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Went of the Ship for 150 Rupees which I paid him and put my Baggage on Board, and on my receiving notice of his having gone down the River I followed her down with the utmost Expedition in order to go on Board and proceed to Madras. But on account of the very Impetuous Weather that then happened below I was not able to go on Board of her and consequently lost my Passage. & came up to Calcutta, where I now do, and must continue to remain till I can meet with a Passage tho it will be very distressing to me after having lived here so long at a much greater Expence than I should otherwise have done.

I beg leave to assure You Sir that my long Stay here has neither been owing to any Indisposition or Neglect of mine & that the Moment I was in a condition to go on Board I applied for a Passage in manner above related, and that I will certainly take the very first opportunity of proceeding to Madras as soon as the Season will permit.

I should give leave the least Doubt of what I have related concerning my Passage with Captain Pitters. I must take the Liberty of referring You to that Gentleman for a Confirmation, who [I believe] is now at Madras. With the greatest Respect I am

Yours most obed^t Serv^t John Grant

Calcutta

15th May 1773

His Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq^r Governor President

John Smith

Joseph Smith

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Esq^r

Edward Tracy

Monday

June 21st

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The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved—

A Letter having been received from the Nabob dated

the 31st W^o wrote in a very unusual Style in reply to the President's Letter to him of the 11th W^o. The Board think it necessary that it should appear on their Minutes and it is entered accordingly as follows.

From the Nabob. Dated & received the 31st May 1773

Your Letter dated the 11th May 1773 I have not

enclosed and observed the contents. You wrote that the Number of Battalions which the Company keep upon any Account have for these Six or Seven Years past been the same, that the Charge therefore to which I so much object, is wrongly termed in the Account, and is not of Charge as should thereby appear for three new additional Battalions, but is merely a charge for a Number of Troops necessary to complete the said Number of Battalions to the Number they were at both before & during the War with Hyder Ally Khan, that you by no means pretend to affirm that I have given a written Engagement for the Maintenance of Ten Battalions of a Thousand Men each, but that such a Charge has hitherto been paid to my Account and that I have paid it, and that the Letter which passed between me and the Government here in the Year 1769 particularly that I was one of the 19 of June of that Year concerning the keeping of seven Thousand Men and the Answer of M^r Beauchamp expressing his consent thereto on Account of the Reasons urged by me, are proofs of this & further, that the Company have for a long Time past considered them as my Protectors, and thought the Number of Twelve Battalions

Lions

Letter from the Nabob ordered to be entered in Consultation.

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Lions as necessary for the Preservation of the Garrison, out of which but as
they have provisions to use they take the Payment of two upon thousands; so
that you are commended I shall grant, in whatever Light it be considered,
that a greater Expence than this is not incumbent on the Company, and
you cannot conceive with what Justice I am refused to discharge that
Share which has been expended with a View to ^{the good of} my Affairs and the Protection
of my Garrison. For this Reason you shall again send me the Amount
this I have understood.

What you write concerning my not consenting to the
ten Battalions I am much obliged to you for, and am commended it
springs from your Justice. I write the following for your Inform-
ation. — Mr. Park in his Letter of the 22^d of February 1766 calculated
the Amount Expence of a whole Year at three Lacks and thirty three
Thousand Pagodas, in which the Garrison Charges of Singaperi &
Triplicor, and other Forts in the Paigow were included, as well
as the Garrison of Madras &uddalore. — But in some of the 24th
February of the same Year I represented to that Gentlman the
Injustice there was in placing the Charges of the two mentioned Places
to my Account and my Desire that the former Expence might be
kept at three Lacks of Rupees, and accordingly he in his Account of
the 6th March agrees to the Deduction of the Charges of those Garrisons
to the great increase of the former Expence to more than the Sum
I mentioned. Copies of those Letters are enclosed. The Payment
of the Garrison of Singaperi &c. which in conformity to what Mr.
Park wrote, were thus Separated from that Account amounts to a
considerable Sum beside which the Garrisons formerly kept in
the Forts of Arcot, Salga, Wandurack, &c. are now withdrawn, & none kept in the
Fort of Palurick, Gingid & Tanager which the Garrison
thought

