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As the Field Officers in the Infantry are not appointed to any Companys in the Regiment - Limit Colonel James & Major Horne beg leave to recommend to the Honble Board that their Companys may be commanded by

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by the two Captains next to sail.

Joseph Smith.

Folio upon the Table.

It is necessary to obtain information of the Expences which will attend this Method of arranging the Artillery before the Board can pass any opinion upon it. Resolved that the Consideration of the Proposal Minute be deferred till a future Opportunity.

General Smith delivers in the following Letter

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George.

Letter from General Smith's instructions Fol. Thereon and order that under consideration on this Proposal

Honble Sir & Sirs

As this Address may appear to the Honble Board somewhat singular from the Subject it contains and probably draw on me an Imputation of being overscrupulous in my Conduct; I will thereto avoid the Reflection of for the future Gentlemen the real Motives for the part I now will when duely considered, unmoved any Suspicion which might be entertained against me for having acted either with Partiality, Fickleness or want of Respect to this Honble Board's attention I crave for a Moment, and at the same time

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apologize for the Trouble I am under the Necessity of giving

You.

When Lt Colonel Fullarton was appointed to his present Rank it Seemed to be the general Sense of the Board he was not qualified for so high a Station. But Certificates being produced of his former Conduct & my Shewing a Desire to promote his Advancement I believe greatly inclined Your Gentlemen to consent thereto except Mr. Johnson who in his Dissent against those Appointments mentions that Sir Robert Fletcher had expressed Sentiments in Consultation by no means favorable to the promotion of Lieut Colonel Fullarton; or would he however give his Consent to it had he continued at the Head of the Troops.

I will explain to the Noble Board why I interested myself in Lieut Colonel Fullarton Promotion and what the Reasons I shall give and the Considerations that which induced me to support him may in some Degree prove Satisfactory; as they are Principles I shall never be ashamed to avow.

Long before the Appointment of Colonel Fletcher & Lieut Colonel Fullarton was thought on I had heard, that the Father of those Gentlemen was ordered from his Command at Illore for some Improprieties he had been guilty of; and that the Governor General was determined to suspend

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Captain Smith at the Head of the Invalid Corps; that his Conduct and Behaviour had ever greatly reflected on it, of Course had made such unfavorable Impressions on the Minds of his Superiors as would undoubtedly exclude him from any further Rise in the Service — When the late Promotion of Field Officers was in Agitation, Sent for Major Fraser & made known to him the above circumstances; Pointed out to him wherein his Conduct appeared most liable to censure, & informed him, that as Some Promotions were intended to take Place in the Line of Field Officers, I therefore took that Opportunity to give him my Sentiments on what he had to expect — The Major replied in a very long Detail of his Services & Situations, which I shall not here trouble the Board with & concluded with Saying his Misfortunes would bear a unding hand upon him should the Governor & Council resolve to set him aside, I was sorry in parting gave him Offence, which he never did intentionally, and in whatever Manner they chose to dispose of him it was his Province to remain satisfied; I urged the Number of Years he had Served the Honble Company, the Low State of his Finances — the Hardships & Loss he met with in the Mysore War & his total inability to proceed to Europe was however so much inlisted both, & urged me in the most earnest Terms, to use my Endeavours with the Honble Board to ward off a Stigma, that must for ever stick Part from the Rest of his Days; and added if he was thus Driven

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To myself Him, he earnestly wished to obtain the highest Rank he could be raised to in this Service, a Lieut. Colonelcy I think he should be thoroughly satisfied to take any Line that might be offered to him.

Major Fraizer's moral Character is perfectly well known to every Member of this Board nor am I less acquainted with it, it may therefore be urged, that I am acting a very extraordinary Part in supporting a Man who I must be convinced was every way unfit for the Station to which I endeavoured to raise him. I will honestly confess to the Board that my Opinion of Major Fraizer has been uniform & that Motives of Humanity alone actuated me in the Support I gave him; His Plea of long Services, Poverty, Losses sustained in the Mysore War, Wondering him as an old Servant, tho' not the most worthy, yet I could not help leaning to the favorable Side, and endeavouring to obtain a Rank, that would entitle him to the Invalid Pay arising therefrom & make ample Provision for his Life & Past Services - Indulgence that are warranted in every Military Service in the World.

However I must here acknowledge Gentlemen that I am exceedingly sorry those Motives were not explained at the Time of his Promotion, as I am convinced it would then have pleased him when he is only Lieut to see, with the Invalids, and as I certainly erred in that Point I must beg on the Impulse of my Honble Masters & Your Candour to forgive the Omission - It is however necessary to remark that as nothing

assured

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appeared upon Record against Lieut. Major Fraser from the Representations of Sir Robert Fletcher & the unfavorable Opinion which it is said entertained of him, no weight could be given to such Representations & Opinion by the Board when the late Promotions were under Consideration.

Lieut. Lt. Colonel Fraser's Promotion has confirmed Him every thing of the Favor so lately conferred on him & truly proves the Justness of the Reports which have circulated to his Prejudice & in Justice to the Service I am under the Necessity of representing to the Board that Lieut. Colonel Fraser's late Behaviour renders him unqualified to remain at the Head of an English Battalion; and as Commanding Officer of the Troops under this Presidency, I solicit that he may be put on the invalid List and have Charge of that Corps.

It may be insinuated by ill natured Minds, and there are not wanting, Motives for the Removal of Lieut. Colonel Fraser, are to push forward the Officer at the Head of the List for Promotion: but I hope the Noble Board will not think me capable of shewing any improper Bias in a Case of so much Moment, when the Duty I owe my Employer demands the most inflexible Impartiality. It was never [illegible] against me for the 7 Years I have had the Honor to command the Troops on this Coast, and [illegible]

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Suggestion of such a Tendency can have no Weight, as the
Object is but too well known to all the World — and I do here
solemnly declare in Justice to Captain Baillie my Aid De
Camp and First on the List of Captains for Promotion, and
whom it may naturally be supposed, I wish to countenance
that he never has at any Time discovered to a single
Thought to me on this Subject: and tho his Interest is
so materially concerned, yet he has ever observed with one
a total Silence on this Head — I thought it was proper
to say so much lest my Motives & Intention might be
understood in a different Light to what I ever intended
them — I beg the Boards Pardon for so long an Intro-
sion on their Patience & with Respect

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obd.t & faithf.l Hble.

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Joseph Smith.

The Board after maturely considering the Reasons
given by General Smith for invalidating of Lieut. Colonel Kirkan
gate to acquiesce in his Request: but as such their acquiescence
may bear the Appearance of improvidency, considering how
lately he was promoted to his present Rank in the Army
they think it necessary to explain the Ground of their Con-

Answer of the Board on the foregoing Letter

duct

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Conduct in both Cases.

At the Time of promoting Major Finlay to his present Rank it is true some General Objections were made to the Same and that Mr. Johnson in particular dissented to it, but it is also true, that neither those Objections nor the Objections mentioned in Mr. Johnsons Dissent were by any Means Such as could in Reason be put in Competition with the written Testimonies produced in his Favor. Those Testimonies are from no less Authorities than the Generals Coote and Smith, Colonels Donald Campbell and many other Officers of Rank under whom he has served, and Speak pointedly of his Merit as an Officer. The Board cannot under Such Circumstances Stand themselves in Justice obliged to admit of his Resignation mentioned.

From the Representations of General Smith in the foregoing Letter and from other Circumstances which have come to the Knowledge of the Board since the Promotion of Lieut Colonel Fraser they cannot help concurring now in Opinion with the Generals, that he is by no means a proper Person to be entrusted at so considerable a Command in the Army as his present Rank entitles him to. The Point then is whether we shall be distressed the Service or Invaded. And the Board flatter themselves they shall not incur the Displeasure of their

Rank

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Lt Colonel Fraser's Testimonials

Court for determining on the Letter, especially when the following Considerations are called to mind. Viz. The Pointed Request of the General - Lieut Colonel Fraser's long Services to the Company - The written Testimonies of his Merit in the former Part of Lieut his Services &c Sufferings in the Mysore War - His known Poverty & his present infirm Constitution.

W Smith
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Charles Sweetland
Lieut Col Scheuber
Wilson
Wynch

Fort St. George 14 April 1773

This Day dispatched the following Letter.

To Lieut. Colonel Bonjour

Commanding the Detachment at

Tepucolum

Sir

Letter to Lieut. Col.
Bonjour to return
to Trichinopoly
with the 1st & 3d Bat
talions of Sepoys
and to leave a
Party of Troops
for Capt. Brown

The Troubles in the Maravar & Nadiaty
Districts being on a great Measure suppressed we judge
it unnecessary to keep the whole of your Detachment in the
Field any longer. You will therefore upon the Receipt
of this give Orders to Captains Hopkins & Johnson to return
to Trichinopoly with their respective Battalions, & the
Company of Captain Evans Sepoys to join their Battal-
ion at Madura.

That the now conquered Countries may not be
left in a defenceless State and to protect the Inhabitants
from the Ravages of the Colleries, we have determined to
form another Detachment under the Command of Captain
George Brown to consist of his own Battalion of Sepoys
with their Guns the European Company of Grenadiers
a Brigade of Six Pounders with a proportionate Number
of Artillery, properly equipped with Bullocks & Lascars
Lieut. Barron who is now with the Detachment is to
remain with the Artillery. The Rest of the Artillery &
you will order to their proper Garrisons. Upon your

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Secret & Confidential

Sir

Your most humble Servt

Alex Wynch

Lt Colonel

Fort St George

14th April 1773

To Captain George Brown

with Lieut Colonel Bonjours Detachment near

Madurah.

Sir

Letter to Captain George Browne to assume the Command of a Body of Troops from Lt Colol Bonjour & with Instructions how to act.

You have Brought proper to appoint You to the Command of a Detachment of Troops which is to rendezvous the Southward for the Defence of the new conquered Country Districts.

You have directed Lieut Colonel Bonjour to leave with You the European Company of Grenadiers a Brigade of Six Pounders, properly equipped with Artillery Men Bullocks & Sumpters, Three with your own Battalion of Sepoys and their Guns are to compose the Detachment.

The Nabob has acquainted us that he has appointed Mahomed Nairut Cawn to the Command of his Troops to the Southward and has desired that You be directed to act with him in the quelling of Disturbances amongst the Polligars, which we have augmented in - You are hereby directed to continue at Madurah for the present as

Your Obedt

Letter to Lieut. Col.
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to Trichinopoly
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See Cover

Fort St. George 15th April 1773

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To Lieut. Colonel Bonjour

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Wm Sir

Your most humble Servt

Alex Wynch

Fort St George

14th April 1773

To Captain George Brown

with Lieut Colonel Bonjours Detachment near

Madurah.

Letter to Captain George Browne to receive the Command of a Body of Troops from Lt Colo Bonjour & with Instructions how to act.

Sir

We have thought proper to appoint you to the Command of a Detachment of Troops which is to remain in the Southward for the Defence of the new conquered Country Districts.

We have directed Lieut Colonel Bonjour to leave with you the European Company of Grenadiers a Brigade of Six Pounders, properly equipped with Artillery Men Bullocks & Smiths, three with your own Battalion of Sepoys and their Guns are to compose the Detachment.

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Town shall represent to you the Expediency of marching your Detachment for the Purposes aforementioned.

I am Sir

Your most Obt. & Most Hble Servt

Alex. Wynch

Fort St. George
14th April 1773

To
17—

Sailed, His Majestys Ship Buckingham & Hawke Sloop of War for Trincomalee.

To
20—

Arrived, Rear Admiral Sir Robert Harland with the Northumberland & Sultan from Bombay.

Received the following Letter from Rear Admiral Sir Robert Harland.

Letter from Sir Robert Harland on his Arrival from Bombay

Northumberland in Madras Road
the 20th April 1773

Gentlemen

After having Landed Reinforced the King's Squadron at Bombay, I am returned to your Settlement in Obedience to the Commands I had the Honor to receive from His Majesty, and for the same gracious Purposes as expressed in my Letter to your Board upon my Arrival from England.

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Gentlemen

To the President & Council
of
Fort St George.

Your most obed.t Hble Servt
Robert Mardaver

At a Consultation Present

Saturday
24th April

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Governor President
John Smith Joseph Smith
John Whitehill Charles Smith
Samuel Johnson John Maxwell Lone
Edward Stracey

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The following Minute was delivered in by General Smith which the Board omit'd Yesterday on the Burning of the Said Department.

General Smith begs Leave to inform the Honble Board that Mr. Strong the Agent appointed by His Highness the Nabob for the Distribution of Tanjore Prize Money has several Times applied to him to fix a Mode of sharing the Same but as the General was given to understand that His Highness's Officers and Troops employed on that Expedition were to share equally with the Honble Companys Forces he declined having any Concern therein, as it is totally impossible for him now to consent or permit the Officers & Soldiers under the Honble

Omitted

X Inserted Sometime since interesting the Division of the Tanjore Donation

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command, being enrolled on the same List with those in his Highness's Service—

His Highness in a Letter to the Honble President on the Subject in Question, distinguishes it's Salaries by the Name of Enam or Free Gift — in that Case the Board may undoubtedly give to his own Troops such a Portion as to them shall seem proper—

The General Sumpsee in the Name of those Sirdars that served under him at the Seige of Tanjore, requests that the Board will be pleased to solicit his Highness to order his Agent Mr. Storey to pay such Part as he may think the Company's Troops deserving of into the Hands of Mr. Petrie & Parkinson those Gentlemen I doubt not will chearfully make the Distribution to the several Partis entitled thereto—

I do not mean by this to injure Mr. Storey or to lessen his Advantages arising from the Agency — but to keep those Matters in their proper Channel — Mr. Storey has sent Sunnishco with a General Return of the whole Troops that served on that Expedition & when His Highness shall signify his Sentiments regarding the Company's Troops the Money may soon be issued without Loss of Time — The General begs Leave to remark that the Captains commanding European Companys and those who commanded Battalions of Sepoys is apt to receive for their Men — as is customary in all Services—

Resolution Same=

The President having been desired to speak to the Board on the Subject of the Generals Minute on points

for

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The Board that he this Morning waited on the Nabob and requested that the Division of the Tanjore Cham might be made in the Manner requested by General Smith in the foregoing Minute. - The Nabob replied that he had no Objection to the Distribution being made in the Manner most agreeable to the Troops, but that he had already given his Word and Seal to the appointment of Mr. Story and could not therefore contribute any other Person in paying the Cham Money - But as General Smith declares in his Minute that he has no Intention of depriving the Nabobs Agent of any Part of his Revenues but only wishes to prevent the ill Consequences which may arise from placing the Nabobs Officers on the same Footing with the Company's until the Disputes respecting their Rank can be finally settled by orders from Home - It is Agreed that the President be requested once more to recommend to the Nabob to direct his Agent Mr. Story to pay into his, the President's Hands that Part of the said Cham which he intended for the Company's Troops - and thereby prevent the Litigations which otherwise must infallably ensue.

The President informs the Board that by Letters which he has received from Mr. Brooke at Masulipatam it appears that the Intentions of the Instructions sent to Captain Stevens by the Chief Engineer, as inserted in Consultation the 22 Ult. has been misunderstood in order therefore to place this Matter in a proper Light it is agreed that the following Letter be immediately wrote and dispatched to Mr. Brooke

Mr Brooke on the Subject of the Instructions given to the Surveying Engineers

To Henry Brooke Esq.
Chief of Masulipatam.

Sir

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Sir,

Letter to Mr Brooke explaining the Latitude given to the Surveying Engineer by the Chief Engineer

Notwithstanding it was necessary for the better executing the Business of the Surveys of the Circars to direct the Chief Engineer to furnish the Gentlemen appointed for that Service with particular Instructions for their Conduct therein; yet it was not intended that those Gentlemen should be independent of the Chief Council of the Settlement in the Districts of which they may be employed. You will therefore acquaint Captain Stevens that notwithstanding the Instructions he has received from the Chief Engineer, he is to consider himself as acting immediately under your Orders. that he is to report to You and the Council from Time to Time the Progress of his Survey, with his Remarks and Observations, & to transmit to the Chief and Council his Plans and Charts to be forwarded to us agreeable to the Instructions he has already received.

I am Sir
Your affectionate friend &
Alex Wynch & Council

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a Letter to the same Purport dispatched to Mr Stratton at Viragapatam.

As Captain Pitman has likewise been ordered on a Survey of the Circars dependant on Vizagapatam with the same Instructions as Captain Stevens a Letter to the same Purport is now wrote and dispatched to Mr Stratton.

General Smith delivers in the following Letter which is accordingly read.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr
President Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Letter from General Smith Recommending a Visitation of the Troops & Saying that Parkinson may Succeed Sadlers

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Being essentially necessary to the Good of the Troops on this Establishment to have them annually reviewed and after a thorough Examination being made into the State and Condition of the several Corps, the whole to be reported to the Honble Board — If my Course from the Grandeur can be dispensed with, I shall chearfully set it out with your Approbation / provided on that Service. The Reflection lately thrown out against your Troops, however ill Grounded & unjust, yet I am persuaded the Honble Board, will with me join in Opinion that these Annual Visitations are highly proper to prevent Abuses creeping into the Service, which must unavoidably happen when not inspected into.

In the Year 1768 Silent Par Mahomed a Subadar in the 1st Battalion of Sepoys to act as a Commandant with the Nabobs Troops at Kishnagunny. After the Campaign and they returned to Trichinopoly, he was dismissed from that Service by Maudaur — He — Made & has since remained without Pay from either the Nabob or the Company. as I have known him since March Year 1754. when a Subedar in this Service, and that he did his Duty in every Respect like a good Soldier but being now worn out through Age and Length of Service I beg Leave to recommend him to the Honble Board as an Object worthy of their Indulgence and that he may be put on the List of invalid Subedars

I am with due Respect

Honble

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To John Ross Esqr. Paymaster

Sir

I Hately observed in the Book of Regulations that a Quarter Master in the Field is entitled to Small Batta if he does not draw it in any other Capacity being totally ignorant of that Rule I have for the last Nine Months drawn Batta as Lieut. Fireworker of Artillery only, but I have held the Appointment of Quarter Master to this Detachment during that Time. By which I have lost near three Hundred Rupees I'll be much obliged to You if the Rules of Your Office will allow it to have those Mistakes rectified

I am Sir

Your most obedt. Servt

Camp 30th March 1773

Charles Barron

It does appear to have been a Mistake for the Appointment of an Assistant Surgeon to attend this Detachment & Mr. Ross is to be directed to allow the Charge until the Arrival of the other Assistant Surgeon in Camp.

Robert Kyd

A Lieut. Fireworker Barron Applies for the Difference of Batta between Sergeant and that given to Quarter Masters is agreeable to the Regulations the Same is ordered to be allowed him.

Ruined H. Followed Robert from the

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Committee of Accounts

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council at

Fort St George.

Honble Sir Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of the following Garrisons &c. for the Month of February.

Ongole
Amboor
Vellum
Calamcotah & the Camp

Vellour
Trichinopoly
Madura &

Disbursements, under Lieut. Colonel Bonjour & have the following Remark on the Accounts of

Ongole.

Report
Sir Eyres charge of
Pay. 132 for Black Doctors
and Medicines for the Sea
poys for Seventeen Months
past. How necessary some
this may be, we beg Leave
to observe it to your Honor
&c. and Leave the Propriety
of it to Your Consideration

Orders thereon

Captain Kelsher to explain this Charge.

We are with Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t & Hum.e Serv.ts

John Smith

John Hollond

Geo Mowbray

Edw Saunders

C B. Dent

John Ruston

Jos.h Revell

Fort St George
the
15th April 1773.

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Bonjour dated 12th Inst.t

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Bonjour

Capt. Brown employed in clearing and widening the Road, through the Woods - Lt Colonel Bonjour acquaints us that he has encamped at the Entrance of the Woods

I have the Honour to send You a Monthly Return of the Troops under my Command

The Road from Kunnoor to Sattoor is widened agreeable to the Intention of the Nabob, so that I shall obtain Brown to come and encamp near Kunnoor with the Detachment I left under his Command for the Purpose of clearing this Road.

Since the Nabob Umdah ul Omrah Bahauder has left the Marawar Country, I have encamped Madura with Four European Battalions, Four Regiments of Sepoys w.th a Detachment of Artillery & Pioneers

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Instructions on what the Surgeons obliged to move.

I have the honor to be with a profound Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble & most Obedt

C. I. Bonjour

Camp near Madura
12th April 1773.

Read and Recd the following Letter from Mr
Lavay Surgeon Assistant at Samulcotah.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the very impartial Justice shown by
You in the Promotion of your Servants and the many
Instances of your Compassion for those who labor under the
Misfortune of large Families I am encouraged
to make the following respectfull Representation
I have now served the Honble Company nine
Years as an Assistant Surgeon, to the best of my Abilities
without any Imputation on my Conduct either in Point
of Capacity, Diligence or Character. Yet during
this Period I have had the Misfortune to unfortunately
Supersceded with as I do not know any other Servant
attribute

Letter from Mr Lavay applying for an Appointment as Surgeon

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attribute to the unfortunate circumstance of my being a Foreigner) Yet as this has proved no Impediment to the Promotion of several in the different Branches of this Service I still hope, both from the Justice & Generosity of this Honble Board, that it will no longer prevent them having the wished Opportunity of giving me an Appointment as Surgeon, and placing me in a Situation to afford me a decent Provision for my Family by which my former Appointment without any Assistance is greatly inadequate.

I have the Honor to remain with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed. & most humble Servt

Samul Stah
6th April 1773

J. Lamy
Assistant Surgeon

The Board commit
to record.

The Board think it improper to promote Mr Lamy
as must therefore remain satisfied with his present Station

Commissary Generals
Statement of the Stock
Amount

The Commissary General delivers in the following
Statement of the Stock Amounts at the several Out Garrisons

The Commissary General lays before the Board the
accompanying Statement of the Stock Remaining from the
1st May last to the 31st October 1772 on which he has made the
following Remarks — That at the several Out Posts the Sales
of Stock having been so very small as not to enable them

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The Charges of the Expences attending it including the Allowances
to the Storekeeper of Pay. &c. — Per Month. — Viz.

At Chingleput is a Loss of		40.17.37	
Trichinopoly	Do	183.37.22	
Vellum	Do	71.13.18	
Collamnatch	Do	7.4.48	
Gunjam	Do	529.41.23	832.2.68
Cuttack		1140.16.72	
Vellore		147.41.60	
Ellore		63.41.24	
Madura		19.17.05	
Vizagapatam		661.29.38	
Commamalee	Do	73.17.12	2106.38.59

In Twenty Days when any Advantage will
accrue to the Government — The Commissary General is
therefore of Opinion that the Storekeepers Allowances should
be discontinued when there are such Losses or some Less Ex-
pensive Situation be made them adequate to their Trouble such at
Trichinopoly where the immediate want of Arrack made
it necessary to send Supplys from time to time at great Expence
of Carriage which has been the Occasion of the Loss there as
further recommends that Tribundicat Gunjam should be
disposed of and the Storekeeper Indicted to supply that
Place with Arrack in the same Manner as Masulipatam
is supplied there having been very great Wastage both in
Transportation & while it has remained there —

N.B. — The Loss in the Last Year

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Companys Cart to the Naboby Durbar — Vide the Letter
at the Naboby Garrison to the Board & the Companys Answer.

Minute Pension

The Board approve of sending the Allowance to the
Storekeepers at those Garrisons who have no Lascars on the
Sale of Arrack — That the Pagodas 5 a Month be in future paid
the Storekeepers at Chingleput & Vellum That the Allowance
of twenty 5 a Month be continued to the Storekeepers at Trin-
chinopoly for the Reasons given in the foregoing Statement
& that the Storekeeper at Gingee be directed to supply that
Place with Arrack in the same Manner as at Vellore for
Sum, and to receive no Monthly Allowance for his Charge
himself —

Recommendation for Subadar & Jemadar 4 Batn Bat. Approved —

A Recommendation for a Subadar & Jemadar in the 4th Battalion of Sepoys Laid before the Board & Approved —

Captain Brown to continue in the Company with Woods to cooperate with Burnt Town —

The President informs the Board that the Nabob has represented to him the Expediency of Captains Browns Detachment being continued in clearing the Woods bordering the Roads leading to Tanjore, & that in Consequence he has sent Orders to Captain Brown to this Effect, & to cooperate with Burnt Town in settling the Country. —

The President informs the Board that in consequence of a Complaint made some Time ago by Vurrago Rauze a Subadar in the 6th Battalion of Sepoys against the Commandant of the said Battalion for an Attempt to poison him a Court of Enquiry composed of European Officers had been ordered to examine into this Affair at St Thomé, from the Proceedings it appeared that the Com-

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mandant has no Intention to injure the Subadar Veragoungue by the Composition in the Bill which he gave him to this Lower are at present assured that the Commandant had not acted with that Caution & Prudence which his Station required, and as his Brother Officers in that Battalion had conceived a violent Animosity against Him, the President judged it proper to allow him to proceed to Tuticorin to do Duty with the Sipoys there until such time should be a Vacancy for a Command out in some other Battalion Jemedar Smith having recommended him as a brave and good Officer. — Since which Time the President has received a Petition from Adam Beck, Emaum Saib & Burrah Saib Jemidars of the said Battalion charging the Commandant with several Enormities & Extortions under various pretences from the Sipoys, besides many other Irregularities said to have committed by him. — Another Petition formerly about the Same Time, but to a very contrary Effect was presented to the President by the Sipoys of the said Battalion. In which Petition they charge the complaining Jemadars and the other Black Officers with a malicious Combination against the Commandant; whom the Sipoys acquit him of ever having received Presents or extorted Money from any Person in the Battalion — on the contrary that he was kind to the Sipoys and recommended the Black Officers from time to time for Preferment without they ever charging him — That there is a general Combination before the Commandant to quit the Battalion that the Subedar & Jemadars may return to their old Practice of extorting Money from the Sipoys — to remedy the

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Previous to the taking of the Petitions from the three Seamen,
Information was brought to the President that they had
behaved in a very turbulent Manner and had thrown out
the most injurious Reflections upon Seamen of Spirit,
that they had encouraged their Shipmates to
declare upon the Parade in Front of the Main Guard,
that they would lodge a Complaint with the Seamen
if they could not obtain Redress from the Governor &
General — The dangerous Tendency of such a Declaration
if permitted to pass unpunished appeared so evident that the
three Seamen were immediately ordered into Confine-
ment and submit to the Consideration of the Board the
Expediency of instituting a Speedy & Exemplary Punish-
ment, in order to destroy at once the Idea of any Authority
Superior to the Governor & Council to whom they can com-
plain — Were such an Idea to take Place amongst the
Troops Subordination & Military Order would fall
into Contempt, and Consequences the most fatal to the
Seamen would immediately ensue — The Board are
fully sensible of the Necessity of speedily punishing this
Lieutenant Behaviour of these three Seamen and the
good Effects to be expected from a Speedy example — But
however thought requisite to ordain further Enquiry into
their Conduct, as it is probable Some circumstances may
be brought to Light tending to Extenuate their Intentions from
appearing to have Admiral, without which the Board are
yet unacquainted, and the further consideration of this
Subject

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Subject is deferred till next Consultation.

W Wynch

John Smith

Joseph Smith.

Recorded Entered

Wm. Jackson

J. Hall

Wm Brown

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This Day dispatched the following Letter to

Robert Hartland

To Sir Robert Hartland Bart

Rear Admiral of the Blue & Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships

in India

Sir

Letter to Sir Robert Hartland bringing Intelligence of his Arrival from Bombay.

We have had the Honor to receive Your Letter of the 20th Inst. from on Board the Northumberland, and we beg Leave to congratulate You upon your safe Arrival from Bombay. We are Sir

Fort St. George
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Your most Obt. Hble Servts
Alex. Wynch &c Council

At a Consultation Present.

Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor President
John Smith Joseph Smith
John Whitehill Charles Smith
Samuel Johnson John Maxwell Stone &
Edward Tracey

Friday the 30th April

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Letter from Hyderally Cawn No 55 with a Transl. to the Governor

The President laid before the Board a Letter from

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Hyder Ally Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence No. 55 congratulating M.r Hynch on his Succession to the Government and presenting him with a pair Pairs of Cloth & two Jewells — for the Head & Breast —

Letters from the Nabob, dated 17th 20th & 28th April also laid before the Board Entered in Country Correspondence No.s 57. 58. 59 —

Letters from the Nabob No.s 57 58 59 —

In the Letter of the 17th Instant the Nabob acknowledges the Receipts of the Accounts of Ordinary & Extraordinary Charges, but as they are in English He cannot form any Opinion until he is made acquainted with the Contents — He observes the Profits arising from victualling the Europeans and the Method now followed in providing Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Army, and says he shall soon have Occasion to write more particularly on this Subject, as he sustains a greater Loss by furnishing the Articles of Food to the Europeans at the Companys Price than the Amount of the Profits now carried to his Credit. —

The Profits on the Contract for Victualling the Europeans Viz.t not equal to the Loss the Nabob sustains by supplying Provisions at the Company's Price —

The Nabob sends a Bill for Pag.s 50,000 — in part for the Sum of Pagodas 80,696 — 59 — due for the Extraordinary Charges & Broad Cloth —

Sends a Bill for Pag.s 50000 — on Account of the Extraordinary Charges —

In the Nabobs Letter of the 20th he informs the Provision of the Difficulty he has had in finally settling with the Rajah of Tanjour for the Amount of the Money & Paddy lost in the Tanjour Districts during the War amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 15,[illegible]0/16 — but that he has at last obtained the Rajahs Bond for the Payment in the space of

Transmits the Rajah of Tanjours Agreement for paying the Grain Viz.t lost in the War — payable in two Months —

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of two Months from the 26th March one half to be paid in one Month & the other Half at the Expiration of the Second Month

The Nabobs Letter of the 28th Instant enclosing a List of Stores wanted for Trichinopoly:

The President lays before the Board two Letters dated 29th Instant and entered in Country Correspondence P. 60. 61 in Reply to the foregoing Letter from the Nabob.

Genl Smith delivers in the following Minute.

Genl Smiths Minute/

Genl Smith begs leave to inform the Honble Board, that, by the late promotion of Field Officers, the Post of Aid de Camp is become vacant, the General having a very high Opinion of Captain Solland recommends him to the Honble Board for the Appointment of said Dcamp.

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Captain Solland to act as Aid de camp to Genl Smith

The Board agree that Captain Solland be allowed to act as Aid de camp to General Smith./

The following Letter having been omitted from Captain Brown is now laid before the Board.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Captain George Brown. Intakes Charge of the Detachment from Ds Colonel Bonjour.

I have been duly honored with Your Letter of the 14th Instant permit me to assure You that everything in my Power shall be done for the Good of the Service in Conjunction with the Nabobs Troops to merit Your Honor you have done me in appointing

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His Detachment.

When Lieut Colonel Bonjour delivered over this Detachment to me he told me as he had no Six Pounders in the Line, he presumed you meant the Brigade which had been sent to the Young Nabob and that I must apply to Mahomed Nazabdown for them, which I have done.—

The Colonel with the 1st & 2d Battalions left me this Morning, and at the Request of Mahomed Nazub Cawn I propose marching the day after Tomorrow to the Neighbourhood of his Camp at Shrigonga for the Convenience of being near to consult what is best to be done for the Good of the Service.

I have the Honor to be

Noble Sir Your

Your very obedient &

most Hble Servt

George Brown

Camp near Cananore

23d April 1773

Lieut. Wm. Young appointed by the Court of Directors Lieut of Cavalry

Lieut William Younge appointed Lieut of Cavalry by the Honble Court of Directors ordered to join the Corps from Cavalry at Cuddalore.—

The President lays before the Board the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry composed of European officers from another Battalion of Sepoys, which was held upon the Black officers of the 6th Battalion of Sepoys in Consequence of the Minutes of last Consultation.—

The

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The Board are unanimous in Opinion with the Court of Enquiry which is founded on the Evidence brought before them in the Course of the Enquiry, and in Order to punish such irregular & turbulent Behaviour as well as to give an Example to the whole Sepoy Corps they now direct that Narnapah Naigue & Adam Buck Tindalars of the said Battalion be immediately dismissed the Honble Company's Service and also Vurayo Naigue Subadar for advising & instigating the said Tindalars to behave in the before mentioned Tumultuous Manner; and that Burrah Saib who appears to be less culpable than the others be reprimanded at the Head of the Battalion.

Vurayo Naigue Subadar Narnapah Naigue & Adam Buck of the 6th Battalion dismissed the Service

The President acquainted the Board that having been informed by the Admiral that he has fixed on the 30th Inst for the delivery of His Majestys Letter to the Nabob he had given out the following General Order to the Troops which is punctually observed, and the Fort & the Ships in the Road saluted on the Occasion.

The Admiral Attended with the Troops on Garrison delivers his Majestys Letter to the Nabob

G. O. 28th April 1773.

A Letter from His Majesty to His Excellency the Nabob being to be delivered on Friday next by Rear Admiral Sir Robert Harland, & he having desired the Assistance of the Troops in Garrison on this Occasion, the following Orders respecting them are to be observed.

All the most distinguished

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Men now in Garison will be Invalids are to take the usual
Guards Tomorrow Morning & are not to be relieved till the
Procession is over on Friday, the Remainder with the Recruits
from Condamalé, a Detachment with 4 Field Pieces from
the Train of Artillery & the 4 Grenadiers & 1 Battalion Com-
panys of the 6th & 9th Battalion of Sepoys doing Duty at
this Place to parade dressed on the 30th at Guns Fire in
the Morning, each Man to be furnished with three Rounds
of blunt Cartridges, the Order of Procession settled by Lt Colo-
nel Vaughan who commands the whole.

W Smith
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Charles Smith
Wm. Johnson
Wm
Wm Brady

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor President

Monday 3 May
John Smith
John Whitehill
Samuel Johnson
Joseph Smith
Charles Smith
John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Lieut. Donnellan dies—Ensign Dixon promoted to Lieut. & Mr. James Turing Ensign.

The President informed the Board of the Death of Lieut. Donnellan Lieut. 4th Instt. in Consequence of which Henry Dixon is promoted to the Rank of Lieut. & James Turing to the Rank of Ensign.

Letters from the Bated No. 62 & 63 for 4000 Pd on Account the Commd. List.

The President laid before the Board two Letters which have been received from the Bated dated the 27th & 30th Ult.o as entered in Country Correspondence No. 62 & 63 advising of his having sent Pay. for 4000 on Account of the Commd. List, the 1st Instant.

Letter from the Bated No. 64 on the Paying the Sepoy Battalions their Commd. Current Charges.

Read a Letter from the Bated entered in Country Correspondence No. 64 wherein he directs he currently pay from Battalions of Sepoys and three Lacks of Rupees for the annual Current Charges.

Minutes Concur

Ordered by the Company which that the Payment of the Compliat Battalions is to be carried to the Debit of the Bated's Account. The Board cannot take upon themselves to direct

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dividend Company and a Letter to this Effect is accordingly to be wrote to the Nabob. The Board have already represented to the Court of Directors the Nabobs request to limit the Amount of the Annual Current Charges to 3 Lacks of Pagodas, and the Nabob has since repeatedly called upon to point out a Method for Effecting that Change consistent with the Good of the Service But as the Current Charges depend upon so many Contingencies the Board apprehend it will be impossible to confine them to a certain amount, and all that they can do in this Case or reply to the Nabob, is that every minute Expence shall be avoided and the strictest System of Oeconomy observed.

Economy

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Collins at Vellum, with the engineers Estimate of Repairs to the Fortifications.—

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr
President & Governor of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from Captain Collins

Herewith I have the Honor to transmit you a monthly Return of the Troops of this Garrison the Engineers Estimate of what Repairing the Breaches &c will amount to is also ordered

We Have arrived here the 24th Inst. since which having been greatly indisposed he was not able to finish the Estimate before this Morning, or it should have been sent sooner. I am sorry to remark that the Situation of this Gentleman, has obliged him to recommend me

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me to give him Leave to proceed to Trangueber for the Restablishment of his Health. He prefers Trangueber to any other Place on the Seacoast, on Account of a Moorman Physician who resides there, of whose Skill in the Particular complaint with which he is afflicted, He has a very favourable Opinion

The Kelledar has spoke to me once or Twice since the Dispatch of my Letter to you of the 27th Ult. on the Subject of levying Customs on the Provisions that are brought for the Bazar of the Place, I could therefore wish to be favored with your Directions on that Head Immediately

Respect.

Honble Sir

Your most obed.t &
very humble Serv.t
Calt.n Geo Collins

Vellum
the
29 April 1773

Estimate of the Expence of repairing the several Breaches at Vellum, made by the late Monsoon —

Engineers Estimate of Repairs to the Fortifications at Vellum

The Breach made at the taking of the Fort repaired by Captain Lesty.

Bricks	236,700	@ 38 Rup.s p. M.l		P C.h
Chunam	2367 Candy	3..70	p Cand.y	214.6[illegible]
Jaggery	2367 Sur	2..50	p Sur	212.1[illegible]
Pay of	474 Bricklayers	1	each	1473[illegible]
	1422 Coolys	1..40	10	45.6
	1422 Women	1.		50.33
	1296 Boys	.. 60		3336
			Star Pagodas	3336
				714.5.7

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The Breach in the Sea-Bay made at the taking
of the Place, Town yet unpaired

Bricks	12,000		109.20
Chunam	1,211 Parrah		114. 4
Jaggary	1,211 Lus		75.28.70
Pay of	242 Bricklayers		23. 2
	484 Coolys		17. 2
	484 Women		11.22
	726 Boys		12.40.40
		Star Pagodas	363.35.30

Two Breaches in the Sea-Bay to the Southward of
the Ingore Gateway

Bricks	110500		99.41
Chunam	1105 Parrah		101.39.70
Jaggary	1105 Lus		69. 2.50
Pay of	225 Bricklayers		25. 2
	442 Coolys		15.33
	442 Women		10.22
	663 Boys		11.35.20
		Star Pagodas	331. 7.60

The Breach in the Sea-Bay to the Northward
of the Ingore Gateway

Bricks	58500		52.39
Chunam	585 Parrah		53.40.70
Jaggary	585 Lus		36.23.50
Pay of	117 Bricklayers		11. 6
	234 Coolys		8.15
	234 Women		5.24
	351 Boys		6.11.20
		Star Pagodas	174.33.61

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The Breach on the Wall of the Fort to the Northward

Bricks — 52000
Chunam — 520 Parrah
Jaggary — 520 Jar
Coyes — 104 Bricklayers
208 Coolys
208 Horses
312 Boys

744. 5. 8
383. 35. 30
330. 7. 60
176. 33. 60
155. 16.

Total Star Pagodas 1768. 13. 78

Vellum
the
28. April 1773

Geo Maule
Engineer

Robt against the Amount of the Estimate Lt. Dugood ordered to superintend the Fortifications

The foregoing Estimate having been laid before the Robt and approved by him, the said repairs are accordingly to be made under Mr. Maule is unable to attend this Duty on account of the Bad State of his Health Lt. Mr. Dugood is ordered for this Service. Disputing the Reliddars Representation to Captain Collins about levying Customs on Provisions the Governor will communicate the Matter to the Robt and obtain his Directions to his Reliddar for the exemption of the Land usually levied on the Bazar.

Recd the following Memorial from Lt. D. Maules at Vellum

The Governor to inspect into the Breach the impropriety of levying Duties on Provisions at Vellum

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To The Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr

Governor & President &
The Council of Fort St. George

The Memorial of Donald
Macleod Lieut in the 1st
Battalion of Sepoys

Humbly Sheweth

That on the 6th of this Month Conda a Sepoy
in the Company under his Care was confined by Captain Elliot
That Evening the Prisoner represented his Case to your Memorialist
That Captain Colins mentioned the Affair to him that Night
& signifying his Displeasure at the Prisoners complaining de-
sired he would confine & punish another Sepoy that had accom-
panied the Prisoner to your Memorialists House, he told
the Captain, that this other Man did no more than explain
the Matter in Moors, which the Prisoner Conda did not speak.

Your Memorialist having enquired into the Affair,
understood that a Man returned as Paig in the Commandants
Company, Purchase apparent Business is keeping certain Arti-
cles for the Commandant & Captains Dubarth, had engaged with
the said Dubarths Assistance, to get out of the Prisoners
Hands some Jewells that had been lodged with him, which
he was desired by Major Popham some Time before not to give
up, till an Affair, in which they Person they stood to was then
involved, was cleared up — Your Memorialist was likewise in-
formed

Memorial from Lieut Macleod of Battalion representing the Affair of the Prisoning of a Sepoy for Disobedience of Capt. Colins Orders & the Attendance

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proved that when the said Dubash that he chuse many
the Captains to confine them. And that he the Dubash
and the said Ringe are engaged for the immediate Recovery
of the Jewels - for which the former was to have a Pagoda
Savings & the latter two Pagodas. —

The said Condoi Mylu was confined at two o'
Time, and as your Memorialist had drunk the Sergeants setting
him in mind of their Dishes after they had Dinner Coffee
from Duys, he told the Captain of the Same. That not hour
was like the 4th Inst. that a Court Martial sat to try them boys

That your Memorialist being well acquainted
with the usual Proceedings of Such Courts Martial - And
likewise aware that Captain Cline was resolved to have some
severe Punishment inflicted on the Poor Man - thought it
necessary to attend the Court during this Tryal. —

The Court assembled at half an hour past Nine before the Sergeant Major
of the Battalion who writes the Proceedings of the Courts
& the Adjutant who acts as interpreter came from the Captains.

That as Mungo the Complainant stood to
give his Evidence, the said Sergeant desired the Adjutant
to tell, that the Captain said, if the Complainant against the
Prisoner was not proved, he would not be Hanged

That about half an hour had Elapsed that
the Interpreter had examined all the Evidence
against the Prisoner — he now enquired of Drogo what
Jew Mourradeen could not have one a year after the Jew
Till he was in Confining

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each of whom having visited away a few Minutes, Returned
Sum - they detaining they knew Nothing of the Affair
Not your Memorialist asked several Times if they
had any more Evidence to bring against the Prisoner - and
the Court and Interpreter declaring there were no more absent
Twelve o Clock the Prisoner was called and put on his Defence.
observed
Your Memorialist at this Time, took the Inquest
Left about 2 or 3 Sheets of Blank Paper between the Covers -
Tion and the Main Defence - Asked him why he did not
Lose the Prosecution - The Inquest made some Trifling
Excuse - and your Memorialist did not mind it further,
not supposing the Blank was left with any unfair Design.
The Prisoner had now stood before the Court
repeating his Defence for upwards of half an Hour - your
Memorialist having frequently signified his Surprize
that they did not take down the Same in writing - when the
President adjourned the Court.

[The 20th Inst. about 10 o Clock the Court &c. be-
ing assembled. The aforesaid Serjeant Major desired the
Adjutant to inform the Court, agreeable to the Captains
Orders to him as follows - That his Motives for confining
the Prisoner was that in his Opinion he was guilty of the
Defraud with his Wife - And that if the Captain desired
the Court to call upon any Person they pleased for further
Evidence against the Prisoner] Accordingly a long Story
was taken down from the Adjutant - Interpreter to the Court
as aforesaid - Who had not a word to say against the Man
the preceding Day - Your Memorialist was [illegible]

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Plaind to the Court the glaring Ingratitude of their Proceedings
and the Dangerous Tendency such Insurgences if brought
to Example if brought to public hearing — but that
action is too Low for those Men to be guilty of, if their Cap-
tain directs and protects them —

The Reason of Mine in asking why the Evidence
the preceding Day was not heard — For the President
told me, that, as the Prisoners Defence had not been taken
down in writing this Examination was not heard — And the
Sergeant confessed that he could not hear the Prisoner without
making the Captain acquainted with the Same —

That the Court continued the Prisoner two Hundred
Lashes — and that Captain Colins publickly approved of the Pro-
ceedings and Sentence of the said Court — which he was fort
in Execution as he thought proper — and then removed the
Man from the Company of which your Memorialist had the
Charge —

The above illegal Proceedings have wrought
upon your Memorialist that he has continued with Grief
unable to Long Home before the Honble Board —

Pallam 27th April 1773 Dan. Maclok.

Lt 4th Batt of Sepoys

Note — The Words enclosed thus [ ] in the above Memorial
were taken down in the Court and to the Sergeants Mistake
fully explained to the President & Members, and each Words
subjoined to them as would from true Meaning of the
Sentence again.

Before the

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Copy of the Memorial to be sent to Capt. Colins

on the Subject of the foregoing Memorial & Complaints from Lieut. Maclean it is judged proper to transmit a Copy of the said Memorial to Captain Colins and to require an immediate Explanation from him touching the several abuses complained of by Lieut. Maclean, and also to send in the original Proceedings of the Court Martial upon the Ships

Minute upon the Scheme for Stationing the Artillery Corps and another Estimate is directed to be made out

The Board resume the Consideration of the Scheme for Stationing the Artillery Corps recommended in Consultation the 12th Inst by General Smith, and the Commissary General delivers in an Estimate of the additional Expence which will be incurred should the Scheme take place, but upon Consideration it appearing that many of the Expences inserted in the said Estimate may be avoided if the Corps is stationed at Chingleput, or at any of the Places contiguous to it, another Estimate is directed to be made out deducting every unnecessary Charge and in the mean Time the President is desired to consult with the Board in what Manner they are to be supplied with Provisions—

Sir Robert Fletcher intends in the Course of the Month to dispatch a Ship for Europe—Dispatches to be got ready.

The President informs the Board that he has received from Sir Robert Harland intimation that he intends in the Course of this Month to dispatch one of the Vessels of his Squadron to Europe; in Consequence of which orders are now given for preparing the Packing Dispatches for the Honble Court

Read the following Report from the Commander of Stores inclosing an Extract from their Minutes &c Proof of Gun Powder as entered Yesterday—

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To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the Honor to lay before you our Minutes of the 28th Ult. together with a Report of the Proof of Gun Powder received from England last Year.

We beg Leave to recommend to Your Honor &c. that the Order for the Commanding Officers of Artillery of the different Out Garrisons to specify the particular Divisions of the Guns for which Carriages are at any Time wanted, which was recommended in Our Minutes of the 23 Decr. last, be enforced.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed. Hble Servts

Fort St. George
3 May 1773.

Joseph Smith
John Whitehill
Patrick Ross
Edw. James

Report from the Committee of Stores

At a Committee of Stores Present

Wednesday
the
28th Apl. 1773.

Brig. Gen. Jos. Smith — J. Whitehill Esq.
Lt. Colonel Ross — — Sr. Col. James

The

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Stores

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The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee an Indent of Stores from Masulipatam, which having examined the Committee find that some Articles have been already complied with in Part of a former Indent and that others cannot immediately be dispensed with from this Garrison — A List of what can conveniently be sent in part of the present Indent is now accordingly made out

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee an Indent of Stores from Vellore — The Necessity of the Garrison being considered by the Committee, What can be spared from hence — A List of Stores agreed to be supplied in part of the said Indent is drawn out — Several Carriages are required by the above mentioned which the Committee cannot Supply without knowing the Dimensions of the Guns for which such Carriages are wanted, and which cannot particularized in the above Indent — Agreed that it be recommended to the Board that the Order for the Commanding Officers of Artillery of the different Out Garrisons to specify the particular Dimensions of the Guns for which Carriages are wanted, and which the Committee have before recommended in their Minutes of the 23d Ult. be enforced —

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee an Indent of Stores for Trichinopoly which is ordered to be complied with as far as conveniently may be —

The Clerk lays before the Committee an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 2d March 1773.

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entered Yesterday, in which the Board having Ordered that the Committee of Stores be directed to deliver in a Calculation of the Amount of the Gun Carriages & Mortar Beds requested by the Committee to be made use of for Garrison & Field Service — Lieut. Colonel Innes is requested to communicate the Dimensions that he thinks most proper that a Carriage & Mortar Bed of each Nature may be made upon the Company's Yard at Masulipatam by which the Committee may be enabled to judge of the Amount of the whole Number required.

Lieut. Colonel Innes lays before the Committee a Report of the Proof of Gunpowder received from England last Year as entered Yesterday — Agreed that it be communicated to the President & Council.

Report.

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Proofs of Gun Powder

Report of Gunpowder received from England by the undermentioned Ships in 1772

The Proof with a 10 Inch Brass Mortar	Weight Powder	Weight Shell	Elevation	Flight	Medium of three Ranges	Quantity received 100 lb Barrels	Quantity received 60 lb Barrels	When dried and Sifted Powder 60 lb Barrels	When dried and Sifted Dust 60 lb Barrels	When dried and Sifted Loss 60 lb Barrels	State of Powder when received
	lb	lb	Deg.	Seconds	Yards						
Ship Norfolk	2	96	45	15½	1069	109		147	30	4⅔	Clotty & damp
Ship Lyoness				14½	1015	—	183	173	6	4	In good Condition
Ship Anson				15½	1054	—	181	158	19	4	Clotty damp & not well granulated
Ship Earl of Lincoln				14	940	—	183	159	20	4	Very dusty
Ship Fox				15½	1077	56	85	152	22	4¾	Very damp
Ship Ashburnham				15½	1067	—	183	148	31	4	Very clotty & damp, not well granulated
Ship Royal Henry				14	988		183	138	40	5	Do. Do. Do.
					Total	165	998	1075	168	30	

J. Mauvery
Inspector of Stores

Ed. James
Lieut. Col. Artillery

Tower 3d May 1773

Order respecting the Dimension of the Guns for which Carriages are Ordered & taken Notice of.

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The Ordnance Board some Time ago to the Commanding Officers of Artillery at the Out Garrisons Copies of their Orders to the Barbettes Dimensions of the Guns for which Carriages are now Ordered to be again repeated.

W Gansk
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Charles Smith
Saml Johnston
Wm Wm
Wm Wm

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 10th May

Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor President

John Smith — Joseph Smith

John Whitehill

Samuel Johnson — John Maxwell Stone

Edward Stracey

Wm Charles Smith indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved.

Proposals having been received from Several Mer-
chants Tenders for making up the Sepoy half Mounting
the following General Statement is made out and laid
before the Board.

General Statement of Sepoy half Mounting	Madras	Length	Pr	Masulipatam	
	1 Seapoy Turband	26 Cubits	13.16	1 Seapoy Turband	13.16
	1 Baike Do	28	15.24	1 Baike Do	15 24
	1 Havildar Do	28	15.24	1 Havildar Do	15 24
	1 Seapoy Sash	10	7 31	1 Seapoy Sash	7 31
	1 Baike Do	12	8	1 Baike Do	8
	1 Havildar Do	12	8	1 Havildar Do	8
	1 Sepoy Jacket		5 8	1 Sepoy Jacket	5
	1 Baike Do		5 20	1 Baike Do	5 28
	1 Havildar Do		6 75	1 Havildar Do	6 66
	1 Seapoy Drawers		4 3/4	1 Seapoys Drawers	3 66
	1 Baike Do		4 2/4	1 Baike Do	4 16
	1 Havildars Do		5 30	1 Havildar Do	5 16

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Vizagapatam			Tanjam	
1 Seapoy Jemdar	226	13 70	1 Sepoy Jemdar	10 15
1 Naike D°	28	17 20	1 Naike D°	11 20
1 Havildar D°	28	17 20	1 Havildar D°	11 20
1 Seapoy Jach	6	3 5	1 Seapoy Jach	4 5
1 Naike D°			1 Naike D°	4 70
1 Havildar D°			1 Havaldar D°	4 70
1 Seapoy Jachet	3	12½	1 Seapoy Jachet	4 2½
1 Naike D°			1 Naike D°	4 55
1 Havildar D°			1 Havaldar D°	5 45
1 Seapoy Drawers	2	7½	1 Seapoy Drawers	3 67½
1 Naike D°			1 Naike D°	4 25
1 Havildar D°			1 Havaldar D°	4 75

Although the Prices of the Sepoy Light Horse

=ing at the Northern Settlements are lower than at Madras,

yet the Size are considerably smaller and the Manufacture

much inferior in goodness — Were the Slops for the whole Sepoy

Establishment to be provided at any one of the Northern

Subordinacies, much Inconveniency might arise from

Delays, and a considerable Expence & Risk would attend

transporting the Slops to the Battalions in the Southern

Districts — It therefore appears that the Difference of Price

in favor of the Northern Proposals is overballanced by the

foregoing Considerations, nevertheless as the same Arguments

may be used against the present mode of furnishing the

Northern Battalions with the cast Mounting made upon

the Place, it is Resolved that in future the Agents for

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For Sepoy Battalion in the Carnatick to supply with the Regt Part of the

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Extracts from the Several Subordinate Stations under which they are Stationed at the Rates specified in their respective Proposals

be directed to provide the twelve Seapoy Carnatic Battalions with Slops and that the Battalions in the Ceded Districts dependent on Masulipatam, Vizagapatam & Ganjam be provided with Slops from each of those Places at the Rates specified in their several Proposals — Ordered that Extracts of this Resolution be transmitted to Masulipatam Vizagapatam & Ganjam, and that the Agents be made acquainted with the same.

Court Martial on Ensigns Goode & Burn

The Board take into consideration the Proceedings of a Court Martial ordered on Ensigns Goode & Burn the 3d Instant in this Garrison the former ordered in Arrest by Captain Kelly for behaving in a Mutinous manner to the Commander of a Gunboat, and the latter ordered in Arrest by the Town Major on Complaint of Lieut. Prindergast for disobedience of Orders in refusing to take his Post as Officer of the Main Guard when appointed for that Duty in the Orders of the 5th May and for behaving contrary to good Order & Military Discipline.

Sentence upon Ensign Goode

The Court, having maturely considered the Charge against the Prisoner as well as what he has urged in his Defence, are of Opinion he is clearly guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge as appears under his own Hand writing in the Note marked No 2. which they consider as a Breach of the 2d Articles of the 15th Section of the Articles of War

Sentence upon Ensign Goode

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They consider the Manner in which the Plea was addressed to Ensign Frail, with confidence — The Terror the Prisoner might reasonably be supposed to be in, from the Report made of Captain Kelly's Opinion of his Conduct by the Sergeant together with his Youth and inexperience and as the whole Tenor of Ensign Frails prosecution appears to be founded on Malice, and is in many Respects contradictory. And as the Court do not consider the Expression on which the Prosecutor founds his Charge altogether in that Serious Light he would endeavour to insinuate — They do in consequence find of only sentence the Prisoner to be severely reprimanded in Presence of all the Officers of the different Corps doing Duty in Garrison by the Commandant.

Approved by the President Council

approved —

For all the Conduct of Ensign Frails appears to have been extremely culpable improvident & highly culpable & the Board are inclined to pass over his Offence on Account of his Youth and Inexperience. /

Sentence upon Ensign Burn

Sentence upon Ensign Burn

The Court proceed to take into consideration his Charge against the Prisoner and also what he has urged in his Defence and after having maturely weighed the whole are of Opinion that the Prisoner Ensign James Burn

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Burn are is not guilty of the crime laid to his charge — On the contrary that he has acted with great propriety on the occasion, as the beating the Short Troop appears agreeable to the Customs of the Army to be the usual & proper Signal for Officers & Soldiers Servants about to mount Guard, & to Him soon honorably acquit him.

The Board having with the utmost Attention perused the proceedings of this Court Martial and maturely considered the Depositions of the several Witnesses called upon defending the Trial cannot help being unanimously of Opinion that the Court have mistaken the Charge exhibited against the Prisoner — He was not tried for having deviated from the Customs of the Army, nor was that the Question which came properly before the Court Hence the Opinion given by the Court Martial is foreign to the Purpose and unconnected with the Charge — Ensign Burn is tried for disobedience of an Order given him on the Parade by the Adjutant according to the usual Custom of this Garrison which Crime he is clearly proven to be guilty of by a variety of Evidences and even by his own Confession allowing the order given by adjutant Grindall not to have been contrary to the Custom of the Garrison however does by no means appear to be the Case from the Depositions of the Officers examined on this

Reflexions thereon

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Sentence disapproved of Ensign Burn suspended the Service

Court / the most strained Construction can never make it appear that there was anything illegal in the Orders thereof Ensign Burn cannot be exempted from the Punishment due to Disobedience of Orders. - Therefore the Proceedings of the Court would answer no Purpose, for as they will not receive Intimation of the Grounds on which the Board with to have the Proceedings and Sentence revised, it is not to be expected they will be induced to alter the Sentence. — But as there is a Necessity for the Board to express in the most Public Manner their Disapprobation of such flagrant Disobedience of Orders, it is unanimously resolved to disapprove of the Sentence of the Court Martial & to suspend Ensign Burn from the Honble Company's Service — In Consequence of which the following General Order is given out. —

General Order on Ensign Burn's Conduct &c.

