthwith sent to England as you came out in their Military Service & have declined continuing in the Same, The President and Council, in consequence of the above mentioned Orders of the Court of Directors, have commanded me to signify the same to you, and to require from you an immediate and decisive Answer whether you will or decline to continue the Company's Military Service and I am further directed to signify to you that in case of your refusal to do so, you are to consider this Letter as a formal Notice and requisition that you embark for Europe on the first Ship to be dispatchd hence

Fort St. George
22 Sepr. 1772

I am Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
J. M. Stone Sr.

23. Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. Lang Commanding at Vellour

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

I am favord with yours of the 19th Inst.

the

830 Fort St George 24th Sepr 1772

Letter from L. Coll Lang, acknowledges the Receipt of the Orders, for L. Coll. Des Plans proceeding to Vellum.

the Contents of which I have made known to Col Des Plans, to whom I have also delivered your Letter of Instructions, We will proceed to Vellum in a few days.

Vellour Sepr 22 1772

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very humble
and Obedient Servant
Ross Lang

24 Wrote the following Letters

To Lieut Coll: Flint
Commanding at Trichinopoly.

Sir,

Letter to L. Coll Flint with Instructions to Capt Montresor to survey the Road from Satrum to Trichinopoly

In our Letter to you of the 4 Instant we directed in case an Engineer should be wanted to accompany the Detachment under Major Braithwaite, that you should order Captain Montresor on that Service but as we are uncertain whether his presence may be necessary and imagine that it may at least be dispensed with for a Time, we have directed him to set about immediately taking a survey of the Road from Satrum to Trichinopoly as you will perceive by our Letter to him which comes under a flying Seal for your perusal — And we recommend that he be not called off from this Service before he has completed the Survey, unless his presence should be indispensably & immediately necessary with the Detachment under the Command of Major Braithwaite in which case you will order him to Join it.

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We are Sir
Your most Obedt Hble Servts
Jos: DuPré & Council

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To Captain Henry Montresor

Sir

Letter to Capt Montresor, ordering him to survey the Road from Satrum to Trichinopoly.

A Detachment having been ordered to proceed under the command of Major Braithwaite to reduce the Polygars in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries We directed L: Coll: Flint in our Letter of the 4th Instant to order you to accompany it in case an Engineer should be judged necessary, We are at present uncertain whether your presence will be required on this Service, but as we imagine it may at least be dispensed with for a time, we desire you will immediately set about making a Survey of the Road from Satrum to Trichinopoly, in which you will lay down with as much accuracy as possible, the Towns Villages Pagodas, Tanks, Woods and other objects necessary to give us an Idea of the Country — a Draught of this Survey is wanted to compleat one which Captain Pittman has taken of the Route of the Army on the Maravar Expedition on a Scale of two Miles to an Inch ——

As this is a Service independant of Command you are while you are employd on it to consider yourself immediately under our Orders, But should your presence with the Detachment be rendered indispensably necessary before you have compleated the Survey, you are in that case to follow such Orders as you may receive from Lieut Coll Flint for Joining the Detachment

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I putting yourself under the Command of Major Braithwaite — We are Sir

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Your most Obed Servants
Jos: Du Pré Ja Counil

At a Consultation Present

Monday
28 Sepr

Jos: Du Pré Esar Governor & President
Sir Robert Fletcher " John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " Samt Johnson
J. Maxwell Stone " George Mackay

Letter from Lieut Coll: Flint Commanding at Trichinopoly read as follows.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esar
President & Governor Ja Counil
Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Lt Coll: Flint advising of Major Braithwaites having marched from the Plains of Trichinopoly the 21st Inst & enclosing Copy of the Instructions delivered to him — with a return of the Detachment, to Orders recd regarding the Cadets —

In consequence of your two Letters of the 3d & 4 Instant I have the pleasure to inform you that the Detachment ordered to proceed on the Expedition to the Sward, Marchd from the Plain the 21st in the morning under the command of Major Braithwaite, to whom I gave Orders accordingly a Copy of which I herewith send you also a return of his Detachment I communicated the different Paragraphs which immediately concerned him, in Answer to his Letter to the Board

The Cadets from Poonamalee under the Command of Capt Campbell arrived here the 18th as I have not received any Orders to send them to Camp they will remain in Garrison, till such time I do, have formed them into a Company

&

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of the Command given to Lt Hoare Agreable to the Town Majors Letter to me, Mr Whyte the Surgeon from Palamcotah is also Arrived

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

Trichinopoly
Sepr 23 1772

To Major John Braithwaite
Sir

His Instructions to Major Braithwaite

Having recd Orders from the President & Council to Set out a Detachment for an Expedition to the Southward to be commanded by you, and to consist as follows

200 Europeans Intry Rank & File
50 Artillery
Capns Johnston & Browns Battns of Seapoys with their Guns
Two 10 Pounders
Two 6 Ds & two Howitzers

And the Detachment being now encampd on the Plain & compleated with every necessary in my power, except two 10 Pounders which you are to be supplied with at Madura, the Storekeeper there having recd Orders from the Board accordingly

You will therefore be pleased to take the command of the Detachment, and proceed agreable to the Intention of the following extract from the President and Councils Letter to me dated 4th Sepr 1772

The Nabob Informs us that his

Son

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Son Muddaur Ul Mulek Behauder will not be able for some Time to proceed on the Expedition and has desired nevertheless, that it may be set on foot without Loss of time, You will therefore be pleased to order the necessary Stores &c to be collected, and as soon as the Detachment is properly equipped, you will order it to be encamped and march to Madurea, from whence it is to proceed in the Execution of the Service intended, & Untill Maudaur Ul Mulek Behauder Joins it, the Superintendance of the Expedition it to committed to Seyed Mahomed Khaven, who is now in the Tinnevelly Country, & who is to be considered as acting with the same powers as were vested in Muddaur Ul Mulek Behauder untill his arrival.

Regimental Returns of my Battn you will also cause to be made to me Monthly

Hearty wishing you a pleasant & successful campaign —

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
& very humble Servant
Wm Flint

Trichinopoly
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The President acquaints the Board that he hath sent Orders for the Cadets to be put under the Command of Lieut Hoare & to proceed & Join the Detachment under Major Braithwaite

Letter from Captain Matthews read as follows

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

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt Matthews on the Subject of his being discharged from the Nabobs Service & regarding the Affair at Cala Coil —

The day I arrived at Madras I received a message from the Nabob by a Dubash to this Purport, that the Nabob had no farther occasion for me, and I might go to my duty in the Companys Service", Being certain of having given him no real cause for treating me so injuriously I felt this abrupt dismission with all the Force of the intended indignity: to add to it Maddaur Ul Mulek Behauder hath frequently exulted upon my being as he expresses it turned out of his Father Service.

In a conversation with the Governor the day after my arrival I heard that Omdut Ul Omrah Behauder had wrote to his Father heavy complaints of my behaviour to him at Cala Coil. As I sensible they are void of truth I may with reason be apprehensive of other equally unjust from the same Quarter which may not come to my knowledge time enough to prevent the mischief intended me — I therefore shall Trouble you with a circumstantial relation of what did happen on the 25 and 26 of last June which was the cause of the Part I acted on the 27th

Cala Coil was taken by surprize the 25th of June 1772 by a Party under the Command of Lieut Coll. Bonjour, great Quantitys of Money many Jewels, Plate and Valuable cloaths were found.

found 10 Elephants, 40 Horses and a Number of Bullocks. L. Coll Bonjour perceiving a general Plunder desired the Officers to put a Stop to it, and cause every thing to be carried to the Palace, some Officers told him they conceived they had a right to what was found in the Place as it was taken by Assault, he replied he knew it very well that it was his Intention all persons concerned should have due Proportions, that his Detachment only had a right to it, which if any one attempted to deprive them of, he would give up the Place to be plundered, He thought the Value of the Effects might be four Lacks of Pagodas One man asked protection of Capt. Cotgrave promising to shew where immense Treasure was hid, this person he delivered to L. Coll Bonjour and heard no more of him ——

the 26th in the morning, the General, the Nabob and many Officers of the Army went to the Fort. The General congratulated L. Coll, Bonjour's Officers on their Success, saying that every thing belonged to them, the Army not being entitled to a part — The Nabob was perfectly happy at the Capture of the Place, because as he said it was not his Intention to make Peace with the Naut Cotah Polygars, and asked the Officers what they would take for their Shares of Prize Money. The Gentlemen by desire of L. Col. Bonjour were called together and they made a Demand in writing of three Thousand Pagodas for a Subaltern, six Thousand a Capt.

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and on that proportion for the Several Ranks.