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thought expedient to be done, all which makes a very great Reduction in
Expense and brings the yearly Sum down to less than three Lacks -
Mr Palk however set off for Europe without sending me a particu-
lar Account, and the War began with the Commencement of Mr.
Banchiers Government. I wrote him a Letter, Copy of which comes
enclosed dated the 25th March 1767, after which that Gentleman
wrote me one of the 21st December of the same Year, acquainting
me that four Lacks of Pagodas more were expended on Account of
the War with Nizam Oudhoulah & Hyder Ally Saib, and proposing
that as the Company & I had but one Interest, if it should prove
agreeable to me, the Surplus Sum should be divided and half
paid to my Account, the Copy of which Letter is enclosed for your
Perusal. As I am a great Friend to the Company, I was unwill-
ing they should be the sole sufferers, and therefore consented to
take half upon myself in Hopes of receiving the full of the
Advantage that might afterwards accrue. But besides the non-
production of Benefit & the Devastation of the Country, the
Debit of Favor in the Dependence of Trichinopoly which
in the Times of Mr Pigot & Mr Palk was in my Possession was
given away from me. Be that as it may, after finishing the
War with Hyder Ally Saib, the Correspondence that passed between
me & Mr Banchier on the Subject of the keeping up of the Seven
Battalions, may be seen in mine of the 19th June 1769 and in that
Gentleman's of the 18th July of the same Year, and after that when the
Account was drawn out and sent to me till the End of July 1772
which you informed me was properly closed I imagined that the Com-
pact Expense of Seven Battalions was the Sum and the whole Sum
paid to my Account. In this I was ^{now} wrong as I have just now

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what Period it is your Date that the Same Number of Battalions
has been charged to my Account for Six or Seven Years Continuance.
Besides when you make my having paid extraordinary Sums in
Time of War *in View to the Benefits* which a former Governor has repre-
sented would accrue from it / as proof of my having agreed to that Expense
should I keep the three Months Accounts to the End of January 1773
in which contrary to the Correspondence of Mr Palk, Mr Bouchier &
Mr Dubois and contrary to the Account sent by yourself to the
end of July 1772 you have entered the Charge of three more Battal-
ions / you will look upon that also as a proof of my having agreed
thereto. - I am not willing that between me and You, who are an
old Friend of mine a Correspondence of this Nature should be-
come the Occasion of uneasiness & Vexations to us both. Wherefore it
is proper that an Account of the Amount of Seven Battalions
with an Account Particulars may be sent to me.

Between me and the Company there never was
any Engagement implying as you indeed mention in Yours / that
I should keep my Body of Troops at my own Expense under
their Command, so that excepting Friendship I know of no
fact that binds me. and it was the Effect of that Friendship
alone that I at first thought it reasonable to pay from the
Revenues of my own Country the Extraordinary Expences arising
from the Disturbances. and likewise what was necessary at that
Time for the Protection of my own & the Company's Possessions.
But I never could have imagined that you could have taken this Friend-
ship by argument as a Reason for the Continuance of Charges that are
indeed my Intentions. that you would at a Time when I did not
expect it / think it necessary to enter them in the Company's Books
without

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without my consent and without sending to me an Account Particulars, You would in Opposition to my most positive Orders Detentions and the Amount of one. This is not the way to increase the Friendship of Friends to press them to do something more when they are in want themselves. - For my Part have spent a prodigious Sum, I have emptied my Treasury, may am under a necessity of ruining my country in order to supply the Company with repeated Sums of Money. - It was my wish after the War with Hyder Ally saw to remove the Distress of my Country. To put it in a flourishing condition, that I might thereby be eased from the Burden of my Debts & that my People might rejoice in the Prosperity of my Affairs, for this purpose it was my Desire to have lessened the Number of Sepoys as well as my other Expenses, but in Regard to the Request & Entreaty of the Governor Council I gave permission at that Time for the keeping up of seven Battalions and I intended that by that means I should secure the Friendship of the Company, and at the same Time as these Troops were under the Command of my Friends they would be of very considerable Service also in the Affairs of the Sicar, But that has not been the Case, for they have not been of the least use to me, and I have also said that there is not a single Person who calls any one of the Sepoys of that Corps mine, notwithstanding which I have duly remitted the Pay of these seven Battalions, in hope that my Friends / so with the Company / would give better orders for the Regulations of this Matter and that I should thereby have it in my Power to obtain that the Troops paid by me should be put under my Orders. The only thing which looks like an Agreement between the Governor Council and me in