"The President & Council entirely disapprove of the Sentence of the Court Martial on Ensign Burn, because on the fullest and clearest Evidence he appears guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge for disobedience of Orders in refusing to take his Post as Officer of the Main Guard, when ordered to do so by the Adjutant on the Parade. Having therefore thought it necessary to suspend Ensign Burn from the Honble Company's Service"

The President refers to the Board that when the President of the Court Martial delivers him the Proceedings & Sentence of the Court on Ensign Burn, he accompanies

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granted him that the Conduct of Ensign Traill during the Examination appeared to prove so much former Malice, & his Evidence so apparently contradictory, that in the Name of the Court Martial, requested the Board would take cognizance Notice of his Behaviour and in such manner as they shall think proper. In Consequence of which it is resolved that Ensign Traill be ordered in Arrest, and a Court Martial assembled to proceed upon his Trial.

a Court Martial ordered on Ensign Traill.

The President produces the Draft of a Letter to the Nabob which is read & approved & ordered to be entered as follows

To the Nabob

Letter to the Nabob on the Subject of the Five Battalions being granted this Account & the Reduction of the former Charges.

I have been favored with the Receipt of your obliging Favor of the 23d Ult. accompanying one of the Books of Accounts transmitted to Your Highness with my Letter of the 13th April. Your Highness is so pleased to express your Surprize, at a Charge being made therein for the Pay of Five Battalions of Sepoys over and above the Seven Battalions which your Highness says are the established Number and in Consequence Your Highness desires the said Charge may be taken out of the Account, it being Your Determination not to agree to more than Three Lacks of Pagodas for the first Cantonment Charges. All which I duly observed. Something Leave in the first Place to remark to your Highness, that the Number of Battalions kept by the Company, on your Highness Account remained

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the same, or since Six or Seven Years past — that the Change
therefore for which your Highness so much objects is wrongly
termed in the Account and is not a Change as should thereby
appear for three new additional Battalions but merely
a Change for Seapoys raised to fill the Stated number of
Battalions on the Footing they were in before and during
the war with Hyder Ally Cawn, in which Light I am
accordingly to request your Highness will be pleased to view
it. — I will by no means take upon me to say that your
Highness has ever given any express written agreement, pur-
porting your Consent to the Company's keeping up on your
Highness's Account & for the Defence of the Coast compleat Battalions of Seapoys, consisting of a Thousand
Men each, however there must Some where be held to say from
the Records that a Change of such a Number of Battali-
ons consisting of the above Number of Men has before
been made to your Highness's Account, & during
by your Highness, & being so expressly done upon the Part
of your Highness at last an agreement to the Change —
The Letter from your Highness in which paper
mention of which passe
interview of your Highness & this Government in the Year
1769 strongly & unanswerably indicate likewise a
prior Approval & Acquiescence on the Part of your
Highness both to these Battalions & their Number, for
if there had been no such prior acquiescence or Approval
expressed by your Highness in your Letter of the 19th June
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of that Peaceable Race Number might be reduced to 7000
Men Pray should Mr Barwell in his reply in Consider-
ation of the Reasons then assigned by your Highness express
his Consent to such Reduction —

But laying all this aside your Highness has
frequently mentioned in your Letters, that you esteem the
Company the Protectors of Zemindry & Soondry Pattamiahs
that the Company have for these many Years past incre-
dered & secured themselves in their Rights & Possessions that
Right they directed Twelve compleat Battalions of Sipoys
to be kept up by this Government for the Defence of the Carnatick
judging the same to be the smallest Sipoy Force in my
Shape adequate to the Purpose - unwilling however to lay
too great a Burthen upon your Highness, having some Apprehe-
ons themselves in the Country they have taken upon themselves
Amounts the Pay of two of those Battalions, a Proportion
of Expence your Highness shall incur will correspond as at
present to their Share in every Point of View — Not-
withstanding that that your Highness never did by particular
Writing expressly agree to the Company keeping up of
the Battalions, can your Highness reconcile it to Justice
to refuse the Payment of a Charge incurred with a View to
the Prosperity of your Affairs & the Protection of your
Country, Reputation? Why by what who your Highness
Yourself admits to be the Protectors of your Country

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in that Character have done and wish to do much towards its Restitution. I flatter myself therefore your Highness will on further Reflection see this Matter in the Light in which I now state it, & doing so will think it consistent both with Right and Equity that this Charge should be paid by your Highness at least until the Company can be informed of Your Highnesses Sentiments in this Respect, & this Government can in Consequence receive their further Directions thereon which Intelligence must be in the Course of the next Year - In this Hope I have the Honor to return to Your Highness the Book of Accounts containing the Charge aforementioned - -

By what Your Highness says on the Subject of the current Charges, it should appear that your Highness is of Opinion, former Governors have absolutely agreed those Charges should amount to no more than three Lacks of Pagodas a Year - I have looked over the Records but must beg Leave to observe to your Highness, I can find no such Agreement, & if your Highness will be pleased to reflect a little on this Matter, I think it must appear, they could make no such Agreement especially as the Mode of dividing those Charges into Ordinary & Extraordinary Charges to be paid for separate & distinct as has been once recommended by Your Highness, & adopted was not then thought of - The Mode of the Ordinary & current Charges as it at present stands between your

Highness

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Highness & this Government, is this — Your Highness ex-
presses your Determination not to consent to their Amount-
ing to more than three Lacks of Pagodas a Year without
however favoring me with your Sentiments in what man-
ner you would have them reduced, to bring them to that
Sum — On the Part of this Government I am unable to effect
the Measure myself I beg Leave to express my Readiness
to cooperate with Your Highness with Heart & Hand to
this End, in everything consistent with the Orders of the
Company & the Good of the Service, & as these Matters yet
between your Highness & me rests, but the Changes still
keep going on in their old Channel —

Your Highness is pleased to express your wish
there might be no Correspondence between us which would
give your Highness or me Trouble — I beg Leave to assure
your Highness, that I most heartily join in this wish
& that consistent with the Proper discharge of my Duty
to my Employers it shall be my Study to do everything
that will be agreeable to Your Highness —

I have the Honor &c.

Regulations for a new Mode of Discipline for the Troops & a new Edition of the Military Regulations to be printed

General Smith observes that it is now making certain Regulations for a new modeling the Discipline of the Troops on the Coast which he suggests may be printed that they may more easily be circulated to the several Corps & that it is also necessary to print a new Edition of the Military

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Military Regulations. It is Agreed that Orders be given the Company's Printer to make the Necessary Preparations for the forementioned Purpose & that the Charges incurred thereby be defrayed by the Civil Paymaster.

General Smith delivers in the following Minute respecting the Tanjore Donation.

General Smith begs Leave to inform the Honble Board, that soon after the Expedition against Tanjore ended the Honble President & Council took into Consideration the Subject relative to the Claim the Army supposed they had on the Rabob in Lieu of Prize Money for that Expedition, on Account of what passed between his Son Amdakul Omrah Bitwander, and the Officers on that Head, and what they understood was agreed on their behalf with the Rajah of Tanjore. The Honble Board having communicated to General Smith their Sentiments on this Matter in their Letter of the 26 November 1771. They were made known to the Officers then present in Cantonments at Trichinopoly, who submitted their Claims to the Decision of the Honble Board, and express their Hopes of receiving Protection & their Influence in obtaining a Consideration for the Fatigues & Services on that Expedition.—

Minute from General Smith respecting the Tanjore Donation & representing the ill Consequences of the Company's & troops and the Rabobs detaining in his Power Proportion

From that Time nothing has past relative to this Affair that has come with Authority to the Army; But understanding a few Days ago that his Highness the Rabob had Authorized his Agent Mr Stone to [illegible]

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Sum as a Donation to the Troops, which Sum he had directed him to pay to each Individual and had Regulated the Proportions to each Rank & Station, in doing which he had included his own Troops imployed on that Service and put the Officers all on the same Footing as the Honble Companys, Thought it a Duty incumbent on me to represent to the Honble President that the Honble Companys Troops could receive no Donation from the Nabob without being first Authorized by the Honble Board agreeable to the Instructions sent by the Honble Court of Directors to this Presidency and given out in publick Orders, and that the mode of Division by the Nabob was not only disgusting to the Officers but also a Precedent that might in its Consequences prove prejudicial to the Companys Affairs as allowing the Nabobs Officers and Men to share Equal Money on the same Roll together, and in the same Proportions would be tantamount acknowledging an Equality of Rank between the two Services altho the only instance that ever yet happened where the Nabob gave his Troops Hand any Gratuity with the Honble Companys which was at Manilla, his Captains Hand with his Subalterns & his Subalterns with our Sergeants & so in Proportion.— The Honble President agreed in Sentiments with General Smith that it would be unmaterial more eligible that whatever Sum the Nabob meant to allow the Companys Troops, that Sum should be given entire, and Sum divided as the Invoice [illegible] Paper

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Minute thereon

The President in Consultation the 24th Ult.o having
reported to the Board what passed between him and the
Nabob when he represented the ill Consequences that which
might possibly from the same Division of Prize Money being
made to his Officers as to the Company's, he only to add that
he has since had occasion to talk to the Nabob on the same
Subject, and has used every Argument to prevail upon him
to agree to the mode recommended by General Smith in
his Minutes, but that the Nabob persists in refusing to sepa-
rate any Proportion to the Company's Troops from the General
Fund, he has however declared that Since it is disagree-
able to the Company's Officers to receive their Shares of this
Donation from the Agent appointed for the Payment of
his own Troops, he willing to pay them their respective
Proportions himself.—

The President reports the Substance of his Conversation with the Nabob respecting the Company's Prize Money

General Smith delivers in the following
Letter to the Board—

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.

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

Letter from General Smith recommending the Establishing a Company of Gunners to be annexed to Manner Company of Battalion

Honble Sir & Sirs—

Having a Duty incumbent on me to point out
to the Honble Board any Lights wherein I think the Service
may receive Benefit and in Contentment to offer them my Sent-
iments

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must endeavour to have Barracks that may immediately come
into Use in the Military Lines so soon laid to hope that the
Situation of this Address when duly considered the utility of
its explained, and the great Advantages arising therefrom,
will Flatter myself induce the Honble Board to give their
Sanction for its being carried into Execution, more especial-
ly as our present tranquil State seems to favorite Scheme.
I am therefore the more anxious to seize this Opportunity,
not to defer any longer what is so essentially necessary for
the Service.—

The perfect knowledge of a Country in which an
Army is to act, being of the greatest Advantage to the Offi-
cer commanding it, and is the Basis on which he must
form the Plan of his Measures, and lay the Plan for the carrying on
of War, either offensive or defensive and by being particularly
acquainted with the Face of the Country is often able to pre-
vent and defeat the Designs of an Enemy which otherwise
might succeed from his not knowing either how to pursue or
Evasion may require to avoid an Enemy and must there-
fore have his Dependance on the vague Reports of Natives,
Men, whom we have too often experienced to be not only
ignorant of it themselves, but many ill designing may
at pretended Pains attend their knowledge of our Movements
should they prove treacherous, & this has sometimes happened
Sir It is therefore my humble Opinion that no pains
attention should be wanting to gain an Information

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on this Head that can be possibly obtained, and for that purpose Encouragement should be given to those Gentlemen who are qualified to undertake a Work that requires much perseverance and great Fatigue in this Climate if punctually attended to. —

With to the Guides that have attended the Army are taken into the Service without any previous Examination and usually chosen from the Cast of Brahmins, the worst Tribe in my Opinion that could be chosen employed on such a Service and their Knowledge of the Country so far as my Observations have led me never extended further than the high Roads common to all Travellers; and the Pains were taken to get the best we could, yet during the War with Hyder Ally and the Scotch many Advantages are lost for want of those Lights regarding the Face of the Country, that could not then be obtained, & which at all Events we ought now to secure, whilst Time & Opportunity put it more Easy so to do. — It has ever been customary that Companies of Peons to disciplined the Natives, who then retire to their Villages, content themselves with what they have gained & remain in Peace till future Occasions call them to the Service again. — I should therefore conceive if the Honble Board were to establish a regular Company of Guides with some intelligent Men at their Head, to be kept constantly on Duty & put under the Charge of whom soever the Honble Board may judge proper to appoint for the Survey

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that it would answer very good Purpose in this Respect but
we could wish. — I must beg leave here to remark that there is not
a Presidency in India without a Quarter Master General
(except Madras) — for Bengal both a Quarter Master General
and Deputy are constantly kept on the Staff, and many
Surveyors employed in making Observations on the Country,
and as it comes more immediately into the Quarter Master Gene-
rals Sphere, his Abilitys being supposed to be sufficiently exten-
sive for the Service which is so nearly allied to his own Province, and
his Station being such as to place great Dependance on him
the Pay & allowances arising from that Post would be but
barely equivalent to any Office that strictly adhered to his
Duty, and furnish those Observations that a capable Officer must
necessarily make on different Parts of the Country relative to
their natural Strength, and Advantages to be made of the
particular Situations whether for Defence, or for Intelligence &
all new intelligence Informations acquired and all Remarks
should be laid before the Board. He should like-
wise keep a Book in which all those should be entered for
the Benefit of his Successor in the Employ. His main
object must be to procure or form as accurate a Chart as
possible of all the principal Places in the Country, their
Situation & Bearings from each other with the Nature of the
Roads between, and their Distances, this he should form on
a large Scale, the Good & bad Grounds particularly distin-
guished also Woods and their Extent, Passes, Fords &

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Vizt. what Part of the Country is overflowed, at what Seasons and how to be avoided all Passes with their Length & Breadth to be ascertained the Heights proper for placing Beacons for Signals, as the quickest Intelligence that can be given from Distant Stations, proper Places for Encampments, all this with Explanations to form a compleat Military Chart. — The Company of Guides or any Part of them who accompany the Quarter master General in his Survey would by this means learn a thorough Knowledge of the Country, and may soon be detached with different Officers as the Service requires, properly qualified to act as Guides.

Your Quarter Master General thus employed in Time of Peace, his Attendance with the Army when in the Field must be of infinite Service, and great Advantages result from his Experience in Aiding the Commanding Officer in regulating the Marches of the Army, Escorts, Establishing of Posts, and ascertaining the Benefits which Time, Situation & Occasions may only point out.

The Country should recommend first to be Surveyed, one from Vellore South to Trinomalee including the Villages between Gingie, Trichinopoly Cudoor &c. I have the Honor to be with great Respect — Honble Sir Sirs Your

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Present

Lieutenant Colonel Alex. Dow

Joseph Smith

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Although the Board are perfectly convinced of the Utility of General Smith's Scheme of keeping on constant Duty a Company of Guides and likewise of the many good Purposes which will be answered by obtaining a Minute Mineate Survey of the Country, nevertheless they cannot ultimately determine for adopting the Plan, until a certain Estimate can be made of the additional Expence with which it will be attended — Considering the great Expence of the Military Establishment to the Company the Board can never consent to any increase of this Burthen, except in Case where the Necessity is apparent and indispensable — It is therefore resolved that the foregoing Letter from General Smith do lie on the Table until another Opportunity —

Alexr Dow

John Smith

Joseph Smith

Charles Smith

Geo. Stratton

Jno Graeme

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May - 13. — Recd the following Letter from Lieut Colonel Banjaun. —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut Col Banjaun, before delivered over the Command of the Detachment to Capt Brown, ordered the five Companys of Capt Cooks Battn into Madura & has proceeded to Tuticorin with the remainder of the Troops. —

I have received your Letter of the 11th Inst. in Consequence of which I have given Direction regarding the Detachment you intend should remain under the Command of Capt. Brown, also the five Companys of Captain Cooks Battalion in the Fort of Madura, and proceeded to Tuticorin only where I arrived the first instant, in Obedience to the Orders you Directed me to in this Place of which the whole being now arrived, I have the Honor to send You a Monthly return, and remain with Profound Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obe^t & most Humble Servt

Banjaun

Tuticorin
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This Day the following Letter was received from

Captain George Brown.

Honble Sir

Inclosed I have the Honor of transmitting You the Return of my Detachment for April.

Since I did myself the Honor of writing You last all the Villages to the North East of the Tallaveil Woods have revolted, and assembled under a Head Shanigamma

Willie

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Velli Nundoo committing great outrages in the Country
I sent a Detachment after them of Five Companies of Sepoys
Part of which joined a Detachment of the Rebels and were
attacked marching thro' a Wood by about 3000 Colarys
during which attack several of the Rebels Sepoys were
killed and wounded and by the Cuss and the Officer gives me
60 of the Colarys, the Village People say 150.

The Detachment I sent out was afterwards joined
by Captain Rumley with his Cavalry, who by several Measures
frightened the Rebells that they requested Leave to return to their
Villages, which was granted & they have given Bond for the
Payment of their Rents as also for their Good Behaviour
every thing is now quiet.

The Nabob Umdut-ul-Omrah Bahauder has
sent Orders for the Brigade of Six Companies, which I received
from Mahomed Nazeb Cawn to be sent to him to Tinivelly
by, in answer to which I wrote him, as I had received them
by the Orders of the Honble the Board, without their Per-
mission I could not give them back again - Which I hope
You will approve.

Lieut Sinclair who was Adjutant to Lieutenant Colonel
Benjamins Detachment being gone with the Five Companys of
Captain Corbs Battalion to Madura permit me Honble Sir
to request that you will be pleased to appoint Ensign Lennox
Miller to act in that Capacity with the Detachment under my
Command. I have the Honor to be

Honble

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Sir

Camp near Shoregaon

7th May 1773.

Your very obedient and
most Hble Servant
George Bowen

Sir

I avail myself of this Occasion to inform you of my having
this Instant received Intelligence that a Body of the Enemy
to the Peishwa's Country had lately entered Colonel
Benjon had taken a Copy of it with Intent to send it you —
that further Intelligence I receive I will do myself the
Honor to send you immediately. —

The Brigade of 6 Companies was only sent to
Col Nichols Son Under Mr Conrath, and Captain Bowen remained
the Orders of the Board some Time ago to take them back for
the use of his Detachment.

Friday the 14th May.

The Board being assembled in the Civil Dep.
for the purpose the following Appointments take place
Viz.

Captain Thomas Hitcher removed from Angola to the Command of
Commaulé, and
Captain Alexander Duncan appointed to the Command of
Angola in his Room, and also to the 11th Batt.n of Sepoys —

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor President

Monday 15 May 17 — John Smith, Joseph Smith, John Whitehill, Charles Smith, Samuel Johnson, John Maxwell Stone, Edward Stracy

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The following Letter was yesterday received from Captain Colin Mackenzie with the Original Proceedings of the Sepoy Court Martial. Copy of his Letter to General Smith and an Examination taken at Vellum the 25th of April

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday morning I received Mr Peters's Letter enclosing me Copy of Lt. Maclaine's Memorial requiring my Reply thereto and the Original Proceedings of the Regimental Court Martial which sat on Sundapah Sepoy of my Battalion which I have the Honor of sending to

Letter from Capt. Colin Mackenzie with the original proceedings of the Sepoy Court Martial &c.

Imagine the late General Smith has laid before you a Letter addressed him on the Subject of my conduct in Regard to the Sepoy Lt. Maclaine [illegible] more

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...ed, a Copy of which I also take the Liberty of enclosing.—

Dr Macleod in the Commencement of his Memorial

is erroneous as He says the Sepoy Condapah represented his

Case to him the Evening he was confined, and that I spoke to

Dr Macleod that Night on the Subject, whereas my

confined before Seven of the Clock on the Night of the 6th Inst.

and no Conversation passed between Dr Macleod and me until

the next Morning, when Dr Macleod told me a Sepoy of his Com-

pany was confined on the Complaint of a Woman relative to some

Boys and that he was well informed the Boy in Question was

not his Property - I am what I had already heard I told

Him to Enquire into the Matter as Condapah represented his

Company to which Macleod belongs had joined the Sepoy

Condapah in his Complaint — Amazed at a Relation so diff.

from the Complaint of a Woman who had applied to me for

Justice the Morning of the 6th Inst. I acknowledged the

Complaint about 7 of the Clock that Night, adding that some

Time during the Night the Sepoy had been and otherways ill

used: ^

I resolved in a cautious Manner I determined to enquire very

minutely into the Matter and accordingly directed the Morn-

ing of the 7th Inst. almost solely to the Enquiry from which it

appeared to me, the Sepoy and his Woman had actually

been guilty of what the Complainant has laid to their Charge —

Lieut. Macleod being at my Quarters the Morn.g

of the 7th it was then I took an Opportunity of speaking to him

on the Subject when I gave a good Deal surprised at the Boys

being represented to him always known by the Complain-

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auth proprety as they had confessed them to be Lent in my Service

Lieut Moodie being appeared to me to have joined Condapaknew

of a Libel complaint I had thoughts of confining him also —

Lieut Moodie mentioned nothing to me at that Time of Moodies

Dirgs having only requested Condapah in his Consent as the Dir-

ings having only requested Condapah in his Consent as the Dir-

pute nor did he endeavour me as to his having accompanied Con-

Dapah in his Complaints until after the Court Martial was over

when I sent for him relative to his Proceedings as you will

perceive by my Letter to Lieut Smith which Time if

Lt Moodie had produced to me the Impropriety he has

pointed out to you which was his Duty & which if he had

not had a Spite to Vent from the first he would have done

I should have taken Measures accordingly - the Impropriety

I can understand, no Impropriety or Irregularity was

committed in the Proceedings of the Court Martial - with

out the Libel introduced by the Confession Lieut Moodie created

at the Court, & the most Direct he shewed to have his Injury

acquitted right or wrong for the Particulars of which Confession

To the President & Members of the Court. As the Lieutenant

Major who requested that the Letter of whom says Lieut Moodie

repeatedly told him with a tone of Authority & Impatience

me to close the Prosecution, which he could not do until the

Black Adjutant, who he knew was to frame the Charge had

given in his Deposition which he had not done when Lt

Moodie told him to close the Proceedings

Lieut Moodies Insinuations relative to my Dubash

Both Being of the Commandants Confession are groundless

which

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which Sandy knew of from his Memorials, as soon however as it came to hand Sent for Mungo the Complainant & asked him in the Presence of Lt George Campbell if my Dubash had required any Consideration from him for complaining to me, when he repeatedly Denied having exchanged a word with Liman the occasion — The Dubash says that so far from taking his Part in the Affair He refused bringing his Name to Table, telling him as there were so many Officers in the Battalion she might complain herself to me or some of them in Consequence of which she came of her own accord to my Quarters on the Morning of the 6th as I have before remarked, when being busy I told her I would take a convenient Opportunity of enquiring into the Complaint. She returned at Night on guarding one that since Morning she had been beat by the Seapoy in a cruel Manner, on demanding her Property the Seapoy as mentioned in the former Part of my Letter Refused Justice at my Hands when I censured the Battalion by Name before my Yesterday, who Considered the only likely People to have told Lt Macleod the Story of my Dubash, I Sent all in Lt Campbell's Presence acquitting him of having acted any other Part in the Affair than that of a mere Interpreter —

The Boy about whom Lt Macleod displayed so much animation, is a Person who has for a long Time past kept a Morning Report Book of the Battalion in the Country Language for the Commandant

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mandant & Black Adjutant, who he occasionally assists in the Details of the Black Part of the Battalion & this Roster for Duty, a Station in which he has acted ever so late Lords as when Major Baillie commanded the Battalion & the Duties of Captains Russell & Baillie in doing which he is very useful particularly in Camp where the Casualties of a Seapoy Battalion are so numerous, I when you have not always Serjeants qualified to keep such Accounts.—

As to the Dawks keeping Accounts for the Commandant Tony Debash, it is what he could not do, having none to keep for the former except such as I have already mentioned, & I am prouse the Dawk alluded to has not exchanged a Single Word with my Dubash for above two Months Past, of Course the Scheme of getting the Womans Says returned to her could not be as represented to You.

The Seapays having been so long in Confinement before his Trial was occasioned by an Inclination I had to find out the Taylors mentioned in the Course of the Court Martial, as Evidence for that Reason, on the Subject of which Serjt Major Hooper.— As soon as possible after the Seapays Return, who I sent in Quest of the Taylors the Court Martial sat.—

The Serjeant Major & Black Adjutant the former with the Morning Report Book & the latter with his Report was at my Quarters as Lr Macleod has represented— We would Imagine immediate that I might have been privy to them Directions about the Procurement of the Evidence I

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I have learnt the Satisfaction to know that I gave the former no Instructions but to take Care as much as lay in his Power that Justice was done — That of the Fact was Notorious & Really did Lye to the Part of my own Sepoy. Nevertheless I could wish the Trial was impartial & that an Impleat Regard was had to Justice, which was fully made the Purport of what I desired the Adjutant to tell the People of the Court by way of Exhortation.

Lt. Haviland says that about Half past Eleven of the Clock of the 19th Ult. The President had examined all the Evidence, which is highly improbable, as my Prosecution & how the Black Adjutant had not been taken down, of course little or nothing had appeared against the Prisoner — The President then intimated to the Prisoner having been called before the Court, & asked some Questions, He says however it never was intended the Sepoy should at that Time be put on his Defence

The Quantity of Blank Paper as mentioned by Lt. Haviland appears in the Court Martial & the Sergeants Major says partly by the Confession Lt. Haviland put him in Spirits by not knowing what was the Intention of the Court, He had wrote as far as the pursuing in the Proceedings. The Prisoner being put upon his Defence &c. which Lowe not to be erased by Order of the Court not having inserted the Black Adjutants Prosecution for me, & which words for the Black Adjutants Prosecution being inserted in the Place you will perceive it. Having from the Sergeant Major

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Major that my Prosecution thro' Errors Sickness the Adjutant
Court has not been taken down, but not understanding the
Prosecution could be more stored. I sent word by the Su=
jeant Major that the Court would call on the Adjutants
or if they pleased upon any other Person who was present
at the Examination I made I could rebate what had past.
The Conclusion of Lt. Macleods Paragraph in which
He uses these Words. "but what Action is too base for those
Men to be guilty of if their Captain drinks or protects them"
is an Insinuation of the most dangerous Nature, an using
me of having taught the People of the Court to do in the
Affair according to my particular Directions, an aspertion
on my Character as injurd as it is cruel & for which I
flatter myself your Gentlemen will be pleased to afford
me Redress in whatever Manner you may judge sufficient
etc.
Lt. Macleod concludes his Memorial, with observing
that I approved of the Proceedings & Sentence of the Court
& saw the Sentence put in Execution. Did so, but as I was
Determined to remove a Man of the Character the Persons
Labourd under from the Grenadier Company, I considered
that disgrace equal to the greater Part of his Punishment
& Therefore remitted him One Hundred & Twenty five Lashes
of the Two Hundred he was sentenced to receive. The
Meanwhile Punishing several Natives of Investing what
he got saying in the Country Language Buckra Dee

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Mr. Shaw. Sir. - Shaw Sir - Sir Eyre Coote Shaw

He was declared He had a very fair upright Trial Court Mar-
tial & was well satisfied - He did so no longer ago than Yes-
terday in the Presence of Dr. G. Campbell - I dare suppose was
Lt. Macleod com dang but he thinks he Sir Eyre Coot spak
guilty of what he was confined for - Sondry circumstances
object to what he considers Singularitys in the Proceedings
of the Court Martial - My Conscience acquits me of the
least motive Thought or Deed in the whole Transaction, in
the Enjoyment of which and in the Hopes of your Approbar
tion of my Conduct, I am with the most profound Respect

Honble Sir Sirs

Your most obedt Humble Servt

Lt. Col. Wollaston

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Sir

Being desirous of appearing as moderate as possible, I wish
in the affair
to the Letting having used the Expression I observing in my public
letter to Genl Smith, I desire you'd write the General to
request He would erase the Word Secretary and substitute
Lt. Macleod in its stead. - In my public Letter to the
General I shall only explain my Detail of the above Matter
at Cuttamanee Mingos Servant Complaint, the 6th inst.
at Night.

I am

To Brigadier Gen. Sol. Smith

Commanding Officer of the Field Company Troops

on

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On the Court of

Commandell.