The Nabob the General and others went to the Place where the Treasure was Lodged — The Nabob looked at it, and was anxious for the Departure of every person he made them stay very Short and desired the things might be taken great care of — Some time after our Commissaries were returned by the Nabobs ——

It was rumoured that the Nabob had made Some inadequate proposals — that the Officers of the Army had protested against any Agreement with the Nabob or any other Person, for a Ransom without the consent of all parties — and that the General should Say if L Coll. Benjamin's Officers did not agree to the Proposals, they probably might not get any thing. Great confusion in consequence of the difference ensued. At length the General made known that he has towards the Nabob to give Fifty Thousand Pagodas of which L. Coll Benjamin's Detachment were to receive as much as the Officers of the Army were promised for Ramnadapuram and the remainder Divided equally among the whole. Doctor Dunbar told Some of L. Col. Benjamins Officers that the General said if they did not agree to this he would order them out of the Fort, put his Grenadiers over the Palace and that they should not have any thing ——

The Evening of the 26th L Col. Benjamin Officers sent me word I was at the distance of 9

Miles

Miles from Calacoil at the edge of the Wood) they were apprehensive of being deprived of their right, for want of some person to speak for them, desiring I would not fail being with them next morning, I went I heard what I have related and much more. They were much chagrind that the General should Force them to a compliance, and at Lieut Col. Bonjours passive Behaviour after making them such promises on the 25, for some of them had delivered up Several thousand Pagodas upon being assured of a Share of the whole they declared they would not consent to such a trifling compensation as the General seemed to think sufficient and requested me to tell Lt. Col. Bonjour my sentiments I did so and desired he would acquaint the General with them, he said he would, went and brought me word that the General would be glad if I could point out the means to settle the Matter, I asked his permission to speak to the General, which he readily granted, saying his Indisposition was the cause of resigning every thing to him and hoped it would be settled to the Officers Satisfaction.

I told the General that the Officers of Lt. Coll. Bonjours Detachment had desired me to assure him that they would not agree to the Terms of a Ransom said to be making with the Nabob for the treasure &c in Calac Coil that they did not think fifty Thousand Pagodas was not an eight of the Value of the effects in

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the Place, and requested he would be pleased not to Settle with the Nabob but to their Satisfaction: and that a true estimate might be known, they hoped he would take off the Nabobs Centinels put on the Companys and permit an Inventory to be taken after which we should be capable of Judging of Terms adequate for Ransoming such things as we could not readily Value because they held the Specie in the Brass Pots to be full as good as any the Nabob could give. The General said the Officers had agreed and he had finished the Business with the Nabob and it could not be altered, that he did not thing the Board would consent even to that, I replied the Officers had not agreed and would stand to the consequence of refusing to agree to the Nabobs last proposals and refer the matter to the Govr. & Council, so that he should secure the effects. The Nabob had not signed the Bond at this Time I saw it in his hand, he said it was not proper and would have one wrote of only two Lines or something to the same purpose ——

When I informed L. Col. Bonjours Officers of this a representation was determined on to be given to L. C. Bonjour to be made known to the General and a protest for the Nabob, these were sent about 9 o Clock in the Morning of the 27 and had no message from the General untill near

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four in the Afternoon, which was in words to this effect, that if heard a word of the matter he would send Captain Matthews and the other officers Prisoners to Madras ——

I never spoke a Syllable to Omdut-Ul-Omrah Behauder concerning the Prize Money.

As I hope my conduct as an Officer has hitherto met with your approbation, and as this prejudged abusive treatment from the Nabob Walajour &c. &c. respects the service in general I humbly request your Honor &c. will be pleased to take such Methods as shall appear to you most proper to do me Justice ——

I cannot help remarking that to oblige the Nabob I declined the Honor and advantage of the Command of a Troop of above an hundred Strong which was offered to me upon the Death of Capt. Cowley ——

Madras
Sepr. 21. 1772

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. humble Servant
Richd. Matthews

Observations thereon

The whole Transaction respecting Calle Col. as far as has now come before the Board appears so confused and intricate, that the Board cannot with Propriety pass a precise Judgement thereon, — They can however say that his general conduct as an Officer, has always merited their good Opinion ——

Report of the Committee of Stores read as follows ——

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

Report of Committee of Stores enclosing their Minutes

We have the honor to lay before you our Minutes of the 7th July and 10th September likewise a List of such Stores as we recommend may be sent to Vellour in part of the Indent lately received from thence.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient Servant,
Robt. Fletcher
John Whitehill
Edward James
P. Ross.

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At a Committee of Stores Present
George Stratton Esqr. } L. Col. Ross
Military Storekeeper } Major Harper
Lieut Coll: James

7 July 1772.

Minutes of the Committee of Stores

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee Extracts of Minutes of Consultation of the 29th June and 6 July 1772 which are now entered with our remarks.

Extract of a Minute of Consultation dated 29 June 1772.

Remarks of the Committee

It was never the intention of the Committee that the Guns should be ly mounted on the Works, the always kept mounted Board are of Opinion that on the works, but that while we have nothing to ap. they should be placed pehend from an Enemy a very near cut contrafuns,

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small number will suffice that they may be ready
and which should be mown when wanted, and that
-ked on Old Carriages, by the Carriages should be
which means the new ones placed under Cover
may be kept under Cover
from the Weather and Inser-
-ved for real Service.

Agreed that the Com-
-manding Officer of the Troops
be consulted on his arrival
as to the number of Guns &
Carriages necessary in case
of a Siege

Ordered that the List
of unserviceable Stores at
Villour be delivered to the
Nabob that he may in-
-forms us of his pleasure
regarding them.

With regard to Major
Greens Proposal of laying
the floor of the Arsenal with
Plank, instead of Brick
the Board think it necessa-
-ry to observe in addition
to the remarks of the Com-
-mittee that the Expences
of the Building will be
thereby greatly increased
since not only Plank but
Sleepers to lay on the
Crowns of the Arches to
support the Plank must
be provided and to obviate
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the objections to a Brick Floor, the Board are of Opinion that light Bamboo Ladders will answer equally as well as steps made to run on castors or Trucks, the Floor cannot be damaged by them and they will raise no dust. It is therefore resolved that the Engineer be directed to fix the Supporters for the Arms to the Walls & Pillars and that the Arsenal be floored with Brick and compleated with all Expedition, agreable to the Original Plan on which the contract was made —

With Regard to the Stone Rooms and other Buildings proposed by Major Green and recommended by the Committee, the Board think it necessary to observe that the expence of such buildings must be very great and as they do not appear essentially necessary, it would be very imprudent to undertake them when we find ourselves so much distressed for Money.

Money and have so many material affairs in hand

We cannot see the reason of fixing on forty thousand stand stand of Arms as necessary for a Garrison Stores, when from the number of Troops on the Coast we should think that 20,000 would be quite sufficient and which we understand one Wing of the Arsenal will contain, the other wing may therefore be converted into Store Rooms

The Method of putting away the Gun Carriages must be left to the Committee of Stores

Extract of a Minute of Consultation dated 6th of July 1772

The Military Storekeeper reports to the Board that having communicated to Major Green the resolution of last Consultation by which the Engineer is directed to put up the Fixtures for the Arms &c. Major Green had represented that it would be necessary that the Carpenters and Smiths should be put immediately under his Directions as he cannot give in a Plan for erecting them, but that the whole must

Remark of the Committee

Ordered that the Clerk do send Copies of those Extracts to Major Green who is to be requested to acquaint the Engineer what number of Artificers he may have occasion for, as well as materials that orders may be given for his being immediately supplied

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to put under his Inspection, which the Board approve, and are well pleased he will undertake it.

Patrick Ross.
Edward James.
Humphry Harper

At a Committee of Stores Present
Sir Robert Fletcher, John Whitehill
L. Coll. Ross and L. Coll. James

Minutes of Committee of Stores 10 Sept. with a List of Stores to be sent to Vellour Gun Carriages rec. from the Contractors.

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee an Indent of Stores rec.d from Vellour which being carefully examined and the Propriety of each Article taken into consideration likewise the Quantity of each that can be spared with safety to this Garrison a List is prepared of such Stores as the Committee recommend may be sent to Vellour in part of their Indent, Agreed that it be laid before the President & Council ——

The Committee now adjourn to examine the following Gun Carriages which the Contractors report are ready to be delivered Viz.t

1 .. 42 Pounder } Garrison Carriages.
3 .. 32 D.o }
42 Tumbrils
16 .. 6 Pounders Field Carriages with Lambers

and being met for that purpose at the Contractors Yard in the Black Town, they will them in every respect equal to those they have so often express'd their Satisfaction of, Agreed that they be received.

Robt. Fletcher.
John Whitehill
Patrick Ross
Ed.d James.