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this Matter, are those Letters which I wrote Desiring a Reduction of the Number of Seapays, & Mr Bouchier's Consent thereto, both which you quote and bring as a Proof of such Agreement. As I saw that such a Number of Seapays was unnecessary and the Load of such an Ex-
pense more than I was able to bear, I mentioned this to Mr Bou-
chier who judged my Request reasonable, I agreed to it; Now if
you from that Period have continued to take up more Seapays
than I gave my Consent and your former Governor agreed to
Equity & Justice point out that you are to be answerable for
that and not I.

Mr Bouchier in his Letter of the 17th April
1769, wrote me that the Company had taken to their own Account
three Battalions of Seapays, besides the Garrisons of Madras &
Chengalpet, Coornamall &c. Now, you have ^{increased} only two
Battalions in the Company's Account, so that the Company are
at Liberty to reduce or increase their Seapays as they please
and of course I also am at Liberty to do the same in Respect
of those that are paid out of my own Salary. The Company
in their Letter of 25th March 1772 have written that were they to bring
any Arguments to induce me to maintain a complete Body of dis-
ciplined Ten Thousand disciplined Seapays, under the Command
of their Officers, it would be throwing a Reflection on my Under-
standing. — The Court of Directors are my best Friends and
I know they have the best Intention towards me, but they
are at too great a Distance to be able to understand many of
essential Matters relative to my Country (the) are of persons &
possessing

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dear Sir, - They will know that I am the best Judge of the
State of my own Affairs, and that I can plan out the best Mea-
sures for those Expenses that my Country is able to sustain, for
this Reason they have referred this Affair to my Judgement
and I therefore now write You that I cannot now defray this
extraordinary Charge, nor will I put it in your Option to place
any Charge to my Account without my first having given my
Consent and if you send me any Books of Accounts with
any such Charge, I shall send it you back again - If the
Company have ordered you to make this unreasonable per-
quisition in this Manner, you have discharged your Duty as
a Servant of theirs - I have written my Sentiments particu-
larly on this Head to them who are my old Friends - They
are Men of Equity and will understand my Determinations
for my Part I have the greatest Regard for my Friends &
approve greatly of their Schemes, and accordingly whenever
I have occasion for it I shall with Pleasure take their Ad-
vice, but, if at some Times, when it may be necessary to settle
some Plan for the Good of my Affairs, also with Regard to
the Number of Troops I may think sufficient for the Protec-
tion of my Country, and the Mode of paying the Expenses,
which I will with the utmost of my Ability ^{with great pleasure} Discharge
when I shall desire the Assistance of my Friends / respecting
these Things they will excuse me, if I take the Liberty of deter-
mining for myself.

Desires which I should give a variety of In-
stances of my Gratitude to the Company, but I do not like they

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should write me Account upon Receipt and mix one Charge with another without End.

To conclude all this - since ^{you} ~~wherever~~ I pay Money to You, it is out of my own Friendship and Goodness of Intention which I entertain towards the Company, & since whenever I agree to a Thing from the same Principle of Friendship I reckon it incumbent upon You to obtain my Consent before You enter it on the Books - In answer to all the Questions & Arguments you have made use of I only say that I do not think it just or reasonable that I am to submit to such arbitrary Requisitions.