Sir

I am sorry to find myself under the disagree-
able Necessity of addressing You on a Subject which in its Na-
ture is uncommon, and on an Affair in which my Honour in
his Representation, has been some Days before Hond with
me. I endeavd to Imagine (tho' I Must confess but
very little) what Subject Lt Macleod has
wrote the Board touching the Proceedings of a Regimental
Court Martial which sat in my Battalion some Days ago
as Commanding Officer of this Place and the Battalion. You
may suppose Lt Macleod has at last made me acquainted
with the Purport of his Letter to the Governor I cannot a Com-
plaint usually paid to the Officer commanding, how ever I
blame those Kind of Remonstrances should not be. He
has however preferred the ungenerous Method of conveying
his Address by a Servant to the Pappy of Fort in order
to be forwarded from thence without any Know-
ledge which being the Case I am unacquainted with the
particular Heads on which he may have touched, and of
course little prepared to defend my Conduct against what he
may have laid to my Charge from which first Circumstance
Question I shall much apprehend. I shall therefore intrude
a Little upon Your Honour to state the Particulars of the Mat-
ter in question, as well as my memory will admit of. I
believe it was the 6th Inst. or Night that Serjt Cole

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Came to my Quarters, and in a Tone that expressed great Grief & Dejection acquainted me that a Seapoy of the 1st Battalion 1st Regt had lodged certain Complaint with him from which sufficient Reason and had both me in a most Manner on me asking me Enquiry by Post having Time to enquire into the Matter, I order the Seapoy to leave and file from me having Sought able to judge of the Affair - as well as I remember it was the 18th Morning Lt Macleod spoke to me about the Seapoys complaint saying he was informed the Seapoy was not the Womans Property on whose Account the Seapoy was Prisoner - a good Deal surprised at this I determined to make an Enquiry into the Matter as soon as possible, and about an hour after had the Seapoy his Wife or Woman (who was very materially concerned) and the Complainant before me, and in order to make myself thoroughly acquainted with the Dispute Nature of their Dispute - dated that Morning about early to the Enquiry by which it plainly appeared to me that the Womans Complaint was just - The Seapoy being asked on what Account he detained the Womans Boys, said he detained Part of him on Account of having bought him for Two Pagodas and he Remainder on Account of a Pagoda & Rupee the Complainant was indebted to him - The Seapoy being asked by me where for I knew him poor, he got the Two Pagodas as above mentioned, said he got one from his Brothers Boy & twenty he Cowries he Cowries said the other he had out of Prison Pay - on being

asked

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asked who began the Two Pagodas To for the Sepoy, he
replied that with his own Hand he gave them to a Taylor
who had the Complainant in keeping — The Seapoy be-
ing examined separately from the Seapoy declared
. the Sepoy had been bought for Two Pagodas on my asking
him who had paid the Money and to whom it was paid,
he said he borrowed Two Pagodas at different Times from
a Banian and gave them to a Servant of the Taylor who
kept the Woman Complainant with his own Hands — He
making contradiction in the Stories of the Seapoy & his
Woman and their further Declaration of having lost the
a Pagoda & Rupee which is palpably false by the Evi-
dence of a Seapoy of Lieutenant Hall by Name from whom
they said they borrowed that Sum — and the Taylor
he had only lent them three Rupees, and is confident they
could not have lent given the Complainant more without
me to consider the Seapoys confinement just — But
in Order to be thoroughly in the Matter, Sent the Seapoys
with a Letter to major Harper Signifying his Assistance in
finding the Taylors mentioned in the Proceedings of
the Court Martial & a Copy of which Sentence Dec/ 17
returned however without being able to find them — the
Court Martial Adjourned Sat the 15th and continued until
the 25th — On the Court Martial being to set Sergeant
D the Sergeant Major that the Black Adjutant would
procure the Prisoner for me — Also gave him Power
by the Black adjutant to the President & Members of the Court

Martial

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Sachuelar Instructions to be observed in the Course of this Trial and indefatigable in the Search of Truth - Lt Macleod attended the Court Martial interfering and much impeding their Proceedings - indeed the President and Members say he never kept back a Sepoy who should have been called upon in the Course of the Prosecution - A Man who — The Sepoy named to me as a Witness to one of the Charges he had paid on account of the Sepoy and who on being brought before me denied knowing any thing of the Matter — The Serjeant Major also declares that Lt Macleod in the Course of the Court Martial confused him who was writing the Proceedings, very much, and must have confused the Court also - for further Instances Reference on this Head I refer for Authority to the President and Members of the Court — The Court Martial took Place on Thursday and after a very impartial Trial as I conceive found the Sepoy Guilty of his Crime as you will perceive by their Sentence. The Day after the Court Martial was over, I went for Lt Macleod to my Quarters, and told him as he had attended the Court Martial so closely I imagined he would be able to inform me if it had found in with Propriety and Impartiality, that from what I had seen of it, I approved of their Proceedings, but if there had been any Improper or unfair Doings I desired he would point them out to me, as I would take Measures accordingly, he replied that as I approved of the Proceedings of the Court it was not Business of his, or words to

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to that Purport, declining to particularize anything, further than if he thought the Sentence had Justice done him, he replied he did not think he had, but declined supporting his Assertion by Proof, saying he had no Doubt but I was made acquainted with everything that had passed from after which we parted — From being much averse to inflict Punishment on a Man in whose Behalf the least favorable Circumstance appeared I had determined to procure by what Means under the Sentence to remit the Corporal Punishment, which indeed I told Lt. Mallod I should remit, but in the Afternoon of that Day, being about to have the Boys given up, Circumstances which for not attended the Fact which appeared in the Prisoners Favor determined me to punish him as You will perceive by what I have wrote a Second Time at the Bottom of the Court Martial — When the Prisoner was about to be punished Lt. Mallod coming on the Parade, I told him that from what had passed since my seeing him / a Copy of which he has attached you remembered / I had determined to punish the Prisoner — Lt. Mallod who had declined making any Particular Objections when Sent for him to any Question purposely to me if he had — upbraid the Proceedings of the Court Martial as illegal Grounded the Crimes having Long Dated — I told him a Mistake had been committed in the Date of the Crime which the Court had altered before I had approved of the Proceedings — I then remarked how improper a Plea he had pitched upon to evade the Propriety of the Court Martial in to Question — and

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said it would have been much better if we had mentioned said Irregularities as Struck him at my Creation that Morning, I was somewhat warmed at what had passed, and told Dr Mathod he might address the Board if he thought himself ill used Some Days elapsed after this when not having spoke to Dr Mathod on the Subject or known of any Publick Step he might have taken, and having some Suspicion of his having sent away my Remonstrance he might have drawn up in order that I might know what he had done or intended doing in the Seapoys Affair. I therefore sent for he had been indisposed I called upon him and told him for my own Information and Satisfaction I thought it necessary to ask him if he had done anything in Regard to the Seapoy or what he intended his Answer was ambiguous but I plainly understood by it that he had not sent anything away. I then remarked to him that I was not conscious of the least impropriety in my Conduct or having acted otherwise than from a conscientious Motive, still I was averse to Disputes particularly of a publick Nature, and if he would attend to my Motives and Conduct and be influenced I thought he would be convinced of the uprightness of my Actions, and the Affair might be settled. I then related everything that had passed at my Examination, he seemed very well pleased with as much Familiarity as we formerly had done, Dr Mathod remarked that he did not know well how he could drop the Affair after having gone so far in it, but that he would take it with a Friend and let me know the Day after

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after the Morrow of that Day, which was Thursday last, I
told him that I did not mean to advise or persuade him,
that he might take whatever Steps appeared best to himself, but
as I had been so candid with him, hoped he would be equally
so with me, and advise me of what his Determination might
be, He have promised to do nothing in an underhand Manner,
& Him told him I thought he might determine by the next
Morning, which to the best of my Remembrance he said he
would and let me know - after which we parted, I did not see
him the next Morning, but at Eurise the next Day deliver-
ing me a Report of the Battalion as Officer of the Day he
breakfasted with me - Supposing to have had some Conversation
on with him after breakfast but he suddenly went away, Yes-
terday Morning having a Muster, the Gentlemen of the
Battalion breakfasted with me; after Breakfast seeing Lt.
Macleod, the showed no Signs of speaking to me, I contrived to
detain him after the rest of the Officers, and speaking to him
again on the Subject, he told me, he had gone too far in the
Affair to retract, surprised at such a Reply, I told him
that altho he might have wrote on the Subject, I imagined
it had not been sent at last by the Sappys, He then said
that the Morning I was with him first he had wrote to
the Governor Council and sent his Letter to Trichinopoly
by a Servant - I could not help being surprised at that
Information remarking that the Man could not have been
gone far, and if he had intimated the Least of it, the Letter
might have been stopped but quite

late

Copy

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Sir

Take the Liberty Sir to enclose you an Account of what has passed between myself and Lt. Macleod and I flatter myself that Lt. Macleods Conduct will appear to you to have been far from commendable, the former certainly improper and the latter very highly unjustifiable. It was from a Knowledge of this that I was desirous of informing you of all that were his Intentions, for I apprehended on his sending his Remonstrance privately and unknown to me to Bombay. - I cannot conclude this without mentioning that Lt. Macleod is heavily in debt to every Officer of the Battalion without a Shilling to carry Him Home, and we have often spared of our own pittance for the good of the Battalion that we are parted. - I submit the whole of the above to your more mature deration, and as I could not wish the Governor was made acquainted with the Circumstances of the Affair more publick than what would naturally be occasioned by your Summoning a Court Martial to judge it proper. Lt. Macleod is already in good Cash before Hand with me in the Sum of Pagodas and my Conduct I flatter myself will be approved of by you Sir depend on your informing the Governor of this for I shall have Instructions on the Subject of which I shall Hereafter have occasion to trouble You with. I am

Sir &c

Signed P. Carnac

Bombay

To

Vellum

20th March 1773

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Proceedings of a Regimental Sepoy Court Martial held by order of Captain Col.d Geo. Stevens Pallam 1st Inst.o 1773

Subedar Cutter Sing President

Sumed.r Mahomed Jaun
Sumed.r Ebram Saibs
} Members {
Sumed.r Sheptun Mahomed
Sumedar Subbana

Candypah private Sepoy in Subedar Emin Saibs Com-
pany confined by Captain Stevens on the 6th Instant on Com-
plaint of a Woman, for having Cohabitated with his Wife or
Woman in withholding the Complainants Property from
her, with an Intention to defraud her thereof, & for having
ill used her when she demanded her Regist.

Evidence — Mungo the abovementioned Complainant informs
the Court, that she gave four Pagodas worth of Says
to the Prisoners Wife, that said Prisoners Wife told her that she would
give her four Pagodas for them, when the Says came, that
about Six Days after they were carrying her Prisoner to
Trichinopoly — That she sent about Eight Pagodas worth
of Says by a Taylor to said Prisoners Wife, at which Time
she told the Taylor to get two Rupees from said Prisoners
Wife, who was to receive the Says, that said Taylor returned
and only brought Twenty Fanams, which She received
That on her Return from Trichinopoly She gave Six
Pagodas worth of Says from to said Prisoners Wife, and
told her to keep them along with the Rest of her Says, at
which Time she received Twelve Fanams from the Priso-
ners Wife — That after her Return, hearing her Mother-

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at Pondicherry, Master Naig Seapoy asked her for one Rup: for which She owed him, that She answered Sam Sirdar has got Twenty Pagodas worth of my Toys, and why would you ask me for one Rupee - I am not going to run away without Paying You, and if you stay for Two or Three Days, I shall pay You your Rupee: which Rupee she borrowed after her return from Pondicherry - That the Prisoners Wife asked her, how came she to owe any Body that sum that she had Twenty Pagodas worth of Toys for: that after having some Discourse on that Subject they both scandalized & fought, & the Prisoners Wife beat her, that then the Prisoner came & beat her & struck her Twenty Times with his Slipper and gave her Ten Kicks - upon which She went & complained to the Captain /-

Evidences - Setahmma, Seapoy in Sub: Mer Sallys Company informs the Court - That some Time ago the Prisoners Wife brought him some Toys, which he knew to belong to the aforementioned Woman the Complainant that said Prisoners Wife received three Rupees from him upon Part of the Toys which he received in Coun- that two Months after the Prisoners Wife brought him One Pagoda & one double Fanam for the Three Rupees and that he then returned her the Toys - That some Time after Major Hooper sent for the Prisoner and Naig Seapoy, that the Prisoner asked him to go along with him to the Major and tell him that he had given one Pago- -da & one Rupee on the Toys which he had in Coun- before

before and that he accordingly told Major Napier so. The Deponent says that he told the Coroner not to tell a Lye before any European Officer, and it ended in his best way to tell the Truth and say that he gave only three Rupees—

Evidence — Ram Raig Serpoy in Tubed. Sidie Mordans Company informs the Court that he was sailing Rice in his House the Time the Debate happened between the Prisoner the Princess Wife and the Complainants that he went and saw the said Complainants crying, that the Prisoner asked her what she cryed for at which Time said Prisoner struck her once with his open Hand and she fell down.—

Evidence — Subbaraw Serpoy in Subadar Lakshman Sings Company, informs the Court that he was in the House and that he heard a great many Blows struck, but dont know whether it was the Prisoner or his Wife struck the Complainant.—

Prisoner — The Prisoner having put on his Defence in writing

20 wits — Court passes Sentence.

Evidence — Ervin Said Swindow declares before the Court that he was present when the Prisoner & his Wife was examined before Captain Tobias about the aforementioned Soys, that he heard the Prisoner tell Captain Tobias that he bought two Pagodas worth of Soys from Mungo the Complainant, that Captain Tobias asked said Prisoner who he gave the Money for the Soys, that the Prisoner told him that he gave it to the Taylor who had said Woman in keeping, that Captain Tobias asked said Prisoner where he got the two Pagodas

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whether he the Prisoner or his Wife delivered said two Pagodas to said Taylor, that the Prisoner told him he gave Money to the Taylor with his own Hands. that Capt. Colins asked said Prisoner where he got the two Pagodas, that the Prisoner told Captain Colins he borrowed one Pagoda from his Brother in Law & the other Pagoda was of his own Savg. that Captain Colins asked him if he had any Witness that he paid two Pagodas to said Taylor. said he had a Peapoy in Subadr Battersings Company called Nallatomby. that Captain Colins sent for said Nallatomby Peapoy, and asked him if he knew anything about the Prisoners giving two Pagodas to aforementioned Taylor. that said Nallatomby Peapoy told Captain Colins he knew nothing about the Affair, that Captain Colins sent for the said prisoners Wife and examined her as he did the Prisoner, that said Prisoners Wife said she herself gave aforementioned two Pagodas to a man who aforementioned Taylor left in Charge of his Woman – that Captn. Colins asked her where she got the Two Pagodas, that said Prisoners Wife told him she borrowed at different Times from a Bamians Man in the Bazar –

Evidence – Ragana Peapoy in Subadr Comn Saibs Compe. being called upon corroborates that Part of Sumidar Comn Saibs Evidence, which was about the Prisoners telling Capt. Colins that he gave two Pagodas to aforementioned Taylor and how he came by them –

The Evidence in support of the Charge being closed

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Lord. Sar Court proceeds to put the Prisoner Condapah
Seapoy in Subidar Ennis Sails Company on his Defence —

Prisoner — The Prisoner having put in his Defence informs
the Court as follows, that about Nine Months ago the Woman
Monga brought some Joys to him to sell, that said Mon-
ga & he went to a Silver Smiths House in the Bazar and has
said Joys weighed, that the Joys weighed to the Value of two Pa-
godas and Nine Fanams, that he told said Munga he wanted
pay her the full Value of the Joys which was two Pagodas and
Nine Fanams, as soon as he received his Pay, that about the same
Time he saw that the Taylor & said Munga got into some Row
he and were confined, that about three Days after said Munga
was released, that the Munga came to his House and lived
there for about Twenty Days, that the Prisoner then told
her she had better take the Two Pagodas & Fanams that he
owed her for her Joys, that said Munga answered and said
She was going to Trichinopoly where there was some Money
Due to her when She returned she would take the Two Pa-
godas & Nine Fanams from him and put it along with what
Money she brought, and get Joys made for her Legs — That
soon after said Munga and the Taylor who kept her were
ordered Prisoners to Trichinopoly, that when the Munga & the
Taylor went out of the Garrison she came back to the Prisoner
Six Pagodas worth of Joys by another Taylor to him which
he has got now that the Messenger who brought said Joys to
him told him that the Munga desired him get some Money
from the Prisoner as much as he might have her Effects from
him to Trichinopoly that he the Prisoner or the Recptive
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said Message from Manga. Delivered three Rupees to said Messenger with Orders to deliver them to her. That when the said Manga was at Trichinopoly a Taylor who kept her about five Months sent an old Woman to him for one Rupee on Account of said Manga's Says which Rupee he gave her. That about three Days after, said Taylor who sent the old Woman to him for aforementioned Rupee, came to his House that he asked said Taylor if he got the Rupee which he sent by an old Woman to him - that said Taylor told him he did and as soon as said Manga returned from Trichinopoly if she was not willing to pay the Rupee which he had on her Acct. he would pay him himself, that about fifteen Days after the Taylor who brought the Six Pagodas worth of Says to him from aforementioned Manga returned from Trichinopoly & told him that the said Manga was in want of Money & she desired him get one Pagoda - that he gave said Taylor one Pagoda on Mungas Account. That soon after Manga and said Taylor returned from Trichinopoly, that Manga stood in the Pettah and aforementioned Taylor came to him and told him that the Girl wanted to speak to him - that he refused going saying that She was in a great Deal of Jour- ney for which Reason he would not go. That said Taylor then told him the Girl wanted a Pagoda, as she was bound to another Village where she was to stay for Two or three Months after which She would return. that he gave said Taylor the Pagoda in order to give her, that about 25 Days after said Manga returned, that he asked her where the Tay- lor was who went along with her, the She told him he remained at from her, he then asked her if She received the Two Pa-

godas

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godas which he gave that Taylor on her Account, said Mungo
said she received only one Pagoda when She was at Trichinopo-
ly, and after her Return to Pallam Pitah She received 22 Fanams
The Prisoner further says that he gave said Mungo her Intirely
for the space of Two Months, the Prisoner likewise says he
has four Rings which is said Mungos Property. The Prisoner
says that this is the whole of the Story about the Says and the
Money, and to the best of his Remembrance is the Same Story
he told Captain Colins

Question from the Court to the Prisoner.

At the Time that You gave the Pagoda &
22 Fanams to the aforementioned Taylor on Mungos Account
was there any Person Present.

Answer — There was not but he thought as the Taylor brought
him the Says from said Mungo and that he knew she was
in want, he ought to Lend her the Money —

the 25th Inst. The Prisoner Declares before the Court that when he was
sent for before Major Harper about Mungas Says — That he
Majors Dubash ordered him to keep the Says in till the affair
was properly settled, that he never denied having said Says, and
always was and now is ready to settle and give up the Says to
aforementioned Munga — The Prisoner likewise says that
Munga came to his House Two Days one after another and asked
for her Says each Time She came, that the third Day she came
She asked for said Says after which She Munga & the Prisoners
Wife sended each other that at the Same Time was in his
House and heard what passed between his Wife & Munga, on
which he went out and asked Munga why she came and
made

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made a Noise at His House, Shall not take away Your Things, Your Things are in the Bazar, and Tell Gentlemen know that, and Shaving her off desiring her to go & telling her at this Same Time your Shall get your Things - and Soon after that Captain Collins Sent for him and he was carried

Evidence — Baller Seapoy in Subdr Mur Sallys Company being called upon and informs the Court that the abovementioned Monga told him that Yellapa a Ranger in the Commandants Company came to him and said that if She would Sleep with him one Night and give him two Pagodas he would get her Boys for her.

Question from the Court to the Prisoner

Was there any Person present when You gave one Pagoda to the aforementioned Taylor who brought said Mungas Boys to You. —

Answer — Baller Seapoy in Subadar Mur Sallys Company was present and saw me give said Taylor the Pagoda —

Question from the Court to aforementioned Baller

Was You present when the Prisoner as he says gave one Pagoda to Mungas Servant to aforementioned Taylor or did you see said Prisoner give said Pagoda to the Taylor

Answer — I was not present neither did I see the Prisoner give or deliver any Sum of Money whatever to any Person or Persons to or for aforesaid Mungas Servant.

Evidence — Narrina Seapoy in Subr Mur Sallys Company corroborates the being called upon corroborates the Evidence of the above mentioned Seapoy in the said Company —

The Court proceeds to call upon Rodyna the Prisoners Wife

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Mess.rs Sheppard & the Prisoners Defence

Sentence — The Court having taken into Mature Consideration the Charge & Evidence for & Against the Prisoner Condapah Seapoy, as well as his Defence, the Court are of unanimous Opinion that the Prisoner is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge & do therefore Sentence him to receive two Hundred Lashes on his bare back by the Drummers of the Battalion in the usual Manner — The Court likewise Orders that Manga the Woman in Question should pay the Prisoner four Rupees for two Months Victuals and three Rupees which She Manga received from the Taylor, that the Prisoner gave to said Taylor for her, the whole which said Manga is to pay to the Prisoners Wife Seven Rupees, after which the Prisoner Condapah is ordered by the Court to deliver the whole of aforementioned Manga's Pays to said Manga in the Presence of Captain Colins —

Patter Sing his mark Interpreter

Approve of the Proceedings of the Court but from the Possibility of the Taylors having received some Money on Acc.t of the Complainants Pays which may have secreted, and which in a small Degree alleviates the Prisoners Crime and from the Consideration of the Number of Days he has respectively been in Confinement, I remit the 200 Lashes the Prisoner is sentenced to receive

Both Geo. Colins. Capt.n & Brig.r Seapoys

Being about to deliver out the Complainants Pays agreeable to the Sentence of the Court - the Law favorable Circumstances which had appeared for the Prisoner on the Face of the Tryal were as out Balanced by a Number of the

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Short and other aggravations of Guilt, which sometimes
occasion the Imposition of the Lash ordered the Prisoner to
have nine punished. Batt.n Geo. Colvill Capt.

Passport of an Enquiry made in the Governors of
Vellum the 25th Day of April 1773.

Munga complainant being sworn a String of
large Beads declares he saw four Short of the Number
she gave Condas Woman, Eighteen of which Number she
gave in the presence of Mancapack a Silver Smith
who had taken out the Locker and some Bags that were
about them, and the other two having no Locker or Bags
she had previously given Condas Wife. —

Mancapack Silver Smith declares he knows
the Complainant Munga to have given Eighteen large
Beads to Condas Wife & that he knows of no other Beads
Condas declares he only received Sixteen Beads from the
Complainant.

Condas Wife likewise says as above in

Munga Complainant being sworn a String of
small Beads declares he saw but four short of the Number
She gave Condas Wife — On being asked what Proof she
had of the above assertion; She declares that in the Month
of February She received from Condas Wife
when she remarked there was only Eighty Seven / In
Short of what she had given her Condas Wife said
[illegible] by the Shroff he might have broke that Bead from

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I cannot say otherwise than very well but I am willing to make up
the word of them to you - for the Truth of which I am as
an Latchmia Seapoy.

Latchmiah Seapoy declares that he heard the
above Conversation past between the Complainant & Gundas
Wife - Vasudeu Bommian declares he knows them to
have been ninety Seven small Beads on the String when
it was shewn to him. -

Virtuse Solomon Asst. Examiner

Serj.t Major

In Consequence of which the Board came to the
following Resolutions - That Captain Colins be retained from
the Command of Vellore by Captain Hopkins and his
Battalion of Seapoys - That the Commanding Officer
at Trichinopoly be desired on the Arrival of Captain
Colins to order a Court of Enquiry to examine into the com-
plaints exhibited in the Memorial presented by Vellaud
for which Purpose Copies of the Letters that have passed
on the Subject and the Proceedings of the Seapoy
Court Martial with the other Papers relative to the Affair
be immediately sent to the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly -

Orders in Consequence.

Recommended to the Governor Smith that for the
Seapoy invalided pay for the Invalid Sick laid before the Board be
approved - A Certificate accordingly ordered to be
made out.

laid

General Smith begs Leave to deliver in the
Memorial

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Standing Minutes on the Subject of Guides and a Survey of the Country.

In Consequence of Genl. Smith's Proposal for employing the Guides proposed to accompany Genl. Smith's Detachments to the Hostile Bound Fort and Mountains

General Smith's Minutes on the Subject of Guides and a Survey of the Country.

on which Officer and five Private Seapoys are drawn from each Battalion of Seapoys and formed into a Company under the non Commissioned Officers of the first and second Battalion by Commissions for their good Behaviour during the Time they have served. That they may carry their Arms and Ammunition as Guard to the Surveyor while employed on this Survey. That any Incumbrances be ordered to attend the Seapoys belonging to the Battalion on Service may accompany them, Power as Guides to the Officer Commanding. by this Means the whole Battalion will be ready at a Minutes Notice to march with the Guides when ordered. They should have an active serviceable Person under them at their Head and the whole be under the Command of the Officer commanding the Detachment to which they belong.

That the Board may employ on this Business General Smith is of Opinion that the Person made Choice of for the Survey should be an Officer whose Abilities can be dispensed with in Time of Service to act as Quarter Master General to the Army; For Knowledge in such Employ acquired in his Survey of the Country would render him extreamly serviceable to the Commanding Officer whereas any Gentleman out of the Military Line

two

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The pursuitly qualified to make the Survey, yet would not act in a Double Capacity and of Course must create an additional Expence to the Company

The General therefore begs Leave to mention Capt. Mantheson for this Service an Officer whose Abilitys as an Engineer and in every other Respect is duely qualified for the importance of the Charge, whose as to making the Survey or acting as Quarter Master General whenever it is required. & he hopes that the Board will recommend to the Court of Directors by the next General Letter that such an appointment is absolutely necessary to the Service.

It was agreed last Consultation to defer the Consideration of the foregoing Subject in order to know what Expence would be required for carrying the Recommendation into Execution - By the proposals made by the General it does not appear that any additional Expence to the Military Establishment will be incurred, and as the Seapoys can be spared from the Battalions without any Injurie to the Service it is agreed to establish a Company of Guides and Lascabs for the Survey as soon as the necessary Corporations are made - Since the Appointment of an Quarter Master General is represented of so much Utility to the Service the Board will refer the Same to the Consideration of the Honble Court in their next Address - Captain Thomas Price appointed to execute the Survey -

agreed to by the Board -

as /

also

General

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General Smith begs Leave to offer the following

Minute—

General Smith begs Leave to solicit the Hble Board

in favor of Captain Thomas Fletcher who now stands first on

the List of Captains for Promotion. The General is persuaded

that it is unnecessary for him to give his Sentiments of Captain

Fletcher as an Officer, his Length of Service and what he has

suffered from Wounds as every Member of the Board is par-

fully acquainted herewith; The General thinks that it is

is warrantable at any Time to break thro the Line, prescribed

it should be to shew indulgence to a good Officer, and one

who has received repeated marks of approbation from this

Hble Board — General Smith is sensible that the

Company's Orders are strong and pointed on these Matters

but as the Rule is that a Field Officer shall command

at Vellore, by which means one of the European Corps

is always deprived of a Major to remedy which he begs

Leave to recommend to the Board to deviate in this in-

stance from the usual Rules & permit Captain Fletcher

Appointments to take Place — However in this Matter

and all others the General Submits it to the Hble

Boards Judgement

May 17th

Reasoning of Board

The Board have frequently approved on this Pro-

ceedings their Sense of Captain Fletchers Conduct as a diti-

gent

ful & brave and good Officer and in consideration of his Sufferings

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Sufferings from a Dangerous & Painful Wound which he received in the Beginning of Hyder Ale War with Hyder Ally, have rendered for an Opportunity of giving him some Publick Testimony of their Approbation, they therefore the more readily concur with General Smiths Recommendation in his favor. And it is unanimously resolved that Captain Thomas Fletcher be appointed a Major to rank from this Day. The Board however cannot consent to put the Company to any additional Expence on this Account. It is therefore Agreed that he be only allowed to draw the Pay & Allowances of a Captain until a Vacancy happens in one of the Regiments. It is also resolved that this Instance in favor of Captain Fletcher be not extended to any other or drawn into a Precedent.

Capt. Fletcher appointed a Major for one Captains Pay & Allowances

Ruined from the Register of the Mayors Court the following Extract from three Minutes. /s

Extract from the Minutes of a Court held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 11th Day of May Anno Domini 1773.

Present

John McPherson Esq. Mayor

Thomas Powney & John Runton

Aldermen

G

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G. The United East India Company by
their Agents Persia Pitt & Esqrs &c Council

Vers.