Thursday 10th Sept. 1772

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Letter from the Nabob - Desires returns of the Troops and Stores in his Garrisons & Information regarding the old musquets

Ordered that the Stores recommended by the Committee be sent to Villeur

Letter from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence N 156 desiring to be furnished with an Account of the Number of Troops in the different Garrisons, that he may order the necessary provisions to be laid in Store, as also with an Account of Stores, that any Differences may be supplied; & that Copies of the Returns of the Troops & Stores may be constantly delivered to him. Desiring also to be informed what is become of the Old Musquets that have been returned from the Seapoy Battalions

Orders have already been issued that the Nabobs Killidar shall keep one of the Keys of the Store Rooms in the several Garrisons, and the Board are of Opinion, that as the Stores sent to the Out Garrisons are charged to the Nabob, he cannot be refused Copies of the Returns of them & which are ordered to be delivered to him accordingly But with respect to his Application to be furnished with the monthly Returns of the Troops, the Board are of Opinion that they cannot with Propriety comply therewith and as the professed Views of the Nabob in asking them may be answered by the Boards acquainting him with the Number of Troops in the different Garrisons, for which Provisions should be kept in Store, the Board think it unnecessary to reply to him particularly in that head. With Respect to the Old Musquets the Military Storekeeper is ordered to report to the Board the Manner in which they have

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been disposed of, a Draught of a Letter to the Nabob N. 150 in answer to the above is now read and approved ——

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N. 157 representing that the Titles usually given him in our Letters are not suitable to his Station, nor agreeable to what were given his Father and other former Nabobs

In our Correspondence with the Nabob we follow the Precedents handed down to us from our Predecessors and the same Stile and address is now used that has been used from the Beginning of his Government now near 25 Years, it is true this Stile and address is not such as was used by the Governors of this Settlement to former Nabobs of the Carnatick. We cannot trace the exact time when the present Stile of address took place and consequently We know not with authenticity why it was adopted, it seems probable however that it was suited to the Relation in which the Company then stood to the Nabob and consequently it has not the humble and abject Form which in preceding Times was established by Necessity on the Part of the Company and overbearing Pride and Haughtiness on the Part of the Nabobs, the Present stile of address without degrading the Company's Character to that of Dependants gives all Due Honor & Respect to the Nabob ——

It is well known

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that the stile and address used in meeting in India are regulated according to the Rank and Relation both of the addressor and the Person addressed; This being the known and established usage in the East, we may without difficulty assign the Nabobs reasons for the request he now makes, He has long sustained to under himself Independant of the Company & to Secure in the Eyes of the Country Powers, and no-thing can more effectually tend to promote that effect than to raise his own consequence and to debase that of the Company and the more elevated and distinguished the Stile and Manners are by which we address him so much the more will his consequence be encreased and the Companys diminished. This Reasoning perhaps may not be readily admitted, it will be thought Impossible that while the Nabob depends intirely on the Companys support for his Existence as a Power in India he should wish to diminish the Consequence of his Supporters, The Truth is this, he wishes to have it understood that the Companys Forces are Powerfull but that those Forces are dedicated to his Service and subjected to his controul ——

To Ascertain the proper stile and address to be used in our Correspondence with the Nabob it will, upon the foregoing Principles, be necessary to consider the Relation in which the Nabob and the Company stand with Respect to each other, When the Company first obtained

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obtained an Establishment in India, they had no Power beyond the Limits of their Factories and in those Factories were considered only as Merchants their manner of writing to the Country Power was conformable to their confined Situations and then the Nabobs of the Carnatic were addressd by Azzee or Petition: But of late Years the Power and Influence of the Company has increased to such a Degree that their Friendship and Alliance have been courted by most of the Powers in India. It is needless to enter into a discussion of the advantages the Nabob has acquired by means of the Company or of the Benefits the Company have derived from their Connexion with him. It is however worthy of remark that now the Company have raised him to his present Power and greatness I are desirous of supporting him thereon; the Return he makes is to withdraw his confidence from them and to endeavour to lessen their Dignity and Influence Even the high Titles he enjoys from the King shaw Allum, and on which is present request is founded, were obtained Solely by the means of the Company and yet he would now use them to lessen and Debase their Honor. But the Titles granted to the Company from the same King Shaw Allum are of high honor & Dignity, In the Phirmauds confirming the Northern Circars and

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the Districts granted by the Nabob to the Company, the Company are styled the High and Mighty, Glorious, Chief of the Canns Chasen of the Omrahs, Tipoy Sardars &c. Our Correspondence with the Nabob and Inscription with all the Country Powers is carried on in the Persian Language and the style and address besides the Titles - is conformable to the usage of the Countrys and bear no resemblance to the style and and address used in the English Language. The Nabob cannot reasonably therefore by Virtue of the Titles obtained from the Mogul assume greater Honors than such as are due from the Possessor of such Titles as the Company have from the Mogul - to the Possessor of such Titles as the Nabob holds from the same Mogul and we are advised that our present Form of address to him is more than adequate to those reciprocal Relations ——————

If our addressing the Nabob in a style and Manner different from what has been heretofore used, and giving him the Titles he seems wish to have, were only to please his Vanity and could not be considered as a Mark of the Company's Attention and Respect towards him there could be no objection to indulging him in his request. But when we consider the Nabobs Views and the Dangerous Tendency of any Measures what can in any Shape lessen the Company's Influence

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Influence it behoves us to act with Caution — On the other hand when the Nabob is represented to us as an Ally of the Crown of Great Britain, it may be dangerous for us to refuse or withold from him Titles to which he may Claim as an Ally of our Sovereign. It will therefore remain for us to ascertain what those Titles are for which Purpose it is agreed to address a Letter to Sir Robert Harland His Majesty's Ministers Application and requesting Information from him respecting the Persian Titles he uses in his Letters to the Nabob —

Minister plenipotentiary advising him of the Nabob's

Jor. du Pré

John Smith
Henry Brooke
John Whitehill
Charles Smith

Saml. Johnson
J. Wm
Geo. Mackay

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Wrote the following Letter to Sir Robert Harland

To Sir Robert Harland Bart.
His Majestys Minister Plenipotentiary
in India

Letter to Sr Robt Harland on the Subject of the Nabobs Titles

Sir

We have lately received a Letter from the Nabob, observing in very Friendly Terms that the titles we use in addressing him are not suitable to his Rank. Our addresses to the Nabob have always been in the Persian Language and in the Stile and according to the usages of the Country as nearly as we can ascertain them, We have followed exactly the Precedents handed down to us from our Predecessors with respect to the Nabob and the same Stile and Title by which they addressed him, we address him, We are willing and desirous of paying him all due respect & honor but we cannot with Propriety change the stile of our address without good Authority and we shall consider the stile and Titles which are used in the Persian Language by his Majesty's minister plenipotentiary in his Letters to the Nabob as good Authority, because we shall then consider such stile and Titles as having the Sanction of our Sovereign We are therefore to request that as an Authentick Guide to us you will be pleased to furnish us with a Copy in the Persian Language of the Stile

and

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Titles which have been used by you as his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary in writing to the Nabob We are Induced to make this Application to you as the giving or refusing Titles to a prince in alliance with our Sovereign may be of consequence to us ——

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Jos. Du Pré Jr. Council

Fort St. George
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Came in the following Letter from L. Coll. Bonjour ——

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from L. Coll. Bonjour

I have received the letter you have honored me with the 8th Instant, the Forts proposed to be built are nearly in a good State of defence and entrenchments formed under the Protection of one capable to contain a number of Troops sufficient to contain the Naut Collerics in obedience give me leave to represent to you, that L. George Mackay who is the Officer employd by the Nabob Omdut Ul Omrah Behauder in order to put his Letters into English can in no manner be accused of impropriety in those I have recd. from him for I am convinced he has no part in the Sense they express, but is obliged to act as a Strict translator, of this I am persuaded you will be Sensible in reflecting on the Spirit of a Young

Nabob

Nabob, whose Ambition is just in its full Force General Smith has also experienced this difficulty upon which I can only communicate to you my Opinion that, it would certainly be for the good of the Service and prevent our Commanding Officer being exposed to many desagreements, if they were sent to the Field without the Intervention of a Nabob whose Influence and Troops under him produce a confusion, which may be the causes of very bad consequences on my part as an Individual, I have no reason to be displeased in my present Situation, but in a publick Capacity I fear daily extremeties which may not always be in my power to prevent

I have the honor to remain with profound Respect Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

J. Bonjour

Camp near Mellon the 20 Sepr. 1772

Octr. 2d. Recd. the following Letter from Lt. Coll. Flint Commanding at Trichinopoly

To the Hon̄ble Jos. Du Pré Esqr.