You do not seem to have reckoned the Pay of Eleven Battalions of Europeans, and Horse &c. which are solely under my Orders - it is to reward your Intention that for the Protection of my own Country I am also at such Expence myself, and if for the Melioration of affairs and particularly the Preservation of the Peace and Tranquillity of my Country I had acted in a different Manner, many Months would not have passed in the Councils would have become a prey to the Rapine & Burning of the Marattas is now my mentioning this for your own sake I should be under the necessity of doing it; - I have explained my Views so often concerning the present Expence that I am quite tired - I pay two Lacks and Ten thousand Pagodas for the Seven Battalions, and I have frequently told you that I think the Sum of Ninety thousand Pagodas for the whole of the extraordinary Charges &c.

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to be paid to my Account will be fully sufficient. To
take what Means in this Matter your own Prudence &
Foresight may suggest to you for your own duty - my
Mind is as I have ^{here} explained. Whichever I shall speak to
you on the Subject of any Extraordinary Expenses, when
ever you are inclined to pay, or are to form Particular
Charge among the necessary Separate Expenses, or when
ever I shall be disposed to consent to some extra Expense,
I shall pay it for you with Pleasure, but then such Agree-
ment in future shall be on certain determinate Conditions,
that such Acquiescence and Consent which is only on some
particular Occasion in order to oblige my Friends I shall
never be esteemed fixed Charges. I have therefore sent back
the Accounts & beg I may have no further Troubles about
this Affair. What shall I say more?

N.B. The Copies of the Letters said to be enclosed in
this Letter are as are received herein.

Reflections of the
said Union

Maintain the
longing Letter

The Board cannot help remarking the Style of
Authority in which the foregoing Letter is worded & couched, but
as it is the Supplication of the Honble Court, that we should
avoid as much as possible any Difference with them, and we
are convinced in the present State of this Government it is
for the Company's Interest ^{that} we should do so. It is Agreed
that the Answer be entirely in the Style of Moderation, hint-
ing only at the Difference of Style in which the foregoing

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Letter is expressed from that of former Letter received from him, and then confining it to the Subject of the current Charges and the Discharge, confirming what we have before said respecting the former and representing the Equity and Justice of his reimbursing the Charge of completing the Battalions, which it appears he still refuses, taking notice also at the same Time in mild Terms, on the unmerited Reflection we think thrown either upon this Government or ^{the} Corps of Surgeons themselves by saying they have been of no Service to him. With regard to that Part of the Letter which represents the Payments he makes to the Company as procuring security from his Friendship and good Intentions towards them, it is agreed to take no Notice of it in the Answer as we do not see any Good that can arise from it, but we do cannot help feeling the same strongly, as it evidently shews the Probable Opinion of the State of Matters between him and the Company.

The following Certificate is laid before the Board from the Surgeon of Ensign Patterson, ill State of Health & recommending a Sea Voyage for his recovery.

Surgeon's Certificate
of Ensign Patterson
ill Health.

Fort St. George
26 June 1773

That we do certify that Lieutenant Patterson has been for some Time in an ill State of Health & at present has a Tendency to Consumption, which makes a Voyage to sea necessary for his recovery.

Wrought to be Ensign Thos. Patterson

J. B. Casley
Signed

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permitted to go to
Sea

Agreed that Ensign Patterson be permitted to
make a Voyage at Sea agreeable to his Request.

General Smith lays before the Board the fol-
lowing Letter from Captain Hutton.

To Brigadier General Smith

Sir

Letter to General

Smith from Captain

Hutton applying to

be appointed to the

Officer's mess of

Company of Inwar-

ter.

Being now youngest Captain of Artillery,
without Offickonings I entreat the Favor of your Representa-
tion to the Honble the President & Council in behalf of their
appointing me to shore, as there has for three or four years
past been an overplus from the Artillery to the Infantry of
Ceylon for the Year 1770 - 595

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And as the Number of invalids are now much increased
there will of course be a greater ^{Sum yearly} Number going from the Corps
Home in, this Sir is a Hardship on me as Captain of Artiller-
y, seeing such overplus would without Doubt have
brought me to the Share of Offickonings, but the Number
of Invalids consisting of 127, which are more than a com-
pany.