John Wood

Etc Contrd

Lieut. Wood applies for the Regiment and the Gen. Returns with. /—

Thro' Attorney for the Original Defendants and cross complainant prays that the original Complainants may be ordered to deliver into Court the original Orders, Articles of Agreement &c. granted to Mr. Rumont Commander of the Foreign Legion and taken into the Company Service during the Southern Expedition in 1767 and 1768 relative to Plunder Booty and Mr. Rumont being entitled to any advantages of a Bazar when detached from the Grand and other Divisions of the Army &c. Mr. John Lyster the Attorney for the original Complainant prays that he may be furnished with a Copy of this Prayer in order to shew the same to his Clients and prays that he may be allowed till next Court Day to answer the Same. Ordered Accordingly

P Curr.

Town Hall.
15th May 1773.

James Taylor
Regr.
Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the Agreement with
Mr Amaant Commander of the Foreign Legion be
delivered to Mr Sykes to be laid before the Mayor
& Court accordingly

Court.

Wynch.
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Charles Sevestre
Sam. Johnson
Stiff
Brown

Fort S.t George 18.th May 1773.

The following Letters were this Day wrote & dispatched

to Major Humphrey Harpur

Commanding at

Trichinopoly

Sir

Letter to Major Harpur relative to Captain Colins.

As it is necessary for the Examination of a Complaint lodged against Captain Colins by Lt. Donald Macleod that the Battalion of Topasses at Villum should be ordered to Trichinopoly, you are therefore directed to order Captain Hopkins with his Battalion to Villum in order to relieve Captain Colins.

On the Arrival of Captain Colins and Lt. Macleod at Trichinopoly you will perform the Duties of Judge Advocate to examine into the Complaints exhibited against Captain Colins in the accompanying Memorials and make Report to me the Opinion of the Court on the Subject of what is set forth in the said Memorials from the Informations which will come before them in the Course of their Enquiries.

We have thought proper to appoint Major Baillie to the Battalion of Europeans at Trichinopoly. You will on the Arrival deliver over the Command of the Fort & Garrison to him and repair to your Command at Villum.

We have herewith sent You attested Copies of the Memorial against Captain Colins the Proceedings of the Court Martial referred to in the said Memorial & the

Letters

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Letters from Captain Colins & Us and General Smith for the
Court of Enquiry to Examine their Proceedings upon
Your order Dated the 7th Instant to order
Captain Johnson with his Battalion of Seapoys to march
for Fort St George

Sir

We have thought it necessary to order a Court
of Enquiry and Scrutiny to examine into the Complaints
exhibited against You by Lt. Mallard in his Memorial

To Us You are therefore directed to deliver over the
Command of the Fort & Garrison of Pellum to Captain Mor-
ris who has orders to relieve You and march with your
Battalion to Trichinopoly.

We are

Sir

Your most obedt Servts

Alx. Wynch &c Coms

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To Captain Rubney George Colins
Commanding at Pellum

Sir

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of Enquiry and Scrutiny to examine into the Complaints
exhibited against You by Lt. Mallard in his Memorial

To Us You are therefore directed to deliver over the
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Sir

Your most obedt Servts

Alx. Wynch &c Coms

Fort St George
12th May 1773.

At Fort St. George 20th May 1773

At a Consultation Present

Thursday 20th May — Alexander Wynch Esq.r Governor, President

John Smith

John Whitehill — Charles Smith

John Maxwell Stone

Edward Stracey

General Smith absent

Mr. Johnson indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Arrived the Worcester Captain Lords from England with 67 Recruits on Board for this Establishment.

Read Duplicate of the Honble Court's General Letter per Pattison dated 24th Novr. 1772.

Arrived the Worcester Captain Lords from England.

General Letter dated 24th Novr. 1772.

It is necessary that the President & Council of Fort William should receive the earliest Intimation of the Sentiments of our Honble Masters on the System to be observed with the Mahrattas and Hyder Ally it is Resolved to transmit them an Extract of Consultations B. P. 9th Inst. of the General Letter & Worcester

Extracts of Consns. B. P. 9th Inst. sent to the President & Council of Fort William.

In Consequence of the Donations contained in Pmo. it is agreed that Mr. De Cybon be paid the Sum of Sa. Rs. 2000 in order to promote him to the Rank of Ensign on the first Vacancy

Mr. De Cybon to be promoted to the Rank of Ensign on the first Vacancy

Fort St. George 20th May 1773.

Ent.

William Winds to be permitted to return to England

William Winds return to England.

and the Hble Court to be informed of the Expence the Company have sustained on his Account since his Arrival by exercising martial authority.

Henry Shakley Rowden and Philip Sole

Henry Shakley Rowden & Philip Sole Esqrs appointed Writers for Bengal.

are read on the Military Establishment of this Presidency the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal to be informed of this, and likewise of the Appointment of the aforementioned Persons to the Writerships on their Establishment.

W Hornby
John Smith
Chas Sandys
W Graeme

Read a Letter from Ensign Jno Stewd Pickley Steward at the Cape of Good Hope.

Ensign Jno Stewd.

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

having Your permission to go unto A Cold Climate for the recovery of health, On the Ship Deptford Capt.n Troyon, it being thought advisable by his Doc.r for me to Stay at the Cape for that purpose — having now so much recovered as to think my self able to Return to duty — Which I shall however Happy to execute with my best ability as such my Duty I have to apply. to Capt.n Cooke for A passage it not being convenient to him having Lady.s on Board and Several other Ships daily expected would not put my Govt.r to inconveniency — which I hope will not

your

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your Approbation and answer for the Conduct of Semble
Sir And Sirs Your Very Obed.t
Hum.e Serv.ts
Jn.o Buckley Attwood.

Cape Good Hope
March 24. 1773

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Dispatched the following Letter to Fort William.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort William

To the Presidt &c. Council of Fort William

Hond Sir & Sirs

We herewith transmit Your Honor &c. an Extract from the General Letter of the Hond Court dated 24 Nov. 72 received by the Prosperous Captain Cooke—

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22d May 1773

Yours

Hond Sir & Sirs

Your most obt & obed Servants

Alex Wynch & Council

Rec'd the following Letter from Lieut Bryne

To the Madrass

Hond Sir

As the Senior Officer in the Troops of this Garrison I consider the Necessity of informing You of the untimely Death of Captains Chaigneau & Evans who were both drowned by the overturning of a Boat on a Sandy Reef this Evening in Tippeetam Creek.

To morrow Morning I shall send for the Boards Instructions to Captain Chaigneau by which I shall regulate my Conduct, until I have the Honor of a Line from you— I have also the Effects of the unfortunate

Lieut

Letter from Lieut Bryne acquainting of Captains Chaigneau & Evans having been drowned in Tippeetam Creek—

Received

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Received and am too much affected by the Subject to say more at present than that I am with due Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obt Hble Servt

Geo. Bryne

Madeira
16th May 1773.

Inclosed is a Copy of the following Letter which I wrote & dispatched to Lieut Bryne commanding at Madeira

Sir

I have this Day received your Letter of 16th inst. and am much concerned for the unfortunate Accident which has befallen Captains Cheyne & Grant.

You are to conform to the Instructions given to Captain Cheyne respecting the Command of the Fort & Garison of Madeira, until you receive further orders from the Board. I am

Sir

Your most obedt Servt.

A. Wynch Govr.

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Bryne to conform to the Instructions from the Board to Capt. Cheyne or to further orders.

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At Fort St George 24th May 1773—

At a Consultation Present—

Monday 24th May

Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor, President
John Smith
John Whitehill
Samuel Johnson
Joseph Smith
Charles Smith
John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Gibb Surgeon

Hond. Sir & Sirs

Mr Ferguson a Surgeons Mate in the Navy

Mr Ferguson having desirous of Employment in the Hond. Company's
Service I beg leave to recommend him to your Honor & Hons. as
a Young Man of Education & Capacity in his Profession and
as one who will learn a Reputation to the Service. I am
with much Respect
Hond. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt. & most humble Servt.
Gibb. Parley.

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Since Mr. Ferguson is so strongly recommended
by Mr Parley, as does Credit in that Capacity we must
wish, the Board have no objection to his being entertained
on the Establishment as a Surgeons Assistant provided he
has the Admirals Consent to quit his Station in the Navy.

Mr Ferguson a Surgeons Mate in the Navy has been recommended as a Surgeons Assistant

if the Admiral consents to his leaving the Navy

are/

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In consequence of the Death of Captains Chaigneau & Evans the following Promotions have this Day taken place

Lieut.s Lamotte & Edmonds appointed Captains in the Room of Chaigneau & Evans.

Plan.r Lieut.s Lamotte & Edmonds to the Rank of Captains from the 16th Instant the former to rank from the 16th the latter from the 17th Instant

Ensigns Ramsay & Turnegg Lieutenants

Ensigns Ramsay & Turnegg to the rank of Lieutenants

Dates of Rank the Same as the foregoing and

Mitchelburne Knox Ensign.

Mitchelburne Knox next for Promotion on the List of Cadets to the Rank of Ensign from the 16th instant the other Ensigncy to be reserved for Louis De Latumtroot appointed to this Rank by the Honble Court in their General Letter Dated 24th November 1772 in Cons.n 14 — ¶ Worcester

Lieut.t Colonel Braithwaite to Command of Seapoys

Lieut.t Colonel Braithwaite is appointed to the Command of Madura and Captain Godfrey to the 12th Battalion of Seapoys late Captain Evans's.

Captain Godfrey to the Battalion of Seapoys

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Brown

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

Lieut.t Governor &.c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I Shall by myself the Honble Board of Madras will not take amiss an Application dictated by my Sufferings in consequence of experiencing Disappointment in its fullest Force since my Return to this Coast — Since I presume to not take up the Boards Time with a Repetition of the different Paragraphs from the Honble Court of Directors relative to me, as a Reference to the general Letter of

Letter from Lieut. Brown —

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of Grafton / if my Services will sufficiently explain the Cause of my Application, and the grounds I have for hoping that my Case will be taken into Consideration and that such Attention will be paid to the orders of the Honble Court of Directors relative to me, as will either put me in Possession of the Post Designed for me by those Orders, or at least make for me Provision for me as may in some Measure compensate for the Disappointment I have suffered — I am sorry to have unhappy Accidents at Madeira seem to me to have opposed Obstacles towards attaining the End proposed. I mean if it met with the Approbation of the Honble Board, and was not hurtful to the Interest of Captain Hood, that he should succeed to the Command of that Garrison and that the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors might take Place by my also succeeding to the Post of Major of Madras on his Removal — The Command of Madeira was during the late Government looked on as a Principal Removal and advantageous Preferment for Captains than Post Major, and I in Consequence of that Removal was disappointed in succeeding that Gentleman in the Majorship as ordered. By an unlucky Accident the same Vacancy now happening, and the Removal of Captain Hood thereto would consequently make Room for the Orders relative to me taking Place without Consideration to Seniority. I should the above not appear to the Honble Board of Madras in the same light it does to me, I take the Liberty

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of joining just at this Time in Command with Sheathin Attne
Leon &c. The Post of Fort Major is Spotiswoode Esqr
one the Rank of youngest Captain, But not to give me
the Rank of youngest Captain, But not to give me
This without Ly any Appointment from Home but the
Honble Court of Directors meant me that Rank which if the
Honble Board have a mind to grant me together with the
Command of the Recruits of this Estab lishment at Cuddalore
made, I should for the Present waive my Pretensions to the
Fort Major ship; Ask for the Rank of youngest Captain
but to remain, with a Bar against my ever being higher in
it comes to my Turn in Course, I should not be Confider
ed as Superseded the Subaltern Officers on the Establishment
farther than as the Honble Court of Directors meant it by
my Appointment, For every Lieutenant senior to me would
have over my Head on his getting a Company, and even for
the Time being at Cuddalore I should not interfere with
the Duty of the Line - I may perhaps be objected that the
Command of Cuddalore has been promised to another Ste
Battalion of Sepoys late Captain Cornish being present
might if the New Board approved of it make room for my
succeeding to the Command of Cuddalore by appointing
the Gentleman that may have been promised that Command and
the aforementioned Battalion of Sepoys —

I mean not to offend or even to obstruct in any
Manner whatever to my Superiors, Only mention what
might be done, and trust my Services entirely to the Decision

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I Sensible of the Able Board of Fort St George - hafing
that they will consider my Said Situation, and grant me
such Assistance as to them may seem meet, like the Orders
of the Hble Court of Directors in my Favor may take Place
by Captain Wood vacating the Fort Majorship by Profer=
ment or otherwise. I have the Honor to Intreat=
myself Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obt. & Hbl. Servt.

Arthur Brown Lieut.

Fort St George
24th May 1773.

The Bandsmen mentioned to have Lieut.
Crow and did the Patent Time afford them an Opportunity
of doing So, they would require no Arguments to prevail upon
them to execute the Intentions of the Court of Directors but
the Methods recommended by him in the foregoing Letter
are so much out of the usual Line of Appointments and Pro=
motions, that the Board cannot adopt any of them without
a manifest Injustice to others who have superior Rank
and Length of Service to urge in favour of their Applications

Ensign Smith laying before the Board a
Letter from Mr. Roderick Dotson, late a Captain in the
Service, who was dismissed for misconduct as Quar. Mr.
said Letter is ordered to be entered and the Subject to be
referred to the further consideration of the Honble Court of Directors

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

Letter from Mr Rod
Ortow containing a
Narrative of his Con-
duct in the Carnbattoor
Country. &c

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Sir

I Permit me to offer to your View a Narrative of my Conduct during the Period of my Imprisonment and I hope you will Shew Notice by the Correspondence between Lieut Colonel Fraser from the Blame ought to have fallen on the man and me, or whom the Commander in the Carnbatoor Country, and his most Justice - Recommended in the Carnbatoor Country, and his Orders were implicitly obeyed by me, His own Letters will shew plainly that he never once appeared at the Head of the Troops but chose to avail himself of the Profits of that Country - the Troops ran away when all the Troops or best Parts of them were collected and Data Time when the Enemy had forced the Gualatty Pass but he had good Grounds particularly Mr Charles Boucher, who would not permit his Conduct during his Command in that Country to be scrutinized into.

I hope Sir that you know of me when I had the Honor to be under your Command - and the Opinion of the Officers before and since will acquit me of want of Zeal and Courage, and therefore intreat you to recommend me in such Manner to the Board as to afford me some hope of relief from my present Distress.

After the first Campaign in 1767 in which I was Dat the Head of a Battalion of Seapays, I was by the Board ordered to the Command of Tanjore, and after the taking of Tattimungalum Colonel Wood acquainted me to the Governor Monckton for the Command of that Place, which with Recommendation the Gentlemen was pleased to give me promptly.

Colonel Wood quitted the Carnbatoor Country on the 23 of August 1768 - the Troops left under my Command and began Gualatty

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Gualatoby, the other Part of Settimungalum, and the Fourth Battalion of Seapoys, three Companys of the Tenth Battalion and Fifty Topasses - Gualatoby is remarkably unhealthy but more particularly during the Rainy Season which at that time setting in - about the Beginning of September the following the Fourth Battalion of Seapoys were very Sickly - Resorted to Colonel White who then commanded at Trichinopoly for three Companys of Seapoys shewing to him the fatal Consequence which would ensue should any of the Posts be found - the following is the Answer Received from him.

Your Favor of the 8th Instant come to hand the 20th in the Evening and am sorry it is not in my Power to comply with your Request at present as having but few Seapoys here and above monthly Recruits, however I have made the Governor acquainted with your Desire, telling for the same Reasons of the Attack being made on Tally Molly by Hyders Troops the same as your wrote to me, I have also requested of him to give me leave to send You a new raised Company of Seapoys in the room at present is or else twice a Day, the Man who commands them at present is not yet properly appointed Subadar but it was on these Conditions I got them -

Signed Will. Flint

Sept. 23. 1763.

I beg Leave to remark that had the Companys of our own Seapoys sent from Gualatoby first would not have been found, this Observation will be more fully explained hereafter.

On the 30th October 1763 I received a Letter from Colonel Fleischman dated the 22d of the same Month acquainting me

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with his being appointed to the Command of the Colonel Wood

Conquests and summoning my Return &c

A Letter from Colonel Frinkman dated Combatoor

1st November 1762.

The Governor being very desirous to know what Sort

of a Fort Sattimungalum, the Pagoy of Gunlakatty Convey-

ance, whether they are capable of making a Defence against

the Attempts of our Enemy & what Garrison they will require

to maintain them and if by their Situation and having proper

Garrison they will be capable of preventing the Enemy from

penetrating into the Country of Coimbatoor without large Force

Artillery & Stores, I shall be much obliged to you for your

Opinion of Such Places as you know

Signed Daniel Frinkman &c/-

Answered Colonel Frinkman that the Fortifications

both of Sattimungalum and Gunlakatty were inconsiderable

Condition, but their Situation were of the highest Importance

that a compleat Battalion of Seapoys should be kept at

Sattimungalum ready to support any of the Pagoy attacked

with Situation was nearly in the Centre, that another Battalion

should be stationed at the Three forked Pagoy, & Satamanga-

lum during two Reliefs at the further End of Gunlakatty Pass

by Spot where Water was to be had and as that was the

only Pass thro which Cannon could be brought

A Letter from Colonel Frinkman dated Coimba-

tore Nov. 6th 1762.

His Majesty Recommend a Letter from the Field

Deputies at Colar, where they inform me that they had received

a Letter

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advice from Colonel Smith, that Hyder ally Had detached Mur
Rhazullah Cawn with a considerable Force, and that they
Had Marched towards the Coimbatoor Country. I then advised
him Day Captains Fraser of this, and Sommat else Jamaica
immediately send out People for intelligence where this Party
is and do all in your Power to prevent them getting Loss the
Passes under your Command &c

Signed Daniel Freeman

About this Time Intelligence was brought me that
Meer Rhazulla Cawn with his Detachment was arrived at
Sovingapatnam Parbick Detachment consisted of about Ten
Thousand Horse & Foot besides Field Guns, their Business
the aforementioned Place, but it was generally Doubted, that
their Intentions were to Join the Garrison of Bednore, this intelli-
gence I immediately wrote to Colonel Fraser and the
same Time requested he would send me all the Troops he
could possibly Spare &c

Paragraph of a Letter received from Colonel Fraser
Dated Coimbatoor Novr. 10. 1763.

If Meer Rhazulla Cawn marches towards Bednore
he will then certainly attempt our Passes which I hope you
will secure well. I have wrote to the Governor & Fiscal Depar-
tment and represented to them the absolute necessity of sending
more Troops with all Expedition to this Country

Signed Daniel Freeman

Paragraph of a Letter received from Colonel Fraser
Dated Coimbatoor Nov. 12th 1763.

I wrote you two Days ago and desired you

wanted

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wanted immediately to attend getting the Redoubt erected at the Head of Gunlahetty Pass, Lieut. Andrews Fire commander the Fourth Battalion is to make Troops, Sepoys, Sam taking with him Sixty People in the Service One Hundred or more, Shall send off to him to night or Tomorrow Morning

Signed Daniel Frischmann

At this Time I spoke to Lieut. Frischmann to send me what Troops he had at Combatoor as the Enemy was drawing near to that Place but must muster more than Four Hundred effective Men for the Defence of that important Pass, that I had ordered the Inhabitants to be Disarmed at Pattanmgatum a few days before to march thro, but they refused neither obey me nor their own commanding Officer giving as a Reason that they had not received any Subsistance for some Time past, and as for the Four Companies of the Native Sepoys, half of them had deserted, & my Sepoys of the Subadars & Jemadars and the Peons under were stationed at the other Passes. The Reason that the Native Sepoys deserted was for Pay Masters were not ready in want of Provisions Instruments of Subsistance for those Companies were due, Eight and Nine Months in Arrear, such was Part of the Troops I had to depend a Fatigued Country, to this Purpose an Answer from Colonel Fraschmann dated Combatoor Novem.r 15. 1768.

With this I am to inform you that Lieut. Dorrington with Sixty Europeans, a Three Pounder with Three Artillery Men and a very good Company of the Native Sepoys will set out Tomorrow Morning for your Place at his Arrival you will be able to inform Lieut. Andrews to whom I have Yesterday dispatched two Hundred Match Lock Boys.

Signed D. Frischmann

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Pr Letter from Lieut. Colonel Fletcher dated Zimbar

Jany Rec. 16. 1763

This Moment Received both your Favors of the 14th

and 15th, in the Latter you mention that you had received Intelligence that Some Thousand Horse & Foot with 10 Guns of Common are marching for Tally Mally and that you have ordered the Troops at that Place to retreat, If you are certain that Nor Pitsullen Cawn Force are coming that way You have Letter and for Moodin Saib with his Horse something of Sixty or Sixty / and all the Tawmmoriam Seapays, which Please to your Assistance say are yet at Sattimungalum - Lieut. Dorrington has marked this Afternoon agreeable to what You advised for in my Letter of this Morning and Yesterday - I hope you will make such Disposition as to give him a warm reception, should they come your way as it has the Appearance and oblige him to retire, I should be glad to hear from you as often as you can, If they come your way Captain Heisan will meet them the Horse & Tawmmoriam Seapays / -

I must acquaint him that Same Days before the Receipt of this Letter, I sent to Gudalore by with the Detachment Garrison only leaving Lieut. Knightley with one Company of Seapoys, that I was obliged to return again on the Receipt of a Second Letter dated the Same Day as I was proceeding to send away the Horse and Tawmmoriams to Captain Heisan - it is as follows -

Last Night I had the Pleasure to receive your Letter

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for of the 12th and am much obliged to you for going to Guala-
hatty to get the Redoubt erected, by all means if no Coolies
can be had set the Sepoys to work and pay them according
to the Regulations - I am sorry to hear Salamangalam &
Gualahatty Forts have so much suffered by the Rains, which
must Shortly now and will give us Time to repair them as
well as possible - I am entirely Satisfied with the Distribute-
on of the Sepoys you made and hope Storkwell Peabody
Officer & his Sepoys will ill spill Pipe Bailey Pass will in
Case they should be attacked, I am having now our Sepoys
together in order to support either of the Pass attacked - I
hope the two Hundred Marlebuck People mixed with your at the
Pass, and will prove of great Service they Seem to be good
and resolute Fellows - For God Sake send Word to Salamun-
galam to Morrow Night to have no Fire and march with the Ar-
moriam & his Horse to join Captain Fraser at Coveparam

Signed Dannie Feachman

Sworn to & and Feachman & joined to him the
necessity of sending away the Stores & Tramoorian Troops
to Captain Fraser, who was not in the least Danger of being
attacked, that the Enemy were drawing near the Gualahatty
Post which Movement put it beyond all Doubt, that their
Intentions were to force it if Possible, that I would endeavour
to prevail on them to cross the River and march to the Defence
of Gualahatty, but all my Endeavours were in vains for neither
Cheone or the other would march and this was owing to their not
being regularly paid their Subsistence -

Sir

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On the 8th of November 1768 Lieut. Donnington with his Detachment arrived about seven o'Clock in the forenoon having marched Twenty Miles in Eight Hours & Forty Minutes of the Detachment Ten already been mentioned in Colonel Wedderburn's Letter - at Twelve o'Clock at Night of the same Day I marched with the same Detachment for Gurlahatty, Lieut. Andrews was directed to get them Soon, I left orders with Lieut. Doring for to march as Soon as possible, and I proceeded & arrived about eight in the Morning. On the Road I received a Letter from Lieut. Andrews informing me with his having been attacked that Morning and repulsed the Enemy, but from the Intelligence I received I imagined he should be attacked the following Day being the 9th. his Letter being dated the 8th. On my Arrival at Gurlahatty Fort I which is situated about a Mile & an half from the Foot of the Pass I Rode to Lieut. Andrews who was at the Head of the Pass informing him with my Arrival, and that as soon as the Detachment arrived I would be with him - Lieut. Donington & Privates Europeans greatly fatigued arrived about 9 o'Clock in the Morning, the rest remain by twos & threes during the whole Day, and the last of them did not come up until four or five in the Afternoon - And as for that fine Company belonging to the Pass which Colonel Wedderburn mentions to the Subadar, or Jemidar most of the Havildars, naigues & Sepoys Deserted in the Night except Fifteen.

The Enemy attacked the Pass about 6 Hours o'Clock

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in the Forenoon of the 15th December 1760 and about the same Time the 5 Hundred
p.d Marlborough Men mentioned by Colonel Fraser arrived. I ordered
them to march immediately to join the other Troops, they went as far as
the Foot of the Cape Pinnick ridge and then came away to
a Man — Such was my Situation and what I felt at the Time
is impossible. — about two o'Clock in the afternoon our People
gave way, the Enemy followed and attacked our rear at the Foot. Here
our Men made a Stand and with two Field Pieces that I
ordered from Jarrowingatone two Days before we drove them
back to the Foot of the Mountain. — Seeing the Impossibility of
retreating on the Right, or down the Ridge of Rocks I ordered
them the Morning, and of course lose the whole Country by one
unfortunate Event. — I wrote to Colonel Fraser at Coimbatoor
and Lieut. Knox at Tuticorin, desiring the latter to
call in all the out Posts, that I should endeavour to make
my Retreat in the Night, & for him to do the same to persuade
Morden Said and Trichinopoly to join me on the Road.
Said Lieut. did not comply I should with the Assistance of Jesus
out off — Letter from Tuticorin and Six in the Afternoon I received a
Letter from Colonel Fraser dated Tuticorin
the 19th. 1760. the 20th following. —

This instant I received two and have taken Possession
on the Road about Six Miles from hence, and rejoicing
that to Learn that you have returned to the Garrison
with Mr. Dorrington's Detachment, and are in Readiness
that with them you will have sufficient Force to repulse
the

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The Enemy I found the Horse and Frauenorians at Tellicherry which I expected. The Horse are carrying their Saddles &c., they shall have no Time to join Them - nor can those Basket Boats they are so small - however depend on its Sunderwerks until they are all off - Let me hear of your Success as often as you can - Eleven in the Morning

Signed Daniel Frischmann

At five o'Clock at Night Shuganuny Retreated, nor was in the least Annoyed by the Enemy, in our March all the Sepoys & Topasses left me, except Sixteen or Eighteen of the Former, as the Country was so dry they could run by Sheets without being perceived, however they all went to Sattenmungalum, and about three Miles from thence I met the Cavalry & Frauenorians drawn up, their Commanding Officers acquainted me, they had orders to detain all in their Power to oblige their Men to march & join me but to no Effect - On my Arrival at the Gate of Sattenmungalum Lieut. Knight met me of whom I enquired for Colonel Frischmann, Knight informed me that Colonel Frischmann was at Supper when my arrival, it was immediately sent to him, but as soon as he perused it, he ordered his Palankeen to be got ready but before it was in Sheets of Clock at Night set off for Erode in Darkness & Strange Lascars to carry me - The Enemy remained quiet until the 24th when they made their Appearance and retreated but Sun Set - they continued the Same during my Stay there

I received a Letter from Colonel Frischmann dated Erode 24th Aug. 1763 this a Copy and is in Answer to the one I wrote

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Sir from Gurlahatty, after the Post was taken

I rec'd Your Letter this Morning and am much con-
cern'd at your Distress and hope you have by this made
your Retreat to Sattimungalum; a Letter that I had receiv'd
from the Serjeant Sir informing me that Six Hundred Sepoys
of the River, knowing that but one Company & two Pat-
tallions can be depended on and as our heavy artillery being
but few can be dispensed on and as our heavy artillery being
but few can be dispensed with, I thought it highly necessary to
have left without the Fort, I thought it highly necessary to
have left without the Fort, I thought it highly necessary to
, some time, and ordered the Company that I brought with me
from Combatoor to follow me; but as neither Provision nor
Ammunition, if you could send me some French and English
it would be of infinite Service, as I cannot know what
those Fellows on the other Side of the River may attempt -
let me hear from You as often as You can; should you ever
be obliged to retreat from Sattimungalum, attempt then to
get here, or at least some of the People with you this is only
in case you have no other Resource left

Signd Daniel Erskine

P.S. I hear Strange Orders were here to send me
and what Sallaries Reasons given for his precipitate flight
- about this Time the Nabobs Cavalry & Travancorians Sir-
pays mutined for want of Pay, and a Body of four Hundred
of the Latter marched for Trichinopoly, but by persuasion
they were brought back, with our own Sepoys were Several
Months in Arrears which caused much Desertion - I have

Sir

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Sir who posess the Spirit of a Soldier in any Degree
will easily conceive what my Feelings must have been just
Circumstance - the whole Country was in Arms against us. prin-
cipally owing to the ill treatment they received from our Rascals
Rioters, they had but a few Days before surprised Dammian
Cotah, killed the Sergeant who Commanded with many of the
Sepoys, and Confined the Same by the Place Commande
Ed, but were prevented - With these Circumstances Smale & Lane
Frenchman acquainted and received an Answer from him dated
Erode Nov. 22d 1768.