President and Governor &c Council

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. Coll. Flint sends Captain Montresor Orders after him.

Your Letter of the 24th. Inst. accompanied with another for Captain Montresor under a flying Seal came to hand this morning, after perusing the latter I sealed it up & forward it on

I forgot Gentlemen to inform you of Captain Montresors going with the Detachment

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Major Braithwaite thinking it necessary to have an Engineer with him, which neglect I hope you will excuse — however I have wrote to the former to settle that matter with the Major whether or not it is absolutely for his Proceeding with the Detachment any further it not in course to follow the Directions laid down in his Letter from the Board about Surveying the Road from Satrum to Trichinopoly.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. & very humble Servant

Wm. Flint

Trichinopoly
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3d The Nabob recommends that the Collieries be first reduced & that L. Coll. Banjour be reinforced for that purpose.

The Nabob having in a Letter entered in Country Correspondence N. 162 recd. yesterday, represented that the Collieries in the District of Ramnaud & Shevaganga were collecting their forces, & that it would be necessary to reinforce L. C. Banjour to enable him to reduce them, which he thought should be effected before anything was attempted against the Polygars in the Tinnevelly Country & therefore proposed that Major Braithwaite should immediately proceed & Join Lieutenant Col. Banjour — In consequence of which the following Letters were immediately dispatchd.

To

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To Lieut. Coll. Bonjour

Sir

Letter to L. Coll. Bonjour in consequence —

The Nabob having represented to us that it is necessary you should be reinforced in order to enable you the more effectually and expeditiously to reduce to Obedience the Collerees who are now in Arms and raising disturbance in the Districts of Ramnaut and Shivaganga We have this day sent Orders to Major Braithwaite to join you with his Detachment if you should think it proper — We enclose you Copy of our Orders to him in consequence of which you will please to send him immediately such Instructions as you shall think the Service requires.

We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Jos. Du Pré Jr. Council

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To Major Braithwaite
Commanding a Detachment in the Madurah & Tinnevelly Country

Sir

And to Major Braithwaite

The Nabob having signified to us that the Collerees in the District of Ramnaut and Shivaganga are raising disturbances and that he thinks it necessary entirely to Subdue them before anything be undertaken with your Detachment against the Polygars in the Tinnevelly Country We therefore now write to L. Coll. Bonjour, who

Commands

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Commands the Detachment of the Company's Troops in the Marawar and Naulcooty Country, that you have our Instructions to Join him with all or any part of the Detachment under your Command, if he shall think it necessary if therefore he should write to you to Join him we desire you will do so, and put yourself under his Command for so long as he shall think it proper, that the two Detachments should be united or untill you receive further Instructions from us: and we desire you will immediately on the Receipt of this Letter communicate the contents to Lt. Coll: Bonjour and follow the Orders you shall receive from him ——

We are Sir
Your most Obd Servants
Jos. Du Pré Jo Cousins

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4 Sailed this day his Majesty's Ship Hawke for the Cape of good Hope ——

Monday 5 Octr.

At a Consultation Present
Josias Du Pré Esqr. Governor Presidt.
Sir Robert Fletcher " John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone, George Mackay
Read the following Letter from Sir Robert Harland. ——

To

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To
Jos. Dupre Esqr.
President & Council
Fort St. George

Gentlemen.

I have rec.d your letter dated 29th Sept.r to which I beg leave to make the following answer. ——

Letter from Sir Robert Harland respecting the Nabob's Titles ——

The Dignity of the King our Sovereign obliges me to address many Princes and Potentates to whom I write in a publick capacity in the English Language. In that Language therefore I have always wrote to the Nabob of the Carnatick and I have addressed him by the same Stile and Titles which have been used by my predecessor and with which Government are acquainted ——

Every Country has its own mode of distinguishing dignities, and if you should chuse to address the Princes of this Country in their own Language, it is from them alone you can learn the manner and Stile due to their Rank, The Nabob therefore I should apprehend is the best Judge of the Titles due to him in the persian Language and if he thinks, that the Stile and Titles by which you have addressed him are not suitable to his rank, I suppose he can tell you what he thinks are his due; to him then you are to apply for information on this head: and you know best whether you are such Judges of Eastern propriety as to dispute them with him. For my part as I

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hold it to be good policy to every indulgence to a Prince who is an alliance with our Sovereign and who has always been a steady friend to the Company I shall never give the Nabob cause to complain by my refusing him every mark of Distinction which he thinks his due, so far as it is consistent with the Honor and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant
R. Harland

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Agreed that the consideration of this matter be deferred, untill the President can have an Opportunity of conversing with the Nabob on the Subject.

Proceedings of a Court Martial on L. Blacker and Ens. Vigors.

The Proceedings of a Court Martial held at this Place on Lt. Blacker and Ensign Vigors for being concerned in a Riot in the Black Town contrary to good Order and Military Discipline are now read, the Sentence of which is, that the Court are of Opinion that Lt. Blacker and Ensign Vigors were concerned in a Riot in the black Town on the 11th. September — But that Lt. Blacker was not guilty of any Assault or Injury to any Person they do therefore acquit him With Respect to Ensign Vigors they are of Opinion that he was Guilty of striking some of the Prosecutor which is a Breach of the 2d Article of the 13 Section of the Articles of War, but on account of the many Insults

Insults & blows which he recd from the Mob the Court have been pleased to mitigate his Punishment and do only Sentence him to be reprimanded by the Commanding Officer at such Time and in such manner as he shall think proper ——

Reflections and considerations thereon

The Board having taken into considera=tion the said Proceedings and Sentence, are of Opinion that whether L. Blacker and Ensign Vigors are, or are not Guilty of the Crime alledged against them the Sentence appears inconsistent & improper — The Court declare that the Prisoners were concerned in the Riot — by which must be understood that they were either the Beginners or Promoters & Instigators of it — & if so neither of them could with Propri=ety have been acquitted, Had they only accidentally or inadvertently been at the Place & being innocent but mistaken by the Mob, for those who had given offence & being thereupon assaulted by the Mob, had in their own Defence endeavoured to make their way from the enraged & incensed Mob & to effect it, had opposed Violence by Violence they could not have been to have been concerned in the Riot in the Sense implied by the Sentence of the Court Any Inno=cent Person might have been in such a Situation & could not have been culpable and if such ap=peared to the Court, to have been the Situation of the Prisoners the Sentence ought to have been so expressd & they acquitted with Honor and if the Sentence had appeared just, it would have been

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been incumbent on the Board to have removed the Impressions that might have been entertained to the Prejudice of the Prisoners & to endeavour to make them proper amends for the Injury they have sustained by a false Accusation. To recapitulate the Sum of what has been said - Either the Prisoners are Guilty or they are not Guilty, if they caused the Fray, by entering the Peoples Houses they are Guilty — if they did not cause the Fray by entering the Peoples Houses: but having given no Offence were attacked by the Mob by mistake, they are not Guilty, if they are Guilty they both deserve punishment & more than is Sentenced to one than if they are Guilty they not only do not deserve Punishment they should be acquitted with Marks of Honour. But the Court has Sentenced one to Punishment & excused the other, only because he did not assault which is not the Criterion of the Offence, for he might have assaulted, see despite of yet have been innocent of commencing the Fray, the awarding of Punishment manifestly implies that the Court deem them Guilty & the case is so circumstanced, that they cannot be guilty without being the Author of the Fray.