When the Measure took place in 1770 of joining
the Artillery Offickonings in one Fund with the Infantry
the Honble Board were of Opinion, that the Artillery should
have their full Complement, as some of the Infantry were

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in General so much superior, and further say that all the Captains
of Artillery should share Offshootings, it is therefore I claim a Prior
right to an infantry Officer when so great an overplus is yearly going
from the Artillery Corps; and more especially as the invalids of the
Infantry are nominated in the Companies, and the Artillery on
that footing it must give me an undoubted Right to share find-
ing my Plea from the Result of Consultation, that all the Artille-
ry Captains should share Offshootings. Whether Sir you should
not think me intitled from a Right to command the Company
now under Captain Lieut. Mackay - the Command of which is vac-
ated by Major Horne, who is appointed to do Duty in this Garrison.
You on the other Hand; hope for my Interruption with the
Honble the Presidents Council, that they will be pleased to
consider me so far as to appoint me to the Offshootings
of a Company of Invalids; which permit me to observe that
being a Captain of Artillery already established can create
no new Expense to the Honble Company.

I am,

Sir, with the greatest Respect

Your most obed^t Serv^t Lieut

Chas. Clifton

Fort St. George

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Minute Book

Upon an Application from Lieut. Colonel Butler
and the Captains of Artillery it was agreed in Consultation 15th
December 1769 that the Offshootings of the Artillery and In-
fantry should be thrown into one Fund, and to be divided
amongst the Captains according to Seniority at the Rate of £4
600

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600 p. Annam, and as Captain Pitons Rank in the Army does
not entitle him to share Officiations, nor the Board to grant
his Request it would be doing Injustice to many Captains
who are his Seniors in the Service.

Wm. Pitt
John Smith
Joseph Smith.

Charles Smith
Sam: Johnson

J. W. M.
G. W. M.

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This Day the following Letter was received from
Major Baillie to the President.

To the Honble Alexander Hynch Esq^r
President & Governor &c &c of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir

Letter from Major
Baillie in the Intel.
Ligues from Tanjore -

Received the following Piece of Intelligence
since this Evening which states the Liberty of Communication
- The Tanjoreans Yesterday or the Day before were
killed, about one hundred of Bay, particularly the Horsemen.
The Officers attempted to force their way into the King - In
the Scuffle 20 Immigrants were killed and several Wounded -
When I hear further Particulars no Time shall be
lost in forwarding them - I am most respectfully -

Honble Sir

Your most ob^d &c &c Wm. Baillie

Trichinopoly
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Another Letter was this Day received from
Major Baillie entered as follows -

To the Honble Alexander Hynch Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St. George
Honble

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Honble Sir

On the Intelligence
from Tanjore

I have to Day received this further In-
telligence relative to the Tanjorians. That After Beg. chief
Sindan of Horse upon the Kings refusing the Arrows of
Pay due to him and his People, surrounded the Fort and took
every Step, to intimidate without coming to an open Battle.
He has made an Offer to the Young Nabit of changing Part-
ies, and from what I this Moment learn there is great Rea-
son to think the old Nabit from into the Dispositions. How all
will end is hard to say. At present we are to some Knowledge
Sindan is bound to make you acquainted with them.
I am with the great Respect

Treihunopoty

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Honble Sir Your most ob^d Servant
W. Baillie

A Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq. Governor, President

John Smith

Joseph Smith

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Stone

Edward Stacey

The Minutes of Last Consultation read and approved

The following Report has been received from the
Committee of Accounts

Monday
June 28th

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To the Honble. Alex^r. Wynch Esq^r

President & Governor & Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Lady

We have examined the Accounts of the follow-
ing Out Garrison for the Month of April.

Vellour Palamcottah

Amboor Ongole

Trichinopoly Vellum

Madura Camp Disbursements

of the Troops under the Command of Lieut Colonel -
Banjour, and have remarked that.

Report Order

In the Camp Accounts
are charged some Lascars,
Coolies & Artificers as fol-
lows Viz.