This Evening at Eight o Clock Received your Let-
ter of the 23d. was glad to learn you could make your Retreat
so well to Settamungalum - it is surprizing to me what can
keep the Enemy at the Gap Lately, I wish sincerely they
may continue there some Time longer as I expect to hear
from Trichinopoly that Some reinforcements on the Road
I have wrote to Major Flint from Coimbatoor to Send to
make the Troops be can Spare and Guides that by this
Time Imagine the Corpeans from Madras & Vellore
must Cumar Trichinopoly also - The Surprize of Damm
on Cotah is certainly if True certain Proof that we cannot
trust anything to the Inhabitants of this Country therefore
I find we must be on our Guard as much as we can, I
make no Doubt of your Firm Steady Behaviour
by which you may be able to persuade the Trichinopoly
and Madura Sepoys with Six Horsemen to stay in Oswich

Esqr

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Your Letter Received me from Mayden Said who writes me that
the Nawaubdar has paid them no Money nor discharged the Bill
but that he had absconded, and that the Peopen told him they
would Stay no longer but go away - with this Comfortable Letter
& Sirius, wherein I beg of him to request and persuade his Peo-
ple to stay that I shall write for Money to Trichinopoly
for them tomorrow Morning, I wish you had served Jaw
Nawaldar, as I hear the Rascal has gone Money - but
now he is gone I shall say no more - When I am Joined Jaw
I found not one Single Grain of Provision in the Garrison
I have been on my Legs ever since I came here to get Jaw
the Villages what I can, but believe has but little and
all the Plains are Deserted Coats I hear in this Evening
Country, but what gives me the greatest Uneasiness is that I
have no Troops only one Company of the Dutch I found here
that perhaps may turn out Good, the other Company is new
raised People by Ally Ravens Cawn, absolutely good for
nothing with three and about Sixty Men I brought with me I
am to defend this Place, and for which I have but four Barrels
of English and four of French Cannon - not another Gun
but one Eighteen Pounder that cannot be brought within,
and some Malabar Guns upon the Walls - Pray my Dear
Orton if you can spare me a small reinforcement with
some Ammunition it will be of infinite Service - I had
just now Intelligence brought that a Body of the Enemy
consisting of about Sixty or Eighty Horse and eight Hun-
dred Men are encamped on the other Side of the River

two

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two Miles from home and am attempting to cross the River in
Basketts. Bearer of this is a Countryman of ours one of our People
with the Ammunition as above mentioned, as also some Balls for
Match Locks, but no Time to send them home, I have Dispatch'd
as many more to the Fort from Pinkstaff Gordon and
him this Morning. We all with you well. Let me hear from
you as often as you can. Signed Daniel Frushman.

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Frushman Dated Orde
Nov. 25. 1762.—

I received your favours of the 21st & 22d this Day
with four Baskett Loads of Ammunition. I pity your
Situation much my Friend, but hope shall soon be
able to relieve you, do for Gods Sake Write hear from you
constantly, I remain wishing you Health and Success
Signed Daniel Frushman.

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Frushman dated Orde
Nov. 26. 1762.—

This Instant I had the Pleasure to receive yours
of the 24th with the Return the Captain Brown has left with
me safely with Six Companys two Days ago. and all the
Provisions I could gather from the distress'd Villages here
about will not last Eight Days, and I learning that Fort
Pitt and Bedford is at Present Besieged. I shall set out to night
for that Place and leave Captain Brown here till I return
but for that I see no Obstacle of your waiting for me any Day
whatever you may hear of the Enemy. absolutely necessity
obliges me to take that Step as I have been above by obliged

to

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to serve Provisions but two Days first to the Garrison, and the Devil a Drop of Oil, Ghee, Grain or anything else have I got nine but Rice and Paddy: so that if Nizam Ally were now here they would eat up my whole Provisions in two Days such is my Situation - Intend as soon as I join him to dispatch two or three Companys before with all Provisions I can lay my hands on and follow with the remainder - The Europeans must by this be near Trichinopoly so that we may soon expect them - The Tinkladingum People have been these two Days and Nights attempting to get over the River but were prevented, they threatned last Night which way I do not know but so much Alarmed Some, that intention was to leave the Island and the Erode Country - that is Plunder it of all Provisions, well knowing that we can get none but from these Countrys - At Present I am Letters Every wife I can send to Hope M.r Kelchin will be upon his Guard, He has but two - two hundred with the Head Men I am with him - Along with this which keeps the Enemy so long at Coimbatoor to inform me of the as soon as you know it and believe me &c &c

Signed Daniel Frischmon

On the Coming of the 23d Instant an Order from Colonel Frischmon to retreat to Erode - the following is a Copy -

This Moment Intelligence was brought me that the Enemy have taken Coimbatoor, and there the same time they have taken Sixty Thousand Horse and one Hundred Foot to Dindigum, now I have no Reason to Doubt

Left

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last their Attempts with us this Place should this fail to
them all Farr Communication would be stopped, therefore
think it the most Prudent action in Case to quit your Post
and make all Haste to join me here with your Force, Horse
& Foot and every thing else you can bring with you, deliver
Provisions to the Men as much as they can carry you
will find none on the Road to you till you Pass Thaneering
little Rice, Corn no Time. Dated 26 Nov. 1782.

Signed Daniel Braithwaite

This was certainly the most Strange and unaccount-
able Orders ever given by a Commanding Officer to order me to
retreat from a Fort where I was at least two Months Provi-
sions to one where there was none which his Letters to me
plainly demonstrate is astonishing indeed, had I been ordered
to Carnoor or Darapuram it would been right. for in both
Places there was Provisions Sufficient, and should I been
ordered to make any Retreat to Trichinopoly. I should have
performed it much Better from either of those Places than
from Erode, and I have the Vanity to think as good an Order
made from Sattamangalum from either a Superior Com-
mand. —

The Same Evening I received the Orders, the Sick
Women & Baggage were sent away and early next Morning
I began our Retreat, at about five Miles distance from the
Fort I were the Ford we were told of, when we arrived at it
we found it impassable as great Quantitys of Water had
lately fallen from the Mountains — We kept on marching
on the Banks of the River to seek another Ford. The Enemy

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my came up with us the first Day, and continued following
us the third when they seemed determined to come to an
Engagement, they drew up upon our Front at about two Hundred
Yards distance and began firing their Musquetry with
wonderful severe Vigour. We continued thus for a
little while and they retired to a greater Distance - seized
the opportunity of this Interval and marched on, our
Enemy soon Remained during our March. - We arrived at
Cooche Bar 5th Decr. 1768 where I found a Letter for me from
Colonel Fischman dated Jarroor Dec. 2. 1768 the following
is a Copy. -

This Instant received a Letter from Captain
Nixon informing me that you had wounded Sattimonga-
lum, and was on your to Cooche, and that he heard you was
in Some want of Provisions and Ammunition, all this gives
me great Anxiety - I hoped my first would have reached
you Time enough, wherein I enquired of you that all
my Intelligence was false and desired you to remain at
your Post, moreover I should have imagined by your
Letter of the 27th wherein you give me so full an Account
what the Enemy are that you would have seen that my
Intelligence must be false and consequently would have
remained - The having Hirkarras on is want of Basiroy
causes me to imagine that that more than any other Rea-
son will oblige you to retire. I hope as it is to now Late
I am got safe to Cooche - But Good God what to do now
for Provisions, I am sure me to get some have been my
Legs

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Last Night and Night before Last Some Men, Women
& Children got away Little - Some is gone to Creek, and I hope to day
to send a good Deal - You must See my Friend to Fix
yourself in a good Port in order to cover the Commissar
Fix Letter on this and Fine for the Provisions. - You I
am return you will act on every Emergency have an
happy as prudent and will as you can judge. The Mr.
omint I have got Provisions that may a little Suffice I
shall return to you, if I go before me shall get Nothing
you will know how these Stock Proposes, I am obliged
to Victual them with Hanging and anything else I can
think of. - Signed Daniel Frischmann

On my Arrival at Creek Nation I found that Colonel
Frischmann makes mention of, it was by Mistake I am sent to Fort
Fanzum at Coweta parson - it was dated the 29th Novm. 1763 Seven
Days after the Order to retreat - It Struck me with Surprize
solution in Colonel Frischmann, he found out his Error in Order
ing me to retreat so precipitately, and not Leaving Something to my
Judgment in those Orders, Therefore he endeavours to throw some
Blame on my Conduct for my implicit Obedience to his Orders
- I cannot but suppose in Colonel Frischmans saying he would return to Creeks as soon as ever he had got
some more Provisions, which it was known soon after that he
had Some Time before wrote for Leave to go to Frischinopoly
for the Benefit of his Health. / -

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Frischman dated Novem-
Dum 2. 1763 -

By

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By a Letter from Captain Rixon Dated the 6th

I learn'd your Arrival at Erode with your Detachment which

I do assure You gave me very great Pleasure to learn, now I

must request you will without Loss of Time send me a Return

of your Troops as also an Indent of what Ammunition, Stores

&c. you want for the Troops and Guns under your Command

that I may immediately indent for that Purpose — I

have Yesterday dispatched Twenty five Bullock Loads of

Provisions, of which I requested Captain Rixon, an Inclosed

is a List what the Provisions consist of in Case any Irruptions

must be taken that the Money is got for Provisions found

out, You must keep a Man for that Purpose to keep an

Exact Account — I will write you more fully tomorrow

Morning as I really can set no longer and write at present.

I remain Dear Sir Yours &c.

On my Arrival at Erode and finding Colonel

Smithsons Account of the Scarcity of Provisions but too

true, I spoke to him & requested he would send an Order for

the Inhabitants to supply us with either Rice or Provisions

by that they were so plenty and not the least Dependance

to be put upon him, thereby having him with our just intirely

out of my Power to send a Grain of Rice, I observed to him

also my Guns under Situation in case Large Numbers

of Provisions were not immediately sent from Tritchinopoly

that I could from Fear Near Pharaha town would soon

be upon Erode, that in such Circumstances this Fort must

fall, and the Consequence must be the Loss of the whole Corps

&c

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Sir — The following is a Copy of the Answer proceeded to so important a Subject —

Both your favors of the 7th & 8th Inst. received, last I was glad to hear of your Arrival at Prode Imentioned to you Yesterday, the first may Friend the Hardships You undertakings Shall be unrepresented by one improper Manner to the Board — I am sorry to hear of the Tumultuous Behaviour, I never looked on them any Better than Traw Traw.

Enclosed I do. 1763 Signed Daniel Freshman

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Freshman Dated Cuddalore Dec. 11th 1763

This instant Five o'Clock in the Evening received your Letter of the 10th with the Sentinels and Captain Fausons Letter inclosed thereine — but you did not mention whether you sent an Answer to Capt. Fauson. I hope my Letter to him which I entrusted to you or Capt. Dixon a few Days ago has been forwarded to him — therein I acquainted him of the Governor & Councils orders, the same as I said to you, and told him that it was not in my Power to march to his Support — I wrote to him instantly that if he thinks he will be overpowered, either to attempt to cross the River and retreat to Wandewash or Salem or into Prode, repeat to him the Governors Orders, should you hear of his retreating towards you, you must endeavour to march to his Support but be carefull not to run too great Risque — Have no Provisions only — Your Article Pomaprid will be a Hindrance to a great many Things — Signed Daniel Freshman &c —

Copy of a Letter from Colonel Freshman Dated Cuddalore Dec.

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Decr. 15th 1768.

I wrote to you last Night and hope in consequence thereof you have wrote to Captain Fraser by the Time this arrives with you. Captain Fortune with his Detachment will also I hope be arrived. He has with him a fine Convoy of Provisions, besides what he brought from Trichinopoly, he received from him eighty Bullocks loaded with Rice, as soon as you receive the Bullocks, and Boys they shall be loaded and sent to you immediately This Morning I received a Letter from the Governor acquainting me that on Account of my bad State of Health, they had ordered Major Flint to relieve me, and Instructions sent he will set out soon, and Some to go to Trichinopoly to restore my Health: will you be so good and order my Baggage me — I'll Desire the Moment the Major arrives here, he will acquaint you with it, without waiting for my Orders — I have not one Bullock now for sale and nothing until Some returns from you — I have a good Price at Some to be received to set out Tomorrow if I am Bullocks returned can help to nothing — There is Rice here to the 10 Hundred, and from 12 to 1500 Eighty Bullocks, my having a Conference with Khuyoung Rabob before Flint Leaves Trichinopoly might be of infinite Service for the necessary Steps that must be taken by the Young Rabob to supply the Troops in his Country with every Necessary. Should he come Major Flint as he has done me hitherto, the Major would not meet with many Difficulties and which my Presence in my Opinion might prevent, as Major Flint having them from me fairly and Substantially how things are

Situated

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Situated, I must be before he Leave the Place take the Proper
Precautions, and get the Natives to send the Proper People with
him to furnish his wants. — Will you be mindful, that ever
since I saw him, although the first Day I arrived I've Sworn
the young Rabob to send me trusty People to assist me, and to
which he made me answer in writing that of his Letters that he had
sent them, that to this Day not one Man has appeared as Yet,
that I never have been obliged with any two Servants to be more
Slow to send the Provisions off. Now consider I wanted this contin-
-ence to what must and will be the consequence. Tell my writing
to him have I got me the least Assistance. All he has done is
to give Orders in the Different Countries to bring Provisions home
a good Deal is come but not a Man of his to take care of it into
a store me. If I do go which I cannot say nor have yet Orders
from the Sergeant him to load any Bullock Carts from
Your — I can will never help until you hear from Major Flint
acquainting me of whatever Intelligence you get or whatever may
happen. — Yours &c. Signd Daniel Friedman

This is the last Letter I received from Colonel Fraker-
-man who provided for Trichinopoly the next Morning, nor did
I receive any Letters or the least Intelligence from any of our
Gentlemen after this Period. —

Such was my Situation left to defend a Fort without
Provisions, and every Day expecting the Enemy. Surely Colonel
Friedman had Time enough to have laid in any Quantity
of Provisions he pleased. He had from the 20th Novr. to the
19th Decr., and had he proceeded at once to Trichinopoly
instead of stopping for trifling Reasons at Erode and Tanjore

&c

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Cuvier certainly would have succeeded had time enough
to have returned and taken upon him the command upon the
Arrival of the Enemy, but then it would have been said he
had deserted his Command — Shuldrew mark'd Instantaneously
agreeing with me that he really did so in fact, although he was
pleased to hide it under the specious Veil of giving Provisions,
and to his Exploit and Barbarity am I fain to Attribute
and it's well known, that every Time I unhesitatingly abandon
him Grain of all Kinds and great Numbers of Sausage Bullocks

Captain Fortune with his Detachment arrived the
Evening of the 14th Decr., and the fine Convoy of Provisions
Loads of Rice both from Trichinopoly and Cuvier, and some
Loads of Salt Curry Stuff &c.a — On the 15th received another
Letter from Captain Fraser informing me of his bad Situation
that he had scarcely any Provisions and that he should be un-
der the Necessity of surrendering if not soon relieved, to whom
I wrote that I should immediately march to the Snow Fort
that I hoped and urged he would endeavour to make his Re-
treat to that Place, accordingly I marched and arrived at
the Fort the 19th when receiving not the least Intelli-
gence from Captain Fraser, nor hearing any Firing towards
Coory Carum — I concluded he had been obliged to surrender
and therefore I marched back to Erode. /

I wrote repeatedly to Colonel Fullarton, which
Captain Dixon has Testified / to send Provisions or an Escort
to meet us Mr Pennington knew would be with me soon. /

On

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On the 20th Body of the Enemys Cavalry made their appearance before Conde, a Detachment was sent against them, and they retreated towards Sarroor, they did the Same the next Day and retreated as before — The wife & Son of Shin Horseman was taken Prisoner, who informed us the Cavalry we saw had lately come from Coimbatoor that they were about Seven Hundred and Fourscore in all to lay on the Road between Conde Harroor to cut off Provisions &c — according to this Intelligence a strong Detachment consisting of almost half the Garrison was formed under the Command of Captain Dixon, who was of the same Opinion as myself he was to proceed to Colonelly and bring away all the Provisions he could find, accordingly he marched early in the Morning of the 22d Instant, and near Colonelly met Hyder Ally and his whole Army — the Detachment was soon defeated, and most of the Sepoys made Prisoners — in the Afternoon of the same Day a large Body of the Enemys Cavalry made their appearance before the Fort, I marched out and drawn them back and then retreated to the Fort, and gave Orders for the whole Garrison except a sufficient Number to guard the Fort to be in readiness to march the next Morning — I intended to join Captain Dixon in his March Believing he would be incumbered with many Bullocks, but did not Imagine at the Time that Hyder and his whole Army were so near — By Dispatches my great Astonishment I received a Letter from Lt. Gotham informing me of their Misfortune, that Captain Dixon and Fortune were wounded and many of the Men also, and that Hyder Ally Khan had surrounded Sepoys as before

Done

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...ance in a Circumstance that had it not been for the Humanity
of Hyder Ally the whole Detachment would have been cut off—
A Surgeon was sent out by whom Sent a Letter to Lieu. Gorham,
in which he complimented Hyder Ally for his Humanity &c &c.
sympathy, & wrote a Civil Note, and desired Mr Gorham to explain
it to him. The next Morning Received a Letter from Hyder Ally
Lieu. Gorham, the Tenor of the former was that in Case
did not come to an Agreement I should return to the Fort im-
mediately, the circumstance of wanting to hear so soon made me
suspicious even of my last Letter to Colonel Fordyce had
been intercepted, and I found afterwards my Suspicions were too
true — The following is a Copy of that sent me by Lieu. Gorham —

The Bearer now sends to you a Chit with his own Chop
which Manner Suits Either come into port, he desires me to ac-
quaint You he would have you come out to him, For which
Reason he sends a Party to escort You — Cyprain Rozendeins
in Your Terms you will stipulate for us to have
and to have safe Conveyance to Tuticorin only with all our
Effects.

Signed Walter Gorham

I wrote to Mr Gorham and desired him to enquire Hy-
der Ally that I would order a Tent to be pitched, between the
Fort and the Village, for him to send a Person there with a
certain Number of Troops and that I would send a Person with
the like Number.

A Person Received another Letter from Hyder
Ally on the same Subject as also one from Lieu. Gorham, the

Following

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Following is a Copy of a Paragraph in that Letter

If your choose Sir Yourself to come out to speak to the Nabob in Person you may do it safely, as the Nabob will give You his Word you shall not be touched. Leads as under written Letter with his own Chop. Signed Walter Gorham

Having well considered our Situation, no Prospect of Relief from our Army, as I had not heard from any of our Gentlemen since the 12th of the Month, and no Resource for getting Provisions and after having consulted the whole Day with Capt. Robinson, I thought the most prudent Action was to endeavour to save the Garison from being made Prisoners of War, as we had but three Days Provisions and that at a Scanty Allowance, was the Ultimatum we had or not wait to the last when no Terms could be asked or granted than surrendering at Discretion. Accordingly I ordered Captain Robinson to go out to treat with Hyder Ally, who absolutely refused going, declaring he would shoot himself if I persisted in ordering him to go. I asked his Reasons for such Behaviour, he then told me that when he was taken at Paniambady by Hyder Ally and was in his Camp he Captain Robinson had persuaded our Deserters to return back on promise of Pardon, which they did, that Hyder Ally was afterwards made acquainted with this Transaction, who declared that if ever he took him again he would hang him for a Breach of his Parole, this is a Fact well known to all our Gentlemen

These Circumstances, and I am sorry to say having no Officer of sufficient Abilities to whom I could delegate so important a Transaction, as also having two Letters of Robert Pack from

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from Ayder Ally, that in case we did not agree I should return back to the Fort immediately, as also the Opinions of Capt. Rennion & Lieu.t Gorham that I might be esteemed in the publick Faith of Ayder Ally. The Result of all which was that I thought I might do it the most conducive for the Good of the Service to go and treat with Ayder Ally personally for the Reasons alledged before — accordingly I entered in the Afternoon of the 23 December and demanded Permission for the Garrison to march with their Arms to Trichinopoly by the shortest Route, and also the Officers and Men to have the late Action to friends Time likewise on their Parole, after some more Conversation Ayder Ally desired to defer the Business until next Morning, I requested permission to see the wounded Officers which I granted, and at taking my Leave he told me a Party would be ready to escort me back to the Fort — after a short Conversation with the Officers I went to Ayder Ally to acquaint him that I intended returning, he desired for answer that it was too late and desired I would defer my Intentions to the Morning — I then saw his Intention was to detain me notwithstanding he had sent Lieu.t Gorham to inform me I should return in the Morning, accordingly he sent for me next Morning to his Tent as also Lieu.t Gorham, but instead of permitting me to return to the Fort desired I would come to a Capitulation, that all private Property should be safe but every thing belonging to the Company or the State must be given up — Never let know the State of the

Garrison

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Garrison with Respect to Provisions as several of my Letters to Colonel Fraser can have been interrupted, this was a Fact for he had once shewn to the Gentlemen who were Prisoners to read - I summoned to Join in the strongest Manner I could with his Breach of Publick Faith, that I could not by any Means come to a Capitulation whilst a Prisoner - The Alternation lasted between us upwards of an Hour when Lt. Gorham came to the Fort where Capt.n Dixon & Fortune were, and after mature Deliberation it was thought most advisable for me to come to a Capitulation as the Fort must be given up in two or three Days the Garrison accordingly a Capitulation was made out, the two principal Articles were that the whole Garrison with their Arms should march to Tellicherry by the shortest Route, and the Officers Men taken in the late Action should proceed there also on their Parole - This Capitulation Lieut.r Gorham went with to Hyder Ally who would by no means hear of it, but promised upon his Word that all the Europeans should be sent to Mangalore in Sixteen or Twenty Days, but he would not grant any other Terms but what has already been specified, and insisted on my writing to the next Officer in the Fort to give it up - In vain was it represented to him the unjustifiable Manner Measures he had taken with me, he still persisted in his first Resolution - What could I do in such a Situation, The Fort must be given up Soon and of Course I was in his Power to treat us with the utmost Rigidness

Here

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These Considerations at Length brought me under the
most Necessity of writing to Captain Robinson to give up the
Fort, requesting him Should make the best Capitulation in
my Power. May I Leave to observe that this Letter was wrote in the
Presence of Fourteen of the Officers who were Prisoners and
that Lieut. Gorham carried the same Letter to Captain Dal-
rymple — Where a Glorious Opportunity would offer
for him to have distinguished himself by defending the Fort
had it been Sensible, he was known to have been a brave Officer
and I must add that although I was under the Necessity of
writing to him to give up the Fort, yet he had no right to
receive any Orders from me when he knew I was a Prisoner
but as I observed before Captain Robinson was as well acquain-
ted with the State of the Provisions as I was, having consulted
together the whole Day before I sent out, and nothing can
be more Evident or show clearer the distressed Situation we
were in than Colonel Fullarton's Letter of the
the Necessity to send half of the Garrison Companys Troops
to bring Provisions and that after the Parts of the Enemy
had made their Appearance when unfortunately they fell
into the Hands of in with Hyders whole Army as also he
Opinion the Gentlemen entertained of my being obliged to
give up the Fort I must refer you to the first Letter of
Lieut. Gorhams which was wrote to me before I entered into
any Treaty and which his second Letter plainly de-
monstrates

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Demonstrates—

Since my Brother Officers have condemned me for that Step of giving out myself to beat and that Step only of course I must think myself in the wrong, but Since conscious to myself that my Intentions were for the Good of the Service, and I must observe here, that there have been in Europe many similar instances of the Same, and to my Knowledge many in this Part of the World without ever being called to an Account but I have been equally unfortunate in that as in my Suppersession, and I am sorry to say from private Pique of one Person who has long since been ex-pelled, and who in the Siege of Madras was pleased to compli-ment me in a most singular Manner, Viz. Lord Pigot Genral Draper and many others inwardest, and I have this Happyness to add that I have ever met with the Approbation of every com-manding Officer I had the Honor to serve under— They knew to a tittle that had my Intentions been when I went out to beat been crowned with Success would any one in that Case have blamed me, I believe not. I was unfortunate and have suffered for it most cruelly indeed /—

You are sensible Sir what Genral Coote said on the Subject when only you and me were present, that what he had read and heard of the Transactions of Europe, that I had made a Sacrifice to others— I am not to throw the least Reflection on any other Person except Colonel Frisk-man, who was certainly to blame, and I believe that is the Opinion of every Officer from first to last, who are in the Secret

Sir

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Service at that Time, and as for the reproachful[illegible] Part of
my Conduct amounts at most to an Error in Judgment; but
is short Said that I should suffer so severely after having
saved the Arcot Company sixteen Years with Spirited Zeal
and Honor, which I can testify for the Time I had the
Honor to be under Your Commands and as will every other
commanding Officer, whom I have served under, as a Testimo-
ny of which I inclose two Certificates - as for Your Sir I have
no Occasion to inclose that, as I am under Certainty You
will say much more at the Honble Board than it Speaks -
I cannot with any Propriety or Justice to myself
but Cause of the Loss of the Coimbatoor and Sattimungalum
Countries, and Secondly its being said that Major Fitzgerald
was coming to my Relief when I gave up the Forts of Erode
To the First I observe that want of Troops was the
real Cause of the Loss of those Countrys - It was known in Madrass
as early as the Begining of September, that Hur Dowulla
Cawn was marching towards the Coimbatoor Country with a large
Body of Troops, which was about the Same Time I wrote to Colo-
nel Flint for three Companys of Sepoys, though at that
Time I had not the least Intelligence of Hur Dowulla Cawn
yet I thought it proper to guard against all Contingencies - At
last Colonel Fourbain sent me in Time three Troops from
Coimbatoor which I repeatedly wrote to him for, the Days of Gar-
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Body of Troops, which was about the Same Time I wrote to Colo-
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Time I had not the last Intelligence of Hur Dowulla Cawn
yet I thought it proper to guard against all Contingencies - At
last Colonel Fourbain sent me in Time three Troops from
Coimbatoor which I repeatedly wrote to him for, the Days of Gar-
rison I Colly would never have him forced, and As our Allys Scheme
for

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for obtaining those Countries must have
and obtaining Provisions for his Army but Enough that Capt
may by yet Provisions for his Army but Enough that Capt
and it was natural for him to suppose our Army would soon
follow time, the last Part of which did so Eight Days after-
wards, under the Command of Major Fitzgerald. —

As to the Second Smear it was as my Reflection
on Major Fitzgerald for whom I have ever entertained a
truly Esteem, but as that and many other Groundless Reports
had been spread much to my discredit & Sure for I think it in-
cumbent on me to refute and decide such false Imputations.

All that I shall say on the above Subject is that
Major Fitzgerald had orders to march after Hyder Ally Khan
he arrived at Ramanaid after about Sixty Miles from Prode
the ring Route Hyder Ally had taken, from thence he marched
towards Trichinopoly, and on the Morning of the 25th Inst.
he arrived at Tatcum 30 Miles West of Trichinopoly a Route
Directly from Prode, Trichinopoly was certainly of greater
Moment than where Lucas and Stuart was, for which Reason
for marching that way. —

As for the other intervening Reports Sir
must be sensible of their Source, Colonel Fraser & Mr
Gordon were the two Persons — I was not made acquainted with
the ill Behaviour of the Former towards me until two Days
before we arrived at Bombay for Europe, for during the Period
I was in Prison and at the very Time the Grand Court Martial
was sitting, he like the Fool invented an Untruth which
sprung in the Ears of the Gentlemen there as a false and Scan-
dalous

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Sulars Imputations of me imaginable - this diabolical Combining of his arms not asserted to me by Gentlemen of the most undoubted Honor, but his Reasons for such Proceedings must be obvious to You as also to the Hon'ble Board - and they leave to add here that my Reason for speaking so justly in that Gentlemans Character is, that at the Time the Court Martial was sitting as Richard Law and Mr Blair were Members of Same Fraudulent Committee this supremely captivates my Reasons for not saying anything of that Gentleman to the Court Martial - It is contrary to my Nature to act basely by any Man, but I must have been the worst Hope Man if I had offered to have said anything against a Person absent to the Prejudice of my Friend - And as for the other Man his Character is well known and unworthy of my Notice.