It being then proposed that the Proceedings & Sentence be sent back to the Court Martial to be revised The Majority of the Board are of Opinion, that unless the Court are informed of the Motives & Reasons which induce the Board to be of Opinion that the Sentence is

is inconsistent, it would answer no end to send the Proceedings back for Revisal & as the Instances of Coll. Wood & Capt. Kelly, the Court Martial refused to hear the Grounds on which the Board wished the Court to revise the Sentences passed on these Officers, there is no Reason to suppose that this Court Martial will receive any Intimation from the Board of their Motives for desiring a Revision of the Sentence And as the Court of Directors have in their Commands of 22 March 1771 expressed their Doubts whether the Court can reverse their Sentence, after it has been recorded by the Judge Advocate & as the Board have wrote particularly to the Honble Court on these Subjects under Date the 20 Feby. last & requested the Opinion of Council thereon, The Majority of the Board are of Opinion that it would be more adviseable to wait the orders of the Court of Directors, than to renew the Discussion of a subject which may be productive of disagreable Altercation The Majority of the board are therefore of Opinion that the Proceedings should not be sent back for Revisal. The Question being thereupon put whether the Sentence shall be approved or disapproved. Resolved Unanimously that the Sentence be disapproved

The Board thereupon proceed to take the Evidence produced for & against the Prisoners Lt. Blacker and Ensign Veyers under

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under their Consideration I am of Opinion that the Presumption is against them that is to say the Presumption is that they were the Persons who first caused the Riot, by entering the Houses of the Inhabitants, since the Fact itself as well as the Identity of their Persons are positively sworn to Had they Frankly owned the Fact, the Board might have been induced upon their making proper acknowledgments for their offence to have considered it as an inadvertant and inconsiderate Action of Youth & to have passed such a censure only as might have satisfied the Minds of the Inhabitants that the Government will not suffer them to be insulted with Impunity since it is admitted that the Evidence preponderates against them and therefore it must be admitted as a necessary consequence that they are Guilty, the positive manner in which they have persisted in denying it as well to the President as to Sir Robert Fletcher adds greatly to their Offence and Demands a censure proportionate, Nevertheless the Board declare that if they consulted their own Inclination towards them as Individuals, whose Character and conduct as far as they know are otherwise unexceptionable they should willingly pass over the Offence with a Reprimand only, but when they consider how much the Inhabitants are alarmed by this & other Instances of Indiscretion that have happened in

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L. Blacker & Ensign Vigors Suspended —

in the Black Town & that it is necessary to reassure their Minds & to restrain others by this Example from the like offence, It is therefore Resolved that they be suspended the Service untill the Company's Pleasure be known, but that in the mean Time they be permitted to draw their Pay and allowances —

Sir Robert Fletcher represents to the Board that he has reason to think that many more non commissioned Officers & Soldiers appear upon the Invalid List than ought to have been Invalided & proposes that the Chiefs & Commanding Officers where Invalids are station'd be immediately ordered with the assistance of the Surgeons to receive & examine their respective Invalids & report particularly to the Governor & Council who are & who are not proper objects to be continued upon the Invalid Returns, the Report to be countersigned by the Surgeon, Which the Board approve, and concur in Opinion with Sir Robert Fletcher, that there may be many of the Number who ought not to be continued on the List, As on a general Review of the Invalids taken last Year, many of them were found fit for field Duty & ordered to Join the Regiments. And it is Ordered that in future if any non Commissioned Officers shall be Invalided within twelve Months after his Promotion, unless by Wounds on actual Service, such Non Commissioned Officers shall not be allowed to receive any more than the Pay allowed to a Private Invalid —

Orders regarding non Commissioned Invalids —

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The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Major Braithwaite —

To the Honble Jos. Du Pré Esqr.
at Fort St. George
Sir

Letter from Major Braithwaite, on plains of the neglect of the Nabob's People in not furnishing supplies —

I have the honor to acquaint you of my arrival on the Glacis of Madura, being the eight day including that on which I marched from Trichinopoly Plain, the Weather contrary to Expectations has proved extreamly favorable but my March has been rendered seriously disagreable by the Horrid Villany, I may call it, of the Killedar of Trichinopoly and a Cutwale who were to furnish and manage the Bazar, which they reported to be well provided with every thing for fifteen days — Whereas on the Second day Rice which was never sold but so dear as One Measure and one eight for a Double fanam) began to be served out very Slowly and an excuse was made that there were no fanams for change. I presently perceived a Villainous intention not only to raise the Price of Provisions but also to lower the Value of Money — Neither of which I assured the Cutwall should take Place, nor would I permit him to make and Vend Parrear Rack in the Camp on any pretence — were I to tell you Sir the means which were used to induce me to connive at these things it would look like begging some praise to myself on the third day every thing failed in the Bazar, but I was told every thing would be supplied at Terramcoosby, for

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while place having previously sent a Message to the head Man, I marched with an Hungry and complaining detachment, on my arriving there the Boutiques were all Shut and the Village deserted, the Cutwall had used no means to secure a supply and was ever unprovided of Money to pay for it he had depended upon the Sale of Arrack and was at a Loss my people were now truely in a deplorable way, having been two marching Days with little or nothing to eat, My Dubash at last found some of the Inhabitants in a Pagoda and brought them to me who after much coaxing said they would open a few Boutiques, but were afraid of the Sepoys and that if any Quarrel happened they would Shut up their Shops and run away — As I was convinced a Quarrel would soon happen in spite of any Precautions taken to prevent it, I advised them to supply the Camp well as the surest means of keeping the People out of the Village, but they gave me to understand that they must in that case pay the Cutwall Custom and most probably receive nothing for their Rice, I told them to send it to me that I would be responsible for the Payment and that they should pay no Custom, to this they assented, and I forbad all Persons of the Camp from going to the Village, it was night before they sent any Rice and then only four Bullock

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and three Cooley load which was not half a meal for one Battalion only, and its followers I judged if I made a short march the next day they would have less fear and supply me, I sent for the Cutwall and told Him my Intention and had him in the mean Time remain ale Night and prepare a greater Quantity of Rice to come up to our new Ground with us, he pleaded want of Money and I offered if he would signify so to me in writing that I would advance what he wanted, he took time to consider of it and returned with some of the Village People and engaged to have thirty Bullock load of Rice at the new Ground as soon as the Detachment, but wanted no Money with these hopes I marched in the morning, but neither Rice or Cutwall ever appeared. In the Afternoon I sent off (upon advising with Captain Chaigneau who has been a witness to ale our Distress) My Dubash, or rather the Brumeny whom I have entertained for this Service as the Company's linguist, with an hundred Pagodas to buy Rice and it was ten o'Clock at night before he got any and then only twenty five Pagodas worth, uncertain of what I might meet at Nattam the People famishing and Faint I was obliged to Counter Order the Orders I had given for marching the next day and send back my Dubash again to Tiromcoochy to

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to purchase Paddy for the Detachment, but remai=
=ned all day without seeing either Dubash or
Paddy, but found that the Dubashs head man &
cutwall were Togues all and by this Time pretty
well understood each other, and that some Bou=
=tigues were opend, so that Rice was to be had
by those who would go six Miles and fetch it
but of this Transaction I was never advised, and
of course could give no publick notice, Captain
Chaigneau who had proceeded the Day before to
Nattam informed me that the Killedar was gone
off. but that his Deputy promised every thing
hereupon I sent for my Dubash the head Man
Cutwall and reprimanded them for the partial
manner in which they had furnished a small
quantity of Rice, obtained a little more to be
brought to Camp and determined to march
for Nattam the next day which I did with many
of the Detachment half Starved At Nattam
I was received with the fairest promises in
the World, but could not prevail on the
People to bring any thing to Camp on account
of the Cutwalls customs I advised their
Cherrugar to erect a Bazar between the
Camp and the Village which I would protect
but he not chusing to trust to this I ordered
a Temeindars Guard for the Protection of the

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Village and for a little while all went on well, but in a short time the People began to shut up their Boutiques and walked off, Informed of this I went with Captain Davis & found every House shut up with Difficulty I got some of them Opened, and searching strictly found Rice concealed in some of them which I saw measured out to the Hungry people who came for it — Myself and Capt. Davis received the Fanams and gave them to the owners of the Rice at last the Cherrugar told me if I would return to Camp and force all the People out of the Village, he would Send down ten Bullocks Load of Rice and fifty Sheep for the Europeans and I engaged for the Payment of them, I returned to Camp (then about Six in the Evening) driving every one before me I waited with Impatience till Ten, when the Soapoy Guard which I had left to watch the Cherrugars till he fulfilled his Promise Came to me informing me that he shewed them to the Door of a House, where he said he knew much Rice was concealed, but that the Owners would not sell it without Force, and advised them all to rush in at once to frighten them into a discovery of it which they did — they found no Rice, and on their return to the Door the Cherrugar which they were searching the House, had made his Escape, this chickaning would perhaps have provoked me to a very rough usage of him, but that at the same

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Time I received an Answer to the express I had sent to Madura, informing me that Mr. Cumings would take care to have a plentiful supply ready for me at Satrum; it was with Joy therefore that the next Day we marched to Satrum where we found that Mr. Cumings by keeping Persons up all night had sent us a very ample provision indeed, since the affair of Terrancoochy, the Cutwall has never made his appearance and I believe if he had, the People would have Murthered him. I hope you will excuse the Enormous length of this letter Sir but I really knew not how to bring the Scandalous treatment which the Company's Troops have recd. from the Nabobs Manager into a smaller compass I have taken the liberty to address this complaint to you Personally rather than to the Board, In which If I have erred I hope your excuse, and opinion that I do it for the best.