10 Lascars

1 Masonry

12 Coolies

3 Carpenters

1 Smith

1 Hammer Man

1 Bellows Boy

The Paymaster in the Field to be
directed to give an Explanation
of this Charge, as a Reason should
always be assigned when the Military
Funding Regulations are Deviated from

Althought

may be necessary to have

(a)

Report from the
Committee of Ac-
counts

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a Number of Surgeons & Artificers, Licensed Hoollies in Camp to
supply the Several Departments on an Emergency; yet as
this Change is not conformable to the Military Regulations
We think it incumbent on Us to report the Same to your
Honor &c.

Fort St. George
18 June 1773

Yours respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obedt. Servant
John Smith

Samuel Johnson
John Arlond
Geo. Monbray
Edw. Samuels
John Rinton
Tho. Lewin

Quines the following Certificate from the Sur-
geon.

Surgeons Certificate
to Lieut. Harding

These are to certify that Lieutenant Harding has
had a lingering Illness of many Months standing, and is
at present in so bad a State of Health that a Voyage to
Sea is thought necessary as the best Means to relieve his
Present Situation ^{very} much.

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Gill^d Pasley

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Permitted to go to
Sea

Agreed to allow Lieut. Harding to take
a Voyage for the Benefit of his Health as recommended by
the Surgeon.

Has drafted a Letter to the Nabob in reply
to his of the 31st Ult.^o which is approved and ordered to be enter-
ed as follows.

To the Nabob

Letter to the Nabob
in reply to his of the
31st Ult.^o which was
read at the Board
last Consultation.

I have been honored with the Receipt of your
Highness's Letter of the 30th ult.^o and without taking Notice of
the different Style in which it is couched from that of former
Letters addressed by your Highness to this Government, I
shall reply to such Parts thereof as appear material to
be answered.

Considering the Closeness of the Connection
subsisting between your Highness and the Company, it must
Doubtless at all Times be a particular Satisfaction to me
to be honored with your Highness's Approbation, but
the Footing on which your Highness in your above
Letter has been pleased to express your Obligation to me
varies with it a Construction so very different from
what the Words of my Letter either do or were meant to
convey, that I must take the Liberty of remarking here
that altho as in the said Letter is expressed, I will not take
upon me to say Your Highness ever gave any cause for

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formal Argument for the Purpose here mentioned, Yet, that it
is on no Account ever in any way any manner in the way to ad-
nowledge that your Highness never did agree, acquiesce or Consent
thereto, for if Consent in any Case, where this is no express formal
Argument, can be obtained, it must I think be supposed to have
in the present Case, as well from the undisputed Pay of the Charge
in Fort George for a Course of years, as from the Letters between
your Highness and this Government before quoted under date
the 19th of June & 13th July 1769. But if I may be permitted
to Judge, Your Highness seems now to have given up
this Point, and to have turned the Force of your Argument
another way. With your Highness's Leave, I will in ge-
neral Terms take up this Subject of the Ten Battalions
from the Beginning, and endeavour to show that the acquies-
tion of the Charge made on your Highness by this Govern-
ment on account of the Company for the completing of these
Battalions, is not as your Highness is pleased to term it an
unreasonable Requisition, but consistent both with Justice
and Equity. After that by the Blessing of the Almighty
and the Friendly Assistance of the Company the Carnatic
Country was almost all reduced under your Highness's
Government, it became expedient to establish a sufficient
military Force for the Protection thereof from all Enemies
and for this Purpose a considerable Pay was being
incurred the Company took a Proprietion thereof, & your
Highness agreed that Ten Battalions or Ten thousand

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Men should be kept up by the Company for that Purpose on your
Highness's Account, the Pay of which was to be defrayed by your
Highness accordingly those Battalions consisting of the above
Number of Men were so kept up on your Highness's Account
untill after the Conclusion of the Peace with Hyder Ally when
upon at the particular Desire of your Highness's Government
the distressed State of your Affairs, arising from so capital
Losses at War, & the Devastation of your Country, the