I have addressed this Narrative to you, that it may come regularly before the Board of whom I request the favour Favor that it may be transmitted to the Hon'ble Court of Directors by the first Ship which shall sail from hence, to whom I now look up for Shelter & Protection against the Late Governor Dupré that it was impossible for the Governor & Council to reinstate me, that it must be done from a Motive it could not be done else - But as I have the Hopes therefore that the many Particulars I have already related will shew my Conduct in a Light different from that in which it has appeared to Some and that the Hon'ble the Court of Directors sensible of the great Injuries I have suffered

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Suffered from the evil Designs and Misrepresentations of others
will be pleased to grant me that Justice which the Circumstance
& Merits of my Case does merit. I have also taken the
Liberty of enclosing the Returns of the Garrison as also a List
of Prisoners received and the Quantity and Sorts of
Cloathing Necessary for their Maintenance &c.

I remain with the greatest Respect

Sir Your most Obed. Humble Servt

Fort St. George
7th May 1773.

Rod. Boson.

A Calculate of the Quantity of Rice the Garrison of
Cuddalore would have required to support them at one Measure
p Day each Man from the 6th to the 22 December 1768.

The Abstract dated the 6th Decr shews that the Garrison consisted from the 6th to the 14th of Regular Troops 1525		1525
which required Daily		
To compute the Black Horsemen at	220 at	220
The Travancore Polygurs at	200 at	200
The Poligurs Artillery and Cooleys	255 at	255
The Officers Servants	75 at	75
Total Rice required each Day		2275
which multiplied by the Number of Days		9
gives the Quantity required for the Garrison from the 6th to the 14th both days included		20475
To the Arrival of Captain Fortnum's Detachment the 15th adds to the Number of the Garrison European	126	
Total	126	20475

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Brought Over		126 – 25875
Seapoys		40 –
Gentlemen Servants		9
Total Augmentation of the Garrison		175
Forwarded for former Garrison		2875
Total of the Garrison from the 14th to the 22d of December		3050
which multiply'd by the Number of Days	8	
gives the Quantity required for the Garrison from the 14th to the 22d inclusive		24400
Total required from the 6th to the 22d both Days included		50275

An Account of the Provisions into the Fort during Captain Orton's Command —

		Measures
Sent by Colonel Fraser from Conjeveram 45 Bullocks load'd		2956
Brought by Captain Fortune from Trichinopoly 45 D°		2956
D° by D° from Conjeveram 80 D° which compute at the same Rate Viz. 66 Measures p Bullock Load		5280
To the Last of any Revolution Thereafter 56 Ayus Load of Rice remains from Colonel Fraser which almost did not contain above 25 Measures each —		250
Total Provisions during Captain Orton's Command —		12,442 —

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A Return of Seapoys belonging to the first
two Battalions now with the Detachment under the Com-
mand of Captain John Fortune - Carron Dec.r 1762 -

Number of Battalions	Sinks	Duffadars	Buglers	Seapoys	Total	Sinks absent	Duffadars	Buglers	Seapoys	Total	Grand Total
1st Battalion	-	1	1	10	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
1st Do	-	1	1	11	13	-	1	-	-	1	14
Peons	-	1	1	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	14
Total	-	3	3	33	39	-	1	-	1	40	

A true Copy Signed Daniel Fleetwood
Lt Colonel -

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A Return of the Detachment under the Command of Capt. John Fortune Castle Dum. the 9th 1768.

| | Commissioned Officers | | | Non Commissioned | | | Rank and File | | |

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An Abstract of the General Monthly Return of the Honble Company's Troops and the Rabels on the Garrison of Fort St George commanded by Capt. Rob Orton the 10 Decr 1767 for the Month of November —

	Officers	Sergeants	Drummers	Corporals	Gunners	Matrosses	Lascars	Total
Captains	1							
Lieutenants	1							
Ensigns	1							
Lieut. Fireworkers		1						
Gunners				1				
Matrosses					1			
Commandant Lascars						1		
Serangs							1	
Lascars							15	
Havildars							3	
Buglers							1	
Dubash							1	
Cabooneers							2	
Coolies							7	
Total	3	1	1	1	1	1	29	37

Total 132 6

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An Abstract of the Bombay Troops and Marine Corps in the Garrison of Bombay from the 15th Decr 1762 to the 22d 24th Decr inclusive &c

Bombay Artillery

	Officers								Serjeants							Total
	Captains	Captain Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Fireworkers	Surgeons	Surgeons Mates	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Head Gunners	Gunners	Matrosses	Drummers	Tindals	Lascars	Bheestys	
Total	1	1	2	7	10	3	160	184								

Bombay Sepoys

	Officers								Serjeants							Total
	Captains	Captain Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Quarter Masters	Surgeons	Surgeons Mates	Adjutants	Havildars	Naiks	Drummers	Privates	Tindals	Lascars	Bheestys	
4th Battalion	.	..	1	4	1	6	15	39	49	9	3	6	2	7	511	12	648
9th Battalion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	12
10 Battalion	1	1	..	3	.	5	14	41	7	6	7	.	..	7	505	2	633
11 Battalion	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	13
Total	1	1	1	7	1	11	30	81	92	16	9	13	2	14	1037	3	4 1306

Bombay Lascars

	Officers								Serjeants							Total
	Conductors	Lascar Lieutenants	Lascar Ensigns	Quarter Masters	Pilots	Surgeons	Surgeons Mates	Tindals	Lascars	Bheestys	Black Horse	Bullocks	Bullock Bheestys	Bullock Lascars	Bullock Tindals	
Total	1	3	1	52	57											

Total .. 11 .. 11 399 .. 1 .. .. 120 143

General Total 1700

N.B. The Pindarees Black Horse not included — as I can see no Vouchers for their exact Number

Jno Porter

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Mr Porton

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 16th Instant
Came to forward to Campus a Volunteers
To comply with your Request would be Cruelty to
give You Hopes of being restored to the Service, it is denying
able to me to refuse any Request but I shall rather endeavour
I have misled any one - it is impossible for the Governor &
Council to restore You - it must be done from Home or it
cannot be done at all - You will please therefore to excuse
me from complying with your Request.

I am
Sir
Your most Hbl Servt
Jos Du Pré

Fort St George
24 August 1771

Read the following Letter from Mr James
Burn who had been suspended the Service by an Order of
Council the 16th inst.

Honble Sir

The Suspension under which I have been
so unfortunate to be ordered is not more distressing to me as
an Officer than it affects me as a Mark of your Honours & the
Councils Displeasure -
You will Sir I hope be sensible of the Reason

Letter of Apology from Mr James Burn Requesting to have his Suspension removed -

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as well as the Duty of my Station — I know nothing
I shall omit at Each Time misconceive Conduct in my Profes-
sion I Should Consider Sir as forfeited to furnish me to return
the Duty of my Profession — For Same Reason Observing with
more Exactness will I trust in time to gain Justice
Approbation —

I am with Respect

Noble Sir

Your most Obt Humt Servt

James Burn

Fort St George
26th May 1773

Sir

I Mr Burn appear amidst the Improper
ty of his Conduct, and as the Intention of his Bond in imposing
a Stock of Instruments arbitrary Orders has been answered
I am ordered to remove his Suspension and restore him
to his Rank in the Service —

Suspension taken off —

I am Sir

Your most Obedt Humble Servt

Wm Petrie

Sir

Agreeable to your Order I have examined the State of the
Barracks at Chingleput and Trangebar, and have examined the State of the
Buildings at each of those Places —

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Humble Servt

Wm Petrie

Letter from Wm Petrie Esqr on the State of the Barracks & recommendations at Chingleput & Trankebar —

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There are at Present existing of the Common Quarters, Barracks for three Officers & Sixty or Seventy Men - They are covered with Tiles but on Patches in verbad Condition, that it Rains through in many Places - the Floors are paved with Brick in much want of Repair - the Surgeon lives in one of the Officers Barracks, the other two Apartments are empty - One Half of the Soldiers Barrack is occupied by the Invalids the other Half contain the Company's Bales. -

There are besides some old Gunner Buildings One of them that which we contain Sixty or Forty Men is used as an Hospital, in the other Paddy & Stores are kept - The old Pagoda supplies the Place of a Powder Magazine, which together with the Conjee House & the Centries at the Gates that serve as Guard Rooms are all that can be used - Most of these Buildings are much out of Repair, and never can be made commodious for the Reception of Troops. -

The only Building of Stone we now standing at Fort St. George is a Granary, in which proper Doors and Windows were made it would serve as Barrack for Ninety or one Hundred Men - There are likewise five Chambers in the Repair fam of Stone under the Rampart which appear to have been originally intended as Guard Rooms these together with two Stone in use as Powder Magazines, the Doors of which are walled up - are all that can be rendered Serviceable -

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I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Honble Sirs

Your most Obt. Humble Servt

Fort St. George

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Patrick Ross.

The Scheme for Stationing the Battalion for the Coromandel Coast

Lt. Colonel Ross was Directed to examine & Report the State of the Lascars Cloaths, but as the Expences of the present Furniture are such so highly improper to allow the smallest additions of Expence to the Company, the Board unanimously agree to lay aside the Scheme until a favorable Opportunity offers of carrying it into Execution.

Court Martial held in this Garrison the 12th instant on Ensign Friend of the 9th Battalion of Sepoys for Joining of the Same Battalion contrary to good Discipline, Order & Military Discipline.

Court Martial Ensign Friend

Sentence

The Court having read over the Proceedings of the Court Martial on which the Charge against the Prisoner appears to have been framed & having also considered what he has urged in his Defence are of Opinion that he is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge and being a breach of the 20th Article of the 12 Section of the Articles of War, do therefore Sentence him to be discharged from the Service

Guilty & discharged the Service

Company's

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Company's Service

Approved by the President & Council

For Consulting on the Board, that the
President of the Court Martial by whom he delivered the Proceed-
Recommended by ings reported that altho the Court found themselves under the
Report of Court Martial Necessity of passing Such a Sentence nevertheless they begged
Leave to recommend Mr Trail to the Attention & Lenity of
the Board — as he did actually appear much confused and
embarrassed when he delivered his Evidence on Foreign Goods
Court of Mantrick —

In consequence of the foregoing Representation
the Board agree to restore Mr Trail to the Service, yet they
Confirmed and think it is necessary to direct that the Commanding Officer of the
recommended to be Garrison do reprimand him for the improperity of his con-
more attentive duct, Signifying to him at the Same Time that altho the
to his conduct in Board from motives of Lenity & Compassion have seen
future — proper to pardon him, yet should his future Conduct be
in any Respect reprehensible, he must never expect to experience
another instance of their Indulgence —

Read a Letter from the Resident at Imbro in Country
Letter from the Correspondence No 87 containing Intelligence from Poonah
Board No 87 — of the Dangerous Designs of the Mahrattas, and likewise of
a Convention between the Barsalus —

The Following Extract from the Minutes of

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The Mayors Court held before the Board—

Extract from the Minutes of a Court held at the

Town Hall on Tuesday the 18 Day of May Anno

Domini 1773—

Present—

John. MacPherson Esq. Mayor.

Reynold Adams James Bodges

and George. Mowbray. Aldermen—

B— The United East India Company by their

Agents Louis Dutré Esq. & Council—

Pets—

John Wood &

E. Contrae—

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Mayors Court

Mr. Daniel Shaw Attorney for the Orige: and Defendants Cross complainants prays that the Attorney for the Originae Complainants and Cross Defendants may shew Cause why he has not delivered into Court the Papers prayed for the 6th of April last— Mr Peter Speke the Attorney for the Originae Complainants & Cross Defendants argueing the Court that the Prayer made the 6th of April last relative to the Books ordered to General Smith is too general & therefore begs that the Originals opposite Attorney may produce Such Orders as are required to be produced, and further as

prays

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quaints the Court that his Clients are willing to deliver into Court
the other Papers mentioned in that Prayer, whereupon the Attorney
for the Original Defendant and Cross Complainant prays that
the original Complainants Cross Defendants may deliver into
Court attested Copies of all Orders given to Colonel now Brigadier
General Joseph Smith as Commander in Chief of the Army &c
relative to seizing any Plunder or Booty, and for whose use
and Benefit or Expences detaching the Original Defendant
and Cross Complainant with a Division of the Army on the
Southern Expedition in the Year 1767 also attested Copies of
all Orders relative to what Part the said Detachment
should take in the War against Hyder Ally Cawn, whether
the said Detachment are to act as Principals or Auxiliaries
and to whom or Law otherwise on the said Original Defen-
dant and Cross Complainant assuming the Command of the
Division of the Army marching against the Enemies on
the said Southern Expedition - likewise how and in what
Manner any Countries Territories Towns Portals Villages
or Forts were to be deprived of Ground and Garrison that
might be taken or overpowered, by the Original Complainants
and Cross Defendants Troops only, or Part of the said De-
tachment or the whole combined Troops that acted under the Com-
mand of the original Defendant, and Cross Complainants dur-
ing the Southern Expedition in December 1767 or the Year 1768
— Mr Peter Speke Attorney for the Original Complainants
and Cross Defendants prays that he may be permitted with
a Copy of this Prayer in order to shew the Same to his Clients
and prays that he may be allowed Eleven Days to
Answer

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answer the Same — Ordered — accordingly — The Attorney for the Original Complainants and Joss Defendants having further requested the Court that his Clients have no Objection to Deliver into Court the Papers prayed for by the Original Defendant Joss Complainants Cash Court Dayl — J. Cust. return'd Extract

James Taylor Regr

The Secretary is Directed to Search the Records for those Letters and Orders said to have been issued to General Smith respecting Plunder Booty &c. and the Directions given regarding the Countries Towns &c. which on right the subsisted during the War with Hyder Ally and to give Copies of the Same with Such other Papers as are applied for in the foregoing Extract from the Minutes of the Mayors Court

Orders thereon

A Wynch
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Recorded Secretary

Sam'l Johnson Jr
Dep'y

Attorney

The

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The following Letter was this Day wrote Pr dispatch
to the Presidency of Fort William —

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort William —

Honble Sir & Sirs —

Letter to Fort William respecting Henry Thickby Plowden & Philip Cole —

We transmit Your Honor &c. an Extract from the Company's General Letter of November respecting the Appointment of Henry Thickby Plowden & Philip Cole to be Writers on Your Establishment said to be now serving as Cadets at this Presidency; But as no such Persons are in our Military, We think it possible they may have proceeded to Bengal —

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed. Hble Servts
Fort St. George
25th May 1773 —

Alex. Wynch
&c. Council —

26 — This Day arrived his Majesty's Ship the
May Warwick Capt. Lloyd from Bombay. —

27 — Dispatched the following Letter to Mr. Stratton
at Vizagapatam —

To

Fort St. George 27th May 1773

To George Stratton Esqr.

Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

Capt. Prichard Pattinson of whose Appoint-
ment to Survey the Districts dependent on Vizagapatam
Capt. Pattinson
on the Survey
you were informed in our Letter of the 30th March, may proceed
on the Survey Snow for that Purpose—
We have permitted Mr. James Johnson to ac-
company Captain Pattinson as an Assistant Surveyor, &
you will accordingly allow him Subsistence Pay & Batta
until the Survey is finished—

We are

Sir

Your assured loving Friends

Alex. Kyd &c. Council

Fort St. George

27th May 1773—

Recd. Letter from Captain Collins at Pallacole as
follows.—

To the Honble Alexander Kyd Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George—

Letter from Captain
Collins at Pallacole

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honored with your Directions of
the 20th Inst. on consequence of which I shall deliver over the
Command

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Commandg. of the Fort & Garrison of Vellore Captain

Hopkins, and march with my Battalion to Trinchinopoly

Saml. Smith the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yr. most obdt. & most hble. Servt.

Vellore
23d. May 1773

Robt. Gee. Collins

The following Letter came to this Day from

Trichinopoly.

To Alexander Wynch Esq.

President & Governor &c. &c. &c. Council of

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Favor dated the

Letter from Major Stringer. Captain Hopkins marched to relieve Capt. Calvert.

8th Inst. accompanied with the Papers relative to the Complaint against Captain Collins. Captain Hopkins with his Battalion marched for Vellum this Morning & Captain Johnson with his will march for Madura early tomorrow Morning.

On the Arrival of Captain Collins and his Battalion at this Place, I shall order the Court of Enquiry according to the Directions I have received from You.

I remain with much Respect

Hon. Sir & Sirs Your most obdt. & most hble. Servt.

H. Harper

Trichinopoly
24th May 1773.

1773 Fort St. George 30th May 1773.

Received the following Letter from Captain

Charles Hopkins —

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to acquaint You that in

Letter from Captain Hopkins has relieves Captain Colins in the Command of Vellum

Consequence of Major Stephens Orders to that Purpose I Yesterday relieved Capt. Colins in the Command of this Fort and Garrison. I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. Humy Servt

Charles Hopkins

Vellum
26th May 1773 —

At a Consultation Present —

Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor President
John Smith Joseph Smith
John Whitehill Charles Smith
John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey

Wm Johnson indisposed. —

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Enquiry having been made for Lewis De Lapumbroke

continued

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General Letter to Worcester Cir.

mentioned in Para. 3 in the General Letter to Worcester, the Resident informs the Board that he died in the Hospital at this Place last July, and that Lieut. Hague of the Artillery had communicated the Accounts of his Death to his Friends in Holland — in Consequence of which the Vacancy occasioned for Lewis De Cuyenbroek is ordered to be filled up by the next Cadet upon the List — being Lieut. Nicholls who is appointed to take Rank from the 1st inst.

Lewis de Cuyenbroek Dec. June 1772 and the Vacancy to be filled up

Lionel Nicholls promoted in his Room. —

The following Letter has been received from

Mr. Stratton.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Stratton with the Account of Lt. Dinneys Death

I have had the Honor to receive Your Letter dated the 30th March & 27th Inst. the former inclosing a copy of the Instructions to Captain Pittman to whom I shall afford every assistance towards accomplishing a Compleat Survey of the Sunderbunds, and at the same Time acquainting him with the Orders contained in your Letter of the 27th Inst.

It is with much Concern I acquaint Your Honor &c. that Lieut. Dinneys Company of the 1st European Battalion died on this Morning of a Fever; I have

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To great Injustice to his Memory was Dead to say that the Company have lost a valuable Officer

Sum with Respect

Hble Sir Sirs Your most obed. Hble Servt.

Geo. Stratton.

Vizagapatam
11th May 1773

In consequence of the Death of Lieut. Francis O'Donell the following Promotions are ordered to take Place.—

Francis O'Donell — Lieutenant to rank from the 18th Inst.

Francis O'Donell — Lieutenant —

Joseph Little — Ensign to rank from the 18th Inst.

Joseph Little — Ensign —

The following Report from the Committee of Accounts was laid before the Board —

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.
President & Governor &c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Honble Sir Sirs

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

Report from the Committee of Accts —

Ongole	Vellore
Amboor	Trichinopoly
Madura	Vellum
Palamcotah, for Musters & the Disbursements	

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Extracts of the Proceedings under Lieut. Colonel Pongour

and have the following Remarks

Robert Order

Vellum — Purchasing

three Months Charge for

Soapey Shalvin February —

amounting to P. 270. 56. 9 Month

123. 15 P. 65. whichbeing

Leave to remark by your Ho=

nour &c. as this does not appear

any Orders for such Charges

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George

25 May 1773

Agreeable to Order of Council dated

this Charge —

Your most obed. & obliged Servts.

John Smith

Charles Smith

John Holland

Geo. Mowbray

Edwd Saunders

C. B. Dunn

John Benton

Jos. Revell

In Order of Council having passed for making

Sheds for the Soapays at Vellum to shelter them from the Wea-

ther, the Charge for the same is therefore admitted —

General Smith Lays before the Board the

Board the following Letter which he has received from Captain

Kelly

Letter from Captain Kelly to General Smith about the Pay of Backallies and an Allowance for Painters &c. &c. &c. of this Offices —

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Kelly and request the Same may be entered and taken into Consideration

To Brigadier General Smith

Commanding the Troops under the Presidency of

Fort St. George

Sir

I have had the Honor of writing on Saturday

Shower four Times this Morning & Evening, but not being satisfied

Sumatra as to sue You, I hope my disappointment will apologize

For troubling you with this, to acquaint You in the first Place

that I have received no Orders yet relative to the Backallies,

what although it may appear too trifling an Object for me

to Interfere in urging yet when you come to consider what I have

left on that one Article since I came to Madras and how

ill able I am to support such a Dep. I hope

you'd ask to have it finally settled with Consultation, that both

Captain Mackenzie and myself may be ordered to draw

our Arrears of Backallys Pays which has been so long stopt

from us. And that in future Backallies may be paid

Battalions shall be paid the same Sum as in other Garrisons

Namely for a Bullock to each Company — 125.16

for a Bullock on me to each — 125.16

3. 3. 32.

Besides the usual Commission of a Seapoy to

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out an Entry to turn out the Water to the several Companies
which You must have observed to be indispensably necessary

In the next Place Sir give me Leave to represent to
You the Hardship of the Situation of Captains Commanding
Battalions of Sepoys on this disagreeable Duty - When
we are at the Mount which is in Fact a separate Command
as much as Condamalle or any other Place, & much
better situated as Barracks, by our Living in Tents yet we are
only allowed half Batta - When we are removed to Bar-
racks all the Male Sorts of Duty the Same as the Of-
ficers of the Regiment, yet we are neither allowed Quarters
in the Fort or Batta and only paid five Pagodas pr Mo.
to furnish ourselves. Notwithstanding it is well known that
a Subalterns Quarter cannot be had now in the Black
Town for Less than 10 or 12 Pagodas pr Month - or a Quarter
fit for a Captain Less than 20 -

This Sir is a great Hardship and as such I beg
Leave to lay it before You in the Name of the whole pray-
ing for Speedy Redress -

I am with Respect

Sir

Your most obed. Hble Servt.

Robert Kelly

Madraspt
the
30th May 1773 -

Enquiry how long I am made in what Manner the
Battalions of Sepoys stationed at Madraspt have hitherto been
supplied with Water, and what allowance has been, or is to
be

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this Purpose it appears that one Bullock for carrying Water is
paid 1. 2 Pa. Ps. and a Bushy or Water Carrier or Water Coolie is
returned on the Strength of the Battalion and paid 1. 20 Pa. 40
— Was being therefore the Board cannot consent to grant Capt.
Kellys request, as there does not appear any Necessity for increas-
ing their Allowance, but do think Captain Kelly acts forth
in the foregoing Letter excepting Quarters or any additional
allowance on that account to be made to himself & Officers
the Board cannot agree to it as five Pagodas pr Month is the
said established Allowance to Officers who are not provided
with Quarters, for House Rent —

The President represents to the Board that the
Rabet has applied to him for the Discharge of a Soldier in
this Service entitled by the Name of George Radford but
that his real Name is Omar being a Mahometan and
formerly a Turkey — The President has made enquiry if said
that the said George Radford alias Omar is ready to
Mahometan, upon which and to comply with the Rabets
request, it is resolved to grant his Discharge —

The Rabet applies for the discharge of George Radford alias Omar a Mahometan a Soldier in this Service —

Received the following Extract from the
Minutes of the Mayors Court in the Cause between the Com-
pany & Colonel Wood —

Extract from the Minutes of a Court held at the Town
Hall on Tuesday the 25th Day of May Anno Domini
1773 —

Present

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Present

John MacPherson Esqr Mayor

John Hollond George Savage

James Hodges and George Baker

Aldermen.

Extract of Proceedings of the Mayors Court on the Prayer of Colonel Wood for certain Papers

The United East India Company by their Agents Josias Dupré Esqr & Consorts

Pltfs

John Wood

Deft Contra

Mr Daniel Shaw attorney for the Orgie= nal Defendant and Cross Complainant prays that the Orgie= nal Complainants and Cross Defendants may deliver may de= liver in to Court an attested Copy of the General Orders issued out in November 13th 1769 relative to the Honble the Court of Directors of the East India Company establishing an Order in 1714 that none should have any Dealings with the Coun= try Governments in Money Matters, and repeating said Orders the 17th May 1766. on Account of money lent the Ruler of the Paleat of the Carnatic by the Honble Company's Servants and others residing under their Jurisdiction, with the Strict Prohibition forbidding all Europeans &c. to hold Correspon= dence, make Loans or to transact Money Transactions with the Nabobs or any other Person, their Ministers or Representatives.

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Present Lewis or Crompton, of the said Honble
President and Governor & Council of Fort St. George—

Mr John Sykes Attorney for the Original Complainants
and Cross Defendants, prays that he may be furnished.
with a Copy of this Prayer in order to shew the Same to
his Clients, and prays that he may be allowed five next
Court to answer the Same— Ordered accordingly—

The Attorney for the Original Defendants
and Cross complainants prays that as the two Original Suits
marked P & C viz. No 1 Dated the 24th March 1770 for
Grain & Plunder and No 2 Dated 5th April 1770. for Grain
& Cross Suits are each and many of them relative in part to
the Same Matters and Things, and therefore prays that one &
the Same Letter Sets of Interrogatories for the Examination
of Witnesses and the several Depositions which may
be taken and many of the two said Suits, and Cross Suits at
such Time and Times, that they or any of them may be
ordered to be had and determined— Mr John Sykes
Attorney for the Original Complainants and Cross De-
fendants, prays that he may be furnished with a Copy of
this Prayer, and that he may be allowed five next Court
Day to Answer the Same— Ordered accordingly—

a true Extract
James Taylor
Reg.r Off.

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The Secretary is Directed to Deliver a Copy of

Copy granted— the Last Order which was issued in the Year 1769—

Wynch

John Smith

Joseph Smith.

Charles Smith

Gilbert

Bryan

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June 1st

The following Letter was this Day received from

Sir Robert Hartland

Fort St George 1st June 1773

Gentlemen

Letter from Sir Robt. Hartland offering to deliver up some Deserters from the Bombay Establishment

The Warwick having acquainted me that he has on Board that Ship four Men Soldiers belonging to the Bombay Establishment who were themselves on Board just before his Departure from Bombay, and that he should have delivered up the said Men at that Place agreeable to the Orders he has from me in the same Manner as he did Some others before he came from thence and left them upon his Arrival at Tellicherry, if they had been discovered in Time, I have given Captain Lloyd orders to deliver up the said four Men to whomever you may send to receive them, which Ships will sufficiently testify

It is not my Intentions to distress the Service of the East India Company by incouraging their Men to leave them - I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obed. Hble Servt.

R. Hartland

Alexander Wynch Esq.

President & Council of

Fort St George

In answer to which the following Letter was

Fort St George 2d June 1773

was this Day prepared and dispatched

To Sir Robert Harland Bart.

Rear Admiral of the Blue & Commander in Chief of

His Majestys Ships in India

Sir

Letter to Sir Robt. Harland in answer to the foregoing

We have been honored with your Letter of the 1st Instant acquainting us of certain Deserters from the Bombay Military Establishment being on Board his Majestys Ship Warwick, and that you had given Orders to Captain Lloyd to Deliver up the said Deserters — We have now to inform You that they have been received and to return You our Thanks for the Attention which You have paid to the Interest of our Constituents —

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t Hble Servt

Hen.a Wynch & Council

Fort St George

2d June 1773

The following Letter was this Day wrote to Mar.

for Thomas Hatcher

To Major Thomas Hatcher

at Ongole —

Sir

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Sir

Letter to Major Fletcher to deliver over the Command of Cuddalore to Captain Duncan

You are hereby Directed to Deliver over the Command of the Garrison of Cuddalore to Captain Alexander Duncan whom we have been pleased to appoint thereto, with such Instructions and Regulations and Instructions for your Conduct therein as you have from Time to Time received from us relative to the said Command

I am
Sir
Your most obd. Servants
Alexander Wynch &c Council

The Board having requested that certain Regulations and Instructions might be given to Captain Duncan commanding at Cuddalore the following Letter was this Day dispatched

To Captain Alexander Duncan

Sir

You are hereby appointed to the Command of the Garrison of Cuddalore, and Major Fletcher is directed to deliver over the Command of it to You and to furnish you with such Instructions and Orders as he may from Time to Time have received from us relative to the Command and to give you all the Information he can with regard to the State of the Garrison, the Country & the Neighbouring Polygars—

Letter to Capt. Duncan appointing him to the Command of the Garrison and giving him certain Instructions & Regulations—

(You

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You are not in any Shape to interfere with the Na-
tive Managers or Renters, but to confine your Attention
Solely to the Care of the Garrison entrusted to you.