I have brought my Detachment to this Place healthy but lean and with the loss only of two Bullocks, the one laden with Flints, the other with Tarpaulins, these I lost the Second days March, Since my arrival I hear from Lt. Coll. Bonjour of fresh and Serious Troubles arising in the Marawar Country so that he wishes me to remain here some time, till I hear from him, and will I hear soon take Capt. Brownes Battn. from me, which will leave me with only new Companys

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of Sepoys and those mostly recruits, Captain Brown I can perceive would have been parti-cularly useful to me in the Tinnevelly Country Capt. Chaigneau has not yet been informed that he is to furnish me with half a Battn. and as yet I have no Person to advise me of the Course Intend-ed to be followed by the Nabob in the Reduction of the Polygars, but shall this day send an Express to said Mahomet his Manager in the Tinnevelly Country but in truth the Sepoys with me at present are scarcely a protection (in marching) for my Artillery and Stores, so that I shall not proceed till I have the Honor to hear farther from you.

I find various impositions practised by the Cooley Conycoptys, in relation to pressing and ill using Cooleys for the Dooley, which after all are so ill furnished, that it is with difficulty I have brought them on. And there has been scan-dalous practises among People employd for the Contractors, I have no Doubt but that they frequently complain of straying Sheep and broken down Bandys, while they sell the Mutton and Arrack for their own private Account, As to the latter I have obtained a general confession from the Soldiers, that they might be supplied with as much as they pleased at a Fanum a dram, and an Instance of two Soldiers being

Served

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served for Tanams with fourteen Drams following till they became so drunk that they were next day obliged to be carried like Corps off the Ground in Dooleys, but the severe example I have made in flogging one of the Conscoptys and the bringing Mr. Dashper to a Court Martial by which he was Sentenced to be dismissed the Service will I hope prevent this practice in future — I have after a severe reprimand forgiven Mr. Dashper the Sentence passed upon him by the Line Court Martial, which I hope will meet with your approbation ——

I cannot conclude this letter without repeating to you Sir, that had it not been for the Exertion of Mr. Cumming, I verely believe many Persons of my Camp must have Perished through want ere I could reach to Madura Or I must have subjected the Neighbouring Villages to the Plunder of a starving and enraged Multitude, the length of this letter will I hope excuse my having it transcribed from my Book for your Perusal by another hand, more particularly as I employ for this purpose an Officer on whose Discretion I can depend

I have the Honor to be Sir,

Your most Obedient
and very humble Servant,
John Braithwaite.

Camp near Madura
28 Sepr. 1772

The President acquaints the Board that he communicated the Contents of the above Letter to the Nabob who expressed great concern thereat and immediately called before him his Son Muddaur Ul Mulck Behauder Mahomed Aussein Cawn I reprimanded them Severely for having employd Persons so unfit for the Service, & he immediately despatched Orders for the Detachments being immediately and amply supplied, gave Directions to employ other Persons for that Purpose & that those who had behaved so ill should be seized and punished in an Exemplary Manner.

The Nabob informed thereof

With regard to Major Braithwaite complaints against the Persons employd by the Agent it is agreed that he be desired to inflict the Severest Punishment on any of them who may be detected in committing such abuses.

The Board think it necessary to observe that Major Braithwaite in calling those People the Contractors Servants, does not seem to understand that there is no Contractors to the Army, the Agent now furnishes on the Part of the Company such Articles as were formally supplied by Contract

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Letter from Mr Henry Dupuy read as follows.

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

Letter from Mr Du Puy request Original Standing in the Service

On the Receipt of the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors for my returning

to

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Agreed that Mr. DuPuy be acquainted that if he is not willing to come into the Service with the Rank assigned him, that he must prepare to return to England, AND it is resolved in that case to acquaint the Mayors Court in which he is employd as an Attorney, with the Orders of the Company and to desire he may be discharged from the Court ——

Letter from the Nabob read as entered in Country Correspondence N. 161 with Pag.s 2000 on Account of Pomamallee due the 1st Instant ——

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged ——

Jos. DuPré
Rob. Fletcher
John Smith
Henry Brooks
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson
J. H. Mc
Geo. Mackay

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to their Military Service in which I was appoin-
ted a Cadet in the Year 1769 I had the Honor
to inform your Honor Jd. that in Obedience thereto
I was willing to return to their Military Service
according to my said Appointment since when I
have been acquainted by Mr. Stone one of the
Members of this Honble Board that your Honors
Jd. had appointed me to an Ensign Commission
in the Honble Company's Service to rank from
last Consultation day It would be an Instance
of the highest presumption in me and Offence
towards this Honble Board to shew any disatis-
faction at the Resolutions of your Honors Jd.
respecting the Appointment with which your
Honors Jd. have been pleased to nominate me
and I hope will not esteem as such my reques-
ting your Honors Jd. to grant me Permission
to remain in India to settle my Affairs untile
the further pleasure of the Honble Court of
Directors shall be known.

I have the Honor to be with due Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
and
most humble Servant
J. H. J. Du Puy

Fort St. George
1st Octr. 1772

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The Admiral embarked this morning and the Squadron sailed in the night for Bombay

Recd. by Snow Dolphin the following Letter from Mr. Jourdan at Masulipatam

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

Letter from Mr. Jourdan advising of the Detachment of Artillery on board the Dolphin from Masulipatam

Enclosed is the Return of the Artillery embarked on the Dolphin for the Presidency

I have paid the Master of the Vessel for the Officers at the rate of eight Pags. each the men at two, with the condition that if the allowance for the Officers be not customary it shall be deducted out of the Amount of the Victualling Bill I have made the usual Agreement for the Victualling of the Troops, Vizt. two Rupees for the Officers six Fanams & Day for the Men

The Officers and Men have been paid for September

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Francis Jourdan

Masulipatam
29 Sepr. 1772

Arrived this Evening His Majesty's Sloop Swallow from Bengall

At

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Saturday 10th Oct.

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esq.r Gov.r President
Sir Robert Fletcher, John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " Sam.l Johnson
J.n M. Stone " George Mackay

Draft of a letter to the Honble Court of Directors from this Department to go by Ship Nottingham is now read & approved & ordered to be Copied Sent.

Read the following Certificate from General Smith which the Board approve.

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandel.

General Smith recommendation regarding Lt. Bart. lett to partake of their Military Fund.

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Companys Fund for the relief and maintenance of European Officers and Soldiers who by Wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India — that they produce a certificate from their Commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the provision made by the said Military Fund I do hereby certify that William Bartlett born in the Parish of Woolwich in the County of Kent and about Thirty Years of Age as a Lieutenant on this Establishment, has served the Honble Company five Years, lost the use of his left Arm at the Blockade of Negapatnam where employed on Actual Service is thereby incapable

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mention of me to the Honble Company in your General Letter that I may become entitled to their Bounty

I have the Honor to enclose you the Doctors Certificate respecting my complaints for your greater Satisfaction and am,

With the Greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Franc. Robson

Ft. St. George
Octr. 1. 9th 1772

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandel

Genl. Smiths certificate

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Compy. Fund for the relief and maintenance of European Officer and Soldiers invalided or Superannuated, their Widows and the Widows of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service that they produce a Certificate from the Commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the provision made by the said Military Fund

I do certify that Francis Robson Born in Watlington in the County of Oxford is a Captain on this Establishment - that by a Service of upwards of nineteen Years which he has rendered the Honble Company, and a Weakness in his Loins of Six Years standing, is now worn out, become an Invalid and being rendered

incapable

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incapable of further Service in India and obliged to return to England depending on the said Military Fund.

Given under my hand
at Trichinopoly the 12th
March 1772.
Jos. Smith

To
the Humble the Court of
Directors of the United
Company of Merchants
of England trading to the
East Indies.

Letter from Captain Francis Robson read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Capt. Robson enclosing General Smith's certificate recommending him to partake of the Military Fund

Having laboured under various complaints for the last Six year of near Twenty, that I have served the Humble Company, particularly from a Weakness in my Loins of upward Six Years stand. which has brought on very disagreeable consequences and was occasioned by my Horse falling upon me when in the Discharge of my Duty in the Cavalry I must confess that I am now worn out, and being no longer capable of further Service I humbly entreat your Honors &c. will permit me to return to England and as my chief dependance there for support, is on the Company's Military Fund, I hope you will approve my Command. Officers certificate which I have the Honor to enclose you, also to make such favourable

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East Indies.