We have been informed that the Inhabitants
of the District of Mortezanagar, by reason of the Oppres-
sion of their Amuldars, have frequently into the District of Ongole
and employ themselves in cultivating the Lands. In consequence
of which we understand the Amuldars & Zemindars of Mor-
tezanagar send their People into the Villages of Ongole
and forcibly carry them back to their Districts. But as this
Proceeding we understand is inconsistent with the establish-
ed Regulations of the Country, you are hereby Directed to
prevent this Practice when your Assistance shall be
required by the Native Amuldars, by admonishing the said
Amuldars & Zemindars to desist from it and in Case of their
Refusal, you are then, on their necessary Assistance to the Na-
tive Amuldars, provided he applies to you for such Assistance.

You are not upon any Account whatever to
on offensive

We are likewise informed that the People
of the Mortezanagar District in their Disputes with the
Inhabitants on the Borders of the Ongole Country concerning the
Water Courses, Tanks and Grounds, are accustomed to depend themselves
of more than they have a right to; to prevent which you are Direct-
ed to interfere and give all the necessary Assistance to the Native
Amuldars, provided he applies to you for such Assistance.

You are not upon any Account whatever to

Ans.

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Lord Money to any Indisposition amongst the Inhabitants or Renters of the Districts dependent on Negotapatam you are to call on your Dubash, the Commandant of Seapoys, Convenient Black Officer to be nominated in that Pagoda, or employ any one Person in Your said Dubashi.—

You are further Directed to pay for the Inhabitants in the Negotapatam District suffer a great Loss from the Cattle belonging to the European Officers Servants being permitted to graze on their Ploughed Lands, You are therefore Directed to prevent this in future, Upon application to the Amildar you will have a Piece of Ground allotted for this Purpose.—

You are hereby further Directed to pay for everything You receive from the Inhabitants, as they are not obliged to supply you with any Article whatever without receiving a fair consideration, for the Same.

We are

Sir,

Your most obedt. Hble Servts

Fort St. George

2 June 1773.—

Alex.r Wynch & Council

The following Letters were this Day wrote & dispatched—

To Lieut. Geo. Boyne or the Officer commanding at Madura.—

Sir

Having appointed Lieut. Colonel Braithwaite to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Madurah, He now

Letter to Lt Boyne to Return with Com.n Dof Madura to Lt Col Braithwaite

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now proceed further accordingly, you will Compose on his Arri-
val Deliver over the Command therein, We are

Sir

Your most obt. Servants
Hen. Wynch & Council

Fort St. George
2d June 1773

To Lt. Colonel Braithwaite

Sir

Letter to Lieut. Colonel Braithwaite appointing him to the Command of the Madura

We have appointed You to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Madura, you will therefore proceed thither, and receive the Charge thereof from Lt. George Boyne or the Officer commanding, to whom you will deliver the accompanying Letter. We are

Sir

Your most obt. Servants
Hen. Wynch & Council

Fort St. George
2d June 1773

To Lt. George Boyne
at Madura.

Sir

Letter to Lieut. Geo. Boyne to deliver over the Command of Madura to Capt. Geo. Preston & the Stores &c. on his being relieved by Lt. Colonel Braithwaite

You are hereby ordered to deliver over the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Madura to Lieutenant Colonel Braithwaite, whom we have thought proper to appoint to the Command thereof, with such orders Letters and Instructions from us, as you may have found amongst the Papers and Effects belonging to the said Command.

We are

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And Money to any Individuals amongst the Inhabitants or Renters of the Districts dependent on Angolen you are to allow your Dubash, the Commandant of Seapoys, Conductor Black Officers to be mounted on that Description of Horses for the Use of the Garrison Dubash.—

The Inhabitants in the Angole District suffer a great hardship from the Cattle belonging to the European Officers & others being permitted to graze on their Ploughed Lands You are therefore Directed hereby not this or future, Upon application to the Amildar you will have a Piece of Ground allotted for this Purpose.—

You are hereby further Directed to pay for everything you receive from the Inhabitants as they are not obliged to supply you with any Article whatever without receiving a fair consideration for the same.

I am
Sir,
Your most obt. Hble Servt
Thos. Wynch Secretary

Fort St. George
2d June 1773.—

The following Letters were this Day wrote & dispatched—

To Lieut. Geo. Boyne — or the Officer commanding at Madura.—

Sir

Having appointed Lieut. Colonel Braithwaite to be Commandant of the Fort & Garrison of Madura, He now

Letter to Lt Boyne to Lt Colonel Braithwaite & Lt Braithwaite

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now present. Whether during my, you will transfer on his arri-
val Deliver over the Command to him, We are

Sir

Your most obdt Servants

Alex Wynch McCunick

Fort St George

2d June 1773

To Lt Colonel Brathwaite

Sir

Letter to Lieut Colonel Brathwaite appointing him to the Command of Madura

We have appointed You to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Madura, you will therefore provide to the
and receive the Charge thereof from Lt George Boyne or
the Officer commanding, to whom you will deliver the accom-
panying Letter We are

Sir

Your most obdt Servants

Alex Wynch McCunick

Fort St George

2d June 1773

To Lt George Boyne

at Madura.

Letter to Lieut Geo Boyne to Deliver over the Command of Madura to Capt Godfrey of the Scots and receive from Lt Colonel Brathwaite

Sir

You are hereby ordered to deliver over the
Command of the Fort & Garrison of Madura to Lieutenant
Colonel Brathwaite, whom we have thought proper to ap-
point to the Command thereof, with such orders Letters and
Instructions from us, as you may have found amongst Capt
Jacquiers Papers, or otherwise to the said Command.

You

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Shows Captain Godfrey whom we have appointed
to the 12th Battalion of Seapoys, arrived at Madeira before
Lieut.t Colonel Braithwaite, we Direct that You Deliver over
the Command to him with the aforementioned Orders, Letters
and Instructions. We are

Sir

Your most obed.t Serv.ts

Alex.r Wynch &.c Council

Fort St. George
2 June 1773

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Dep.t Governor &.c Council

Monday
7th
June 7

John Smith
John Whitehill
Samuel Johnson
Charles Smith
John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey

General Smith indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read Letter from General Smith on the Necessity
of forming one General System of Discipline for the Troops
on the Coast and Logs before the Board a form of Exercise
which he begs may be established also certain Forms of Pun-
ishments for a Brigade or Battalion of Europeans and a Batta-
lion of Seapoys which he recommends to be observed in
future. The General also represents the inability of Subsis-
tance to the Seapoy-properties they shall be stationed and

Substance of the Letter from General Smith on the Expediency of having one General System of Discipline for the Troops—for the purpose to introduce the Seapoy Battalions of Europeans Adjutants to the Seapoy Troops

on

an European Adjutant appointed to each Battalion, and that
only one Pair of Colours be given to each Battalion to be carried
by the eldest Ensign Dan.l

The Board Decline taking the Subject of the Foregoing Letter into Consideration, as it is presumed, it
is therefore agreed that it be deferred until the next Consultation.

Letters from the Coast

Read the following Letters from the Natives in Country Correspondence.

No. 69 Dated 28th Ult.o represents his inability to admit of an increase of the Ordinary Current Charges beyond three Lacks of Pagodas annually - He will defray the Expences incurred in repairing his Forts if such Repairs have been made with his Permission

No. 70 Dated the 29th Ult.o with the Sum of 4350 Pagodas on acct of the Kist of the 7th Inst.t for the Coonamable Districts

No. 71 Dated 29th Ult.o returns the Amount of Ordinary & Extraordinary Current Charges, because he is therein charged with the Pay of the three Battalions of Seapoys. Transmits a Bill on Government Sowcar for Pagodas 44,947 16. 65 an Account of the Extraordinary Charges to the end of October

No. 72 Dated 30th Ult.o with one Lack of Pagodas on Account of the Kist for that Month, encloses a Statement of the Kists to be paid to the Company in case of Tranquility from May 1773 to Ult.o April 1774 which is as follows

Fort St. George 5 June 1773.

May	100,000.— —	December	100,000.— —
June	100,000.— —	January	66666.24
August	50,000.— —	February	50,000.— —
September	50,000.— —	March	100,000.— —
November	50,000.— —	April	115,000.— —
	350,000.— —		431,666.24
			350,000.— —
		Carried out	781,666.24 —

No 73. Dated 4th Instant with two Indents of Mate:
ry Stores for the Use of his Troops —

Ordered that the said Indent be referred to the
Committee of Stores, and that as many Stores be issued to the Basket
as can be spared. —

Read the following Petition from Serjeant John Parkley

Attwood —

To The Honble Alexander Hyndman Esq. President & Gover-
nor in Council &c &c of Fort St George —

The Petition of John Parkley Attwood Humbly

Sheweth.

That Having obtained Leave from the Honble
Board to proceed to a cooler Climate for my Health, I in Con-
sequence thereof, & by their Orders took my Passage on Board
the Dispatch then Bound for Europe and after a Passage of
Sixteen Weeks, your Petitioner was so much overcome in Constitu-
tion, that he could proceed no further than the Cape, where having
proceeding

Petition from Serjt Attwood for Leave of Absence & his Pay during his Absence at the Cape

Fort St George 7th June 1773

Sir I hereby forward for Health your Petitioner Lieutenant Bates
to whom you are pleased to grant his Pass by the first Opportunity
which does not offer till the Ships Mummy Packett

Your humble Petitioner requests that as he did not
proceed to Europe he may have the same Indulgence, as is
usual for other Officers going to other Settlements, Bengal &c.
pro. Vide Sir and that the Hble Board will be pleased to grant
him an Order to draw his Pay for the Time he has been ab-
sent

And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever
pray

Fort St George 16 June 1773

The Board cannot consent to allow Lieutenant Bates
more his Pay during his absence as the Express the Orders of the
Company are expressly against it

Read the following Certificate from the Surgeon
of Lieut Bates State of Health, and the Expediency
of his undertaking a Sea Voyage

These are to certify that Lieut Bates is in a very
declining State of Health, which must encrease during the
Hot Season here, he is therefore advised to a Voyage to change
to St Sebastian, the first Opportunity that offers

Certificate from the Surgeon of Lt Bates recommending a Sea Voyage

Fort St George 2 June 1773 Gilbert Paslow

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May	100,000 — —	December	100,000 — —
June	100,000 — —	January	66666 24 —
August	50,000 — —	February	50,000 — —
September	50,000 — —	March	100,000 — —
Rocaw	50,000 — —	April	115,000 — —
	350,000 — —		431,666 24 —
			350,000 — —
		Pagoda's	781,666 24 —

No 73. Dated 4th Instant with two Indents of Mate:

Lacy Stores for the Use of the Troops —

Ordered that the said Indent be referred to the Committee of Stores, and that as many be found in the Rocks as can be spared. /—

Read the following Petition from Ensign John Buckley

Attested —

To The Honble Alexander Hyndman Esq. Governour & Presidt

&c &c &c of Fort St George —

The Petition of John Buckley Attwood humbly

Sheweth.

That Having obtained Leave from the Honble Board to proceed to Bengal for my Health, he in Consequence thereof, & by their Orders, took his Passage on Board the Diligence for them Parts for Europe and after a Voyage of Sixteen Weeks, your Petitioner was so much overcome in Constitution, that he could proceed no further than the Cape, where having

Petition from Ens: Jno Attwood for Leave to go to Bengal Absence at the Cape

purser

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Humbly represented the Ill state of your Petitioner Draughtsmen's health
& that in order to recover perfect health he Desires the first Opportunity
which will not offer till the Next Monsoon Prakash

Your humble Petitioner therefore humbly desires
proved to Europe, he may have the same Indulgence, as is
usual for other Officers going to other Settlements, Bengal &c
viz. Sa. and that the humble Board will be pleased to grant
him an Order to draw his Pay for the Time he has been ab-
sent

And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever
pray

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Refused

The Board cannot consent to allow Europe Al-
lowed his Pay During his Absence as the Express Orders of the
Company are expressly against it

Read the following Certificate from the Surgeon
of Fort Saint George and State of Health, and the Expediency
of his undertaking a Sea Voyage

These are to certify that Lieut. Bates is in a very
declining State of Health, and must unavoidably, during the
Hot Season here, be in Danger if not advised to a Voyage to change
of Situation, the first Opportunity that offers

Certificate from the Surgeon of the Lt Bates in favor of his undertaking a Sea Voyage

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Granted

Benjn. Franklin and Dunghe

Wm. Lynch

John Smith

Chas. Lee

Thos. Johnson

Geo. Mason

Geo. Wythe

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At a Consultation Present.

Friday 25th June 11th — Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor President.

John Smith — Joseph Smith

John Whitehill — Charles Smith

Samuel Johnston — John Maxwell Stone

Edward Stracey.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The following Letter from General Smith on the Subject of a Plan of Discipline, Brigade Returns &c. Staff Adjutants &c. read & taken into Consideration.

To the Hon.ble Alexander Wynch Esq.

President & Governor &c. &c. &c. of

Fort St. George.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

As there is nothing so essentially requisite to make Troops useful when employed on actual Service or most formidable against an Enemy, than being capable of acting together on one uniform System of Exercise — and as the Manner of Disciplining the Troops on this Coast has been various, according to the different Modes adopted by the several Officers commanding Corps — In order to prevent Confusion, and the bad Consequences that might arise therefrom — I have composed a Form of Exercise

Letter from General Smith on the Plan of Discipline &c.

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intended for the Use of the Whole, which I beg Leave to lay be-
fore Your Honor &c. and to recommend that it may be establish-
ed.—

As many of the Returns I receive are with difficulty
to be understood, I have added the Form of one to the System of
Service which will at once shew the State of the Corps returned
and thereby beg Leave to recommend that it also may be
established—

Notwithstanding the respectable Footing the Seapoy
Corps have been put on, I think they would be very much
improved by the appointment of an Adjutant to each Bat-
talion. Such an Officer is much wanted and would be very
useful. The Coloan Men are of no Service — I beg Leave to re-
commend that they may be struck off, and that a Pair of
Colours be given to each Battalion, to be carried by the Lobah
Sawdars. In this Case the Adjutants Duty will not in-
crease the Expence of the Establishment, and I have no
Doubt the Appointment of Officers so useful & necessary
to the Battalions will meet with the Approbation of the
Honble Board. I have the Honor to be
Honble Sirs &c &c with Respect
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Joseph Smith

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The Board approve of what the General proposes
for establishing one uniform System of Discipline for the Troops
and

Approved and Ord.d
that the following
Rules be observed
&c &c

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and the Same is ordered to be carried into Execution, and the Forms for Brigades &c. Returns are ordered to be observed in future — That the said Forms with the Book of Discipline be Lodged in the Secretary's Office and that Printed Copys be distributed to the several Commandants of Corps on the Establishment —

The Reduction of Seapoy Colournes the Appointment of adjutants to the Battalions approved —

The Board also approve of the Reduction of Seapoy Colournes and the Appointment of one European Adjutant to each Battalion which it is presumed will prove of essential Service to the Seapoy Establishment. /

The Generals recommendation of Adjutants approved —

General Smith lays before the Board a List of Officers whom he recommends to the Seapoy Adjutancys — Approved & Commissions ordered accordingly. /

The following Letter from Mr Roderick Orton to General Smith is read at the Board and ordered to be entered —

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commander &c. &c.

Sir

Letter from Mr Roderick Orton to General Smith —

In the Narrative which you have done me the Honor to lay before the Board, I have on the same Circumstances which may place my Conduct in a more favorable Point of View to the Honble the Court of Directors. I hope therefore You will indulge me with Permission to address this Letter to you, that through you it may be transmitted to them amongst the Publick Records of this Presidency.

The General State of Ignorance Surrounding

with Respect to the Situation of our Army, and the little Probabili-
ty there was that any Part of it would or could come in proper Time
to my Relief, was one principal Motive which induced me to enter
into any Negociation at all with Hyder Ally. — He had sent me Information
against me that Major Fitzgerald had sent me Information
he was coming to my immediate Relief, and that I had occasion
this Information. Major Fitzgerald never
such Information but I never received it, nor did he come to
my Relief as it seems he might have done as he was marching
the 20th or 25th to have drawn Succours into the Fort, which was
not surrendered till the 30th in the Evening. —

One of the Seapoys who had been employed as Mis-
senger by Major Fitzgerald was publickly sent for from
Confinement and was conducted to the Governors Gardens Where
he was by Lieut. Rogg. This Seapoy was one of the Two who were
instructed to have brought Major Fitzgerald's Information
to me that he was marching to my Assistance — Many Persons
and particularly Lieut. Rogg interrogated him, whether he
had another Seapoy (who could not be found at the Time)
had carried any Letter or Information to me, he positively
denied having brought me any Letter or Intelligence, that
he and the other Seapoy had been taken by the Enemy, and
the Letter taken from them, that they were kept Prisoners
for Some Time most cruelly used and then dismissed —
wishing to avail myself of this Evidence at my Court Martial
I endeavoured by all Means in my Power to find him out

To

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To appear in my Behalf, all my Searches were in vain, although
the Sepoy could not be got many Gentlemen are ready to
Declare the Truth of my Assertion.

I am but to vindicate my self in mentioning
these Matters I am not to reflect upon any one.

I am under the very disagreeable Necessity of mentioning to you for the Information of the Honble Court, that my Brother Officers, sensible of the Injuries I had suffered here, and trusting that my Conduct would be answered in a more favorable Manner at Home, came to the Resolution of allowing me a small but decent Support; and so very mortifying was my Situation, that I was compelled to accept it.

I may be indulged I hope in flattering my-
self that the State of my Case as set forth in my former
Narrative and in this Address, will find a due Attention
and Regard from the Gentlemen in the Direction, who
Letter informed I may be pleased to refer from
to your Court Copies or Extracts
the Severity of their former Orders concerning me as my
Case and Situation shall appear to merit.

Permit me then to request You will come
to favor to express to the Honble Board my humble Hopes
that they will take this Matter into Consideration, and make
me such allowance as they may think proper till the Direction
of the Gentlemen at Home can be received. I have the Honor

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ing the Shocks my Constitution has suffered under during my
Circumstances I have lately experienced, I am still flatter'd with
a very great Share of Health, and Shou'd I continue
this Letter with assuring the Board and Yourself, that it
will be my utmost Endeavour and Aim to employ the Hours in
that Part of my Life in their Service to which the earliest
Part of it has already been devoted.

I remain with the utmost Respect

Sir

Your very obed.t Humble Serv.t

Rod.k Dalton

Fort St George
6th June 1773

The Subject of Mr Cartons Letter was agitated at a preceding
Consultation to be referred to the Honble Court of Directors - and
as both their Directions, the Board cannot consistently make
any Allowance

Referred to the Honble Court

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Ramsay with the Certificate from the Surgeon of the Ramsgate of his undertaking a Sea Voyage for the Recovery of his Health.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President & Governor &.c Council of Fort St George

Letter from Lieut. Ramsay for leave to make a Voyage on Account of his Health

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having long laboured under a very bad State of Health, and finding no Probability of Recovery while I remain upon the Coast, I find myself obliged to the
Disagreeable

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disagreeable Necessity of soliciting your Permission to make
the Experiment of a New Voyage to Malacca & China, to which
I am strongly advised by the Surgeon Doctor Pulo, whose Cer-
tificate I have the Honor to inclose
I am with much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed.t Hble Servt
A Ramsay
Lt

Fort St George
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These are to certify that Lieut. Arch.d Ramsay labours
under a very severe and distressing Asthma which is much
increased by the Land Winds. He is therefore advised to
undertake a Voyage to Sea by the First Conveyance.
Gilb.t Pasley
Surgeon

Certificate from
Mr Pasley

Fort St George
16th June 1773.

Agreed that Lieut. Ramsay have Permission
to proceed to Malacca & China for the Benefit of his Health
Saunders
W Page
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Chas Croftes Smith
Secy

Wm Johnston

A true Copy
Fra Gwyn

Col Fort St George 13 June 1773.

The following Letters Copied this Day to the Hon.ble Court of Directors & Bombay

To The Honble William Hornby Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Bombay.

As you are acquainted from Your Honors &c.

to receive the earliest Intimation of the Sentiments of the Honble Court of Directors regarding the System which they recommend to be pursued between the Maharattas & Hyder Ally Cawn Take this Opportunity of communicating you in Cypher an Extract from their Orders on that Head Dated 24th Novem. 1772 received by Mercury Packett

Honble Sir & Sirs Your most obedt Hble Servts

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At a Consultation Present

Monday the 14th June

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Governor President

John Smith

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

John Maxwell Stone

Edward Straey

General

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General Smith absent.

Mr. Johnson undisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President reports to the Board the Death of

Lieut. Langlet. Ensign Kennedy & Rowe died the 6th. at Ellore

the following Officers at Ellore on the 6th. instant Viz. Lieut. Langlet. Ensigns Kennedy & Rowe in consequence of which the following Promotions are made.

Promotions in consequence

William Brand Lieut. in the Room of Lt. Langlet
Date of Rank 6th June Date 7th June

Henry Rose Ensign in the Room of W. Brand Do. Do.
John Porter Epston Do. Do. Ensign Kennedy 7th Do.
Will.m Kenzie Do. Do. Ensign Rowe 8th Do.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Major William Baillie, with a Copy of the General Orders given out at Trichinopoly the 6th inst. and the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry on the Memorial of Lieut. Rowe dated 7th against Captain Colins.

To The Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.
President & Governor of Fort St. George &c.

Letter from Major Baillie

Honble Sir

In compliance with the Orders of the Honble Board dated the 8th May to Major Harper, I the 7th instant ordered a Court of Enquiry to examine into and give an Opinion relative

Date

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Inclosed the Complaints laid against Captain Colvin by Lieut. Macleod-
Shall with the Minutes & Copy of the Orders & Proceedings
which the Latter Signs not as Satisfactory from the Conduct of
the Officer Bound as reported. — I have the
Honor to be with the greatest Respect &c.

Hon'ble Sirs

Your most obed.t Humble Servant,

H. Bailie. &c.

Tellicherry
6th June 1773

Fort St. George June 6th 1773.

Ordered that Captain Colvin do attend at 9 o'Clock at the Presidents Quarters consisting of the Senior Officers in Garrison, to examine into the Complaints exhibited against Captain Colvin by Lt Macleod, as by a Memorial now laid before the Court, and to give their Opinion on the Justness of what is set forth in the said Memorial from the information which will come before them in the Course of their Enquiry.

Ordered Copies given out at Tellicherry the 8th Inst.

Attested Copies of the Memorial against Captain Colvin, the Proceedings of the Court Martial referred to in the said Memorial, and Letter which passed from Captain Colvin to the Board and General Smith will be produced in Court for them to ground their Proceedings upon.

The Court of Enquiry held by Order of

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of Major William Baillie commanding the Garri
son of Tellichinopoly Dated the 2nd 1773

Capt. John Little President

Capt. Rich.d Black
Capt. Ch.s Fraser
} Members

Capt. L.t Murphy
Capt D.d Campbell

Court of Enquiry on Captain Colins and Lt Macleod

The Court being assembled and having read the
Memorial exhibited against Captain Baillie George Colins
by Lt Macleod as in No.1. also
Capt Colins Letter to the Generak. — No 2
Capt Colins — to the Board — No. 3
Proceedings of the Regim.l Court Martial No. 4
Report of an Enquiry made at Pallam No. 5. — and on Lt
Macleod to prove the first Part of the Charge in the Memo=
rial, when Lt Macleod addressed the Court desiring to know
if they intended examining Strangers Evidence, and being
answered in the Affirmative, as it was the Principal end of
their meeting; he gave in a Paper Signed, as follows —

To the President & Members of the Court of
Enquiry. —

Gentlemen

If the Purport that will appear in this
fair view Men of Honor and Integrity, nothing could give
me greater Pleasure than to find it was to be Decided by
your Opinion. — I have the greatest Desire to have it settled
in the mildest Manner, and any equitable Method that can

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can be thought of for that Purpose will give more Satisfaction to me. — But I think it will appear to you Gentlemen as it does to me, very evident that a Court of Enquiry may greatly hurt the Side of the Cause that I am engaged to support — Because the People that are to Give Testimony in it, are Most of them of Captain Fowles Battalion — From that we are to form our Opinion of the Evidence they give, and the Credit they will be in this Country. — You know what degree of Dependance ought to be placed on the Steady Adherence to Truth of these People in their Circumstances — within and without Doors, and how Scrupulous they will be made by Fines if they find themselves allowed to give their Evidence simply without any Check of that Kind. —

I therefore cannot in Justice to the Opposed Many in whose Cause I am engaged, vote myself Competent to examine any Evidence but upon Oath — For Justice & Truth were the Motives that induced me into — must bear me through — and carry me out of this Affair. Signed. Don. McLeod

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Thereon being read Resolved the Court proceed in doing any further

J. Leslie Capt. & President

to lie on the Table for Consultation

The foregoing Papers to lie on the Table & File next Consultation

A Wynch

John Smith

Charles Smith

Cliff Wills

Fort St. George 19th June 1773

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor, President

Friday 18th June 19

John Smith — Joseph Smith

John Whitehill — Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson — John Maxwell Stone

Edward Stracey

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The Board proceed to take into consideration the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held at Trichinopoly in order to Examine into the Complaints of Lieut. Brooke &c against Capt. Calvert, and as there does not appear to the Board from the Depositions of Lieut. Brooke &c, any good Cause why this Matter should not come under the Cognizance of a Court of Enquiry it is Resolved that Orders be sent to Major Baillie to reassemble the Court Members who composed the Court and direct them to proceed on the Examination of such Evidences as they may think Proper to call before them, taking Care to caution the Witnesses to be careful in adhering to Truth in their Declarations, forasmuch any Differences or Contradictions afterwards appear when they are examined upon Oath, they will be punished with Severity. — In consequence of which Resolution the following Letter was Dispatched to Major Baillie —

The Court of Enquiry to proceed on the Examination of the Charge exhibited against Calvert &c

To Major William Baillie
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Fort St George 19th June 1793.

Sir,

The Board have laid your Letter to me of the 7th instant before us with the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held to examine into the Complaint of Lieut. Macleod against Lieut. Boulton.

We have taken into Consideration Lieut. Macleod's Application for altering our former Resolution in favor of this Mode of Proceeding, and hereby direct you to assemble the Members of the Court of Enquiry, and order them to proceed on the Examination of such Evidences as they may think proper to call before them, & report their Opinion of the Nature of the Allegations against Lieut. Boulton by Lieut. Macleod in his Memorial, and which Opinion You will be pleased to transmit to us.

You will recommend to the Members of the Court of Enquiry to admonish the Witnesses to be very circumspect in delivering nothing but the Truth, for should they afterwards be examined upon Oath and any Difference or Contradiction appear in their Examinations, they will be punished with the utmost Severity.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt
By Order of the Board
[illegible]

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The following Certificate from the Surgeon of Ensign Weir Lad State of Health and recommending a Sea Voyage is laid before the Board.—

Certificate from the Surgeon to Ensign Weir recommending a Sea Voyage—

These are to certify that Mr Weir is in a bad State of Health, and may receive Benefit from a Sea Voyage

Fort St George 16 June 1773— Gilb.t Paisley—

Permission is accordingly granted.—

granted—

Wynch
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Recorded Shuckburgh
Jacob Schrader
Sec.y

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The following Letters &c Dispatched

To the Honble Alex.r Kyd Esq.r

President & Governor &c. &c. &c. of

Fort St George

Letter from Major
Macpherson
to Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Enclosing Copy
of Letter from
Lieut.t Dove

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Commands of the 2d Instant and in consequence thereof have delivered over to Captain Dove and Lieut.t Ogle the Charge & Command of the Troops which I have been entrusted with &c. I shall now Confine myself to informing You that I intend to embark this Evening on my Journey to Bengal & have further only to add that I am with the most perfect Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t & most humble Ser.t

Ingolstadt 15 June 1793.

Thos. Flotcher

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

Hon.ble Sir

I beg Leave to acquaint You that having imbarked on the Prince of Wales Capt.n Leech, in the Month of September last instead of embarking on board the Ship appointed for that Establishment, which drove me to great Distress having with our Friends or Money to assist me in a Place where I was a Stranger, and to add to my Misfortune I was soon after my Arrival seized with Severe Illness, which confined me a Year & few Weeks ago, when I addressed the Governor Genl for an Order for a Passage on Board some of the Ships of the Season for Madras which I obtained and accordingly took a Passage with Captain Welsh

Letter from Mr John Gowing Cadet on the Establishment at Calcutta with the Reasons of his long stay there