Letter from Captain Francis Robson read as follows

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Capt. Robson enclosing General Smith's certificate recommending him to partake of the Military Fund

Having laboured under various complaints for the last Six year of near Twenty, that I have served the Honble Company, particularly from a Weakness in my Loins of upward Six Years stand.g which has brought on very disagreeable consequences and was occasioned by my Horse falling upon me when in the Discharge of my Duty in the Cavalry I must confess that I am now worn out, and being no longer capable of further Service I humbly intreat your Honors &c.a will permit me to return to England and as my chief dependance there for support, is on the Company's Military Fund, I hope you will approve my Command.g Officers certificate which I have the Honor to enclose you, also to make such favourable

mention

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mention of me to the Honble Company in your General Letter that I may become entitled to their Bounty —

I have the Honor to enclose you the Doctors Certificate respecting my complaints for your greater Satisfaction and am,

With the Greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Franc. Robson

Ft. St. George
Octr. 1st 9th 1772

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandele —

Genl Smiths certificate —

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Compy. Fund for the relief and maintenance of European Officer and Soldiers invalided or Superannuated, their Widows and the Widows of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service that they produce a Certificate from the Commanding Officer as one of the requi=sites to entitle them to the provision made by the said Military Fund —

I do certify that Francis Robson Born in Watlington in the County of Oxford is a Captain on this Establishment - that by a Service of upwards of nineteen Years which he has rendered the Honble Company, and a Weakness in his Loins of Six Years standing, is now worn out, become an Invalid and being rendered

incapable

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incapable of further Service in India is obliged to return to England depending on the provision made by the said military Fund.

Given under my Hand at Fort St. George in the East Indies the 20th day of August 1772

Jos. Smith
B.G.

To the Honble the Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchant of England trading to the East Indies

Surgeon certificate regarding him.

This is to certify that Captain Francis Robson, has frequently applied to during his residence at Cuddalore for a Pain in his Loins, which he says proceeds from a Strain he recd. when in the Cavalry This and the Shock his Constitution has recd. in the Course of Nineteen Years Service with the Honble Company in this Country disables him from undergoing the Fatigue of Field Duty.

Dr. Buchanan
Surgeon

Cuddalore 25 of June 1772

Approved

The Board approve of the foregoing certificate in favor of Captain Robson, and it is ordered that he and Lewis Bartlett be desired to attend the next Consultation to take the Oaths prescribed by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Military Fund.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following certificates which the Board approve.

This

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Certificate recommending Mich. Truelove Private

This is to certify that the Bearer hereof Mich. Truelove in the Honble the East India Company's Service, being rendered incapable of further Service, by Wounds received in the Pioneer Compy. at the Seige of Tanjore, do hereby recommend him to the Honble Company's Bounty, as witness our hands this Seventeenth day of July 1772 —

John Wolfe
Late Capt. Pioneers

Thos. Davis
Surgeon

Joseph Smith

By Colonel Sir Robert Fletcher Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandel —

Certificate regarding Lieut. D. Ross

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Fund for the relief and maintenance of European Officers and Soldiers, Invalided or Superannuated, their Widows and the Widows of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service, that they produce a Certificate from the Commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Military Fund — I do Certify that David Ross has served the Honble Company upwards of three Years was a Lieutenant on this Establishment and died at Chicacole 14 March 1772 —

Given under my hand at Fort St. George in the East Indies the ninth day of Octr. 1772

Robt. Fletcher

To
the Honble the Court of Directors
of the United Company of Merchants
of England trading to the East Indies

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The President lays before the Board the followd. Letter from Mr. Darke.

To the Honble Josias Du Pré Esqr.

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr. Darke representing his Situation and requesting leave to remain till he can settle his Affairs

I have recd your Honors and the Councils Commands, by which I am ordered to give a Decisive answer, whether I am to accept or continue to decline the Company's Military Service — and in case I refuse to do so, that I must embark for Europe on the first Ship to be dispatched from hence —

Honble Sir, my very great respect for the Authority, from which these commands are given but renders them more grievous to me, my sense of the Obedience due to your Government serves only to add to the distress of my Situation —

The Infirm state of my Health which I believe is known to every member of the Board, renders it impossible for me to embrace the Company's Military Service, I could not think of Burthening their list, unless I were able to go through the fatigues of Duty —

My former representations of my Situation which you was pleased to regard favourably and in consequence thereof to accept of my resignation of the Military Service in the Manner expressed in Mr. Secretary Stones Letter to me of the 16 May 1774 added to the strong and repeated Assurances I had from my friends.

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Friends at home and some of them intimately acquainted with the Company's Affairs in India of being appointed to the Civil Service or at least of being favoured with two Merchants Indentures, their Appearance and the good will of many respectable Inhabitants of this Place induced me to take some concern in Trade, the Service in which I thought myself from the Promises of my Friends in Europe — together with the favourable disposition of the Inhabitants has been the cause that my concerns in business are now become so extensive and complicated that my immediate Departure for Europe would not only prove ruinous to myself but distress Numbers in the Colony who have thought me worthy of trust as well as others at a Distance who have placed their concerns in my hands —

I beg leave to represent that the Branches of Trade in which I deal and in which I have indentures to be satisfactory to the Public are such as are permitted to private Traders by the Company and do not in any way interfere with the Company's Affairs & their Privileges, but on the Contrary promote their Good in as much as they promote the Extension of Commerce in the Colony — I beg leave to submit to the consideration of

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the Honorable Board whether it will not be a proper Indulgence to me, to represent my particular Situation to the Court of Directors, especially if it be considered that after their Indulgence such my particular Situation will not in all Probability become a precedent to interrupt the Proper Execution of the Company's Orders and in the Hopes that the Board will represent this matter fully to the Honorable Court of Directors, I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect ——

Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Charles Darke

Fort St. George
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P.S.

As a Proof of the Expectations I had and still have of being appointed to the Civil line, I beg leave to lay before your Honor and the rest of the Council a Letter I rec'd from England in consequence of the representations I had made to my Friends on Account of my declining the Military Service ——

Dear Sir

East Indie House 3 Apl 1771.

I have your favor and an Sorry the Military Line does not suit your Inclination,

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Letter from Mr. Woodhouse to Mr. Darke

The Court of Directors have not granted this Year free Merchants Indentures, but I am well informed we shall do it next Year and therefore I have desired my Friend Sir Robt. Fletcher who is going out next Week in the Colebrooke to request the favor of Mr. Dupré In my Name & in the name of my Brother Director Mr. James to permit you to remain at Madras & to give you his Protection

I shall continue in the Direction next Year & be ready to Serve you

I am Sir
Your very Obedt. Servant
Jno. Woodhouse

The Board having taken the foregoing Letter into consideration are of Opinion that Mr. Darkes Case is very Singular and deserving attention, as it was from the Assurances he received from home that he engaged so deeply in Business, and as it would be certain Ruin to himself & must greatly Prejudice others if he were immediately sent to England without being allowed sufficient Time to adjust his Affairs — It is therefore Agreed that he be permitted to remain in India till this Time Twelvemonth, which appear to the Board a reasonable time for that Purpose of which he is to be acquainted and that he must

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took upon this as a particular Indulgence & that he must not under any Pretence whatever engage in any other concerns in trade

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N. 163, advising of the Several Sums paid by him in Discharge of his Kists & on Account of the Marawar Expedition & for the Rent of Poonamallee and accompanying Pags. 30,000, On Account of the Expences of the said Expedition

Ordered that the Receipt thereof be acknowledged

Jos. du Pré
Rob. Fletcher
John Smith
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson
J. M. Tone
Geo. Mackay

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Recd. this following Letter from George Stratton Esqr. Chief at Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Stratton with Covenants of the Officers

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of two Letters, from Mr. Secretary Stone to Mr. Andrews dated the 24 Ult. & 9th Instant with Twenty Blank Covenants, to be executed by the Officers in this Circar; with Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 7th Inst. I herewith return seventeen of the Covenants properly executed, Lieutenants Clark & Mordaunt being Stationed in the Itchapore District, their Covenants shall be forwarded as soon as they are returnd to me, Ensign Ambrose Conyn who lately joined his Battalion executed his at Madras Copy of the Extract has been forwarded to Capt. Fitzgerald & the Paymaster at Chicacole.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Geo. Stratton

Vizagapatam
28 Sepr. 1772

Sailed this day His Majestys Sloop Swallow for Bombay

At

Fort St. George 12th Oct. 1772

Monday 12 Oct.

At a Consultation Present

Josias Du Pré Esq. Governor Presid.
Sir Robert Fletcher " John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " Sam.l Johnson
I. Maxwell Stone, George Mackay.

Captain Francis Robson and Lt. Wm. Bartlett appear before the Board agreable to the Resolution of last Consultation & the Oaths prescribed by the Regulations for conducting the Business of the Military Fund are now administred to them.

The President acquaints the Board that some of the Officers who had been dismissed the Service were allowed Coast Pay for their Subsistance until an Opportunity offered for their proceeding to England upon their entering into an Obligation in consideration of such Pay to subject themselves to Military Discipline, that Edward Slocombe has refused to enter into such an Obligation, The President further acquaints the Board, that the Secretary has informed him that Mr Slocomb applies to him on Saturday to have the same Allowance made him as the others had rec.d, but being informed that he must not be allowed it, as he had refused to sign the Obligation which the others had entered into, He said he must not then proceed on

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Nottingham and that if Force were made to send him on Board He would make a Stir —

The Board are much concerned that notwithstanding the very particular Manner in which this Subject was treated in the 51 Paragraph of the Orders from the other Department of 6th Feby 1771 to Vansittart, & the necessity of our obtaining clear and precise Orders & Instructions from the Honble Court regarding the same so fully set forth: The Board still find themselves without any such Orders or Instructions — The following Question is therefore put Viz.

That Mr Slocomb be not send home by Force —

Which Question is carried in the Affirmative by the Majority —

Sir Robert Fletcher and Mr Stone beg leave to enter their dissent to the above Resolutions of the Board respecting Edward Slocomb and offer the following reasons —

Athd the Honble Court have declined replying to the 51st Paragraph of the General Letter of 6 Feby 1771 to Vansittart, in which the Doubts and Difficulties which this Government labours under for want of precise Orders from the Honble Court on this Subject, were particularly set forth — Yet as the Residence of Persons of Mr Slocombs known bad Character in India is productive of numberless ill consequences as they are a great nuisance in the Collonies where they reside, and if they are suffered to ramble about the Country or to get into the Service of any of the Country Powers they become exceedingly Troublesome and detrimental

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the Company's affairs — Sir Robert Fletcher and Mr Stone are therefore of Opinion that in case Mr Sloane should persist in refusing to embark of his own accord for England on board the Nottingham, that he be seized and put on board by force — And Sir Robert Fletcher and Mr Stone persuade themselves that the Honble Court will be justify'd & save harmless the members of this Government in such a Measure, when it is evident they can be actuated by no other Motives than the Interest of their Employers & the Benefit and Welfare of their Settlements ——

Letter from Capt Simon Hart read as follows

To the Honble Jas. Du Pré Esqr
President and Governor and Councils of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Letter from Capt. Hart requesting leave to resign the Service

My Bad State of health obliges me to make application to you for leave to resign the Honble Company's Service, likewise that I may have permission to go to Europe on the Ship Nottingham. Capt Stoakes.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
With Respect and Esteem
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Simon Hart

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Granted

Agreed that Colonel Harts resignation be accepted and that he be permitted to take his Passage for England on the Nottingham

Jos. du Pré
Rob. Fletcher
John Smith
John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson
J. H. Stone
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

Thursday 15th Oct.r

Josias Du Pré Esq.r Governor President
Sir Robert Fletcher John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " Sam.l Johnson
John M.c Stone " George Mackay

Letter from Lieutenant Blacker read as follows.

To the Honble Jos. Du Pré Esq.r
President and Governor &c Council &c
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Lieut Blacker requests permission to proceed to England on the Nottingham

By your late Orders, I am rendered incapable of serving the Honble Company for the Space of twelve Months at least & having many Affairs of consequence to settle in Europe I beg leave to request your permission to return home for that Purpose, from whence my Duty as well as my Inclination will prompt me to return as speedily as possible ——

I should not have taken the Liberty to trouble you with this request were I under any circumstances useful in any way to the Honble Company during this my long and unfortunate suspension.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
with the greatest respect
Your most Obed.t humble Servt.
Wm Blacker

Fort St. George
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Granted

Agreed that Lieut Blacker be permitted to proceed to England on the Nottingham agreeable to

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request.

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors to go by Ship Nottingham read and Signed

Ordered that the Packet be closed

Jos. du Pré
Rob. Fletcher
John Smith
John Whitehill

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson
J. M. Vone
Geo. Mackay

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Read the following Letter from Capt. Peter Stoakes Commander of the Ship Nottingham.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Stoakes can take no more than 12 Charter Party Passengers

By your commands of Yesterday's date I'm directed to receive on board, Thirty two Invalids & Mr. Richard Moody, and I am permitted to receive Eight others

I beg leave to Represent to you, that I have already read Fifteen Men at Bengall & that I was obliged to lay in an Additional Quantity of Provisions on their Account, but that I have now only sufficient for the Men on Board already and I find there are no Salt Provisions to be purchased here

I therefore Request that you will not insist on my complying with your Order I think I can provide for Twelve of the Invalids & am ready to receive that Number, and I hope that you will relieve me from the Remainder

With Respect to the other eight I never intended to give them a Passage, for having my compliment excepting two men, I could not entertain them, nor can I in Justice to my Owners carry them

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Peter Stoakes

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In consequence of which twelve of the Men the least incapable of Duty were ordered on Board & their Names marked with Asterisks in the List sent in the Packet.

Monday 19 Octr.

At a Consultation Present

Jos: Du Pré Esqr. Governor Presedt.
Sir Robert Fletcher, John Smith
Henry Brooke " John Whitehill
Charles Smith " Samt. Johnson
John Maxwell Stone, Geo: Mackay

Letter from Lieutenant Col Bonjour read as follows.

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. Coll Bonjour respecting the Measures for reducing the Naut Collerees

Enclosed I have the Honor to send you a monthly return of the Honble Company's Troops under my command, at the same time acknowledge the Reception of yours of the 11 Ulto., by which you desire me not to interfere with any Forts or Buildings, which Omdut Ul Omrah Behauder or any persons directed by him may think proper to erect.

Give me leave Honble Sir and Sirs to represent to you, that by your letter of the 14th Augt. you have charged me with the Commission of bringing the Naut Collerees to a proper State of Subjection which object you recommended to my particular attention, it is a general Practice when

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a War is determined on, to consider the nature of the Forces which are to be reduced, for to subdue the Nation upon which we propose to direct our Operations, if this Nation has an Army to oppose to us, This Army becomes our first Object, if she is obliged to act immediately upon the Deffensive and with her Forces can only Garrison the Forts she may possess, These Forts which would be the second objects, in the first case, become the first in the Second, If she has neither Army, nor Forts and if after our Forces have penetrated in the Heart of the Country, she refuses to accept the Terms which we propose, our further Operations are to build Forts, or places of Arms in order to retain her in a proper State of Subjection, This last has been the case in regard to the Naut-Collerees of which I informed you at the same Time, that I sent you the order, or project of the Nubob Omdut-Ul-Omrech Behauder, relative to that purpose by the above project, you must have seen that I was appointed by him for to erect the Fort of Mellour, or Mouknamally, but as this undertaking does not answer the Intention of the Company and the object being attracted, to the purpose of bringing the Naut Collerees into a proper state of Subjection, I thought Proper

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to desire our Paymaster to pay these expences at the same Time to inform the Commissary General at Madrass with his doing it, in order to be well acquainted with your Intentions relative to the matter but we had no Answer till the works were nearly accomplished so that our Paymaster has furnished most of the Money employd upon the Occasion, notwithstanding it will be an easy matter to correct this Error I shall if you think proper demand his Accompts and present them to the Nabob, at the same time I propose sending you a Plan of what is done I have taken observations in order to Form a Chart of the Country we are now acting upon which I wish to finish so as to be of a Service worth your acceptance I have nothing material to inform you of, The Naut Collerus as expressed in my last, to the President seemed to be pretty calm, when I left their Country the 29 Ullo the following are the Orders, I gave out on my leaving it ——

Camp near Millour
29 Sept 1772

G.O. "The Nabob Omdat-Ul-Omrah Behauder having desired Lt. Coll. Bonjour to take under his command the part of his Troops, which are with this Detachment, has in consequence of this Authority Appointed Capt. Rumley to super-

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superintend the Forts of Millour and Vallalpetty which places he is to defend to the last extremity for which purpose as well as to protect and keep in a proper subjection the Naut Collerius he is to remain at this Place with his Parts and the Part of Captain London's Battalion in Camp. One hundred Horsemen excepted he will be pleased to give immediate information to the Nabob Omdut Ul-Omrah Bihauder & to L. Coll: Benjour of any thing material occurring to him.

Great confusing still subsists in the Maravar, and indeed I cannot foresee when it will be calmed, considering the Innovations which the Nabobs Government may introduce or propose among these People, as I cannot place any Dependance on the Nabobs Troops who are dispersed over this Country & on Account of the taking of the Fort of Camery by the Enemy I have ordered Capt. Brownes Battalion to Join me not knowing what turn Affairs may take to the South, should it be a favorable one, This Battalion may be in readiness at any time to Join Major Braithwaites Detachs.

The above Fort which is the best in the Country has since been abandonned by the Enemy

I have the Honor to be
with profound Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs Your mo Obt Servt
J. Benjour

Camp near Cominoor
the 6th Octr. 1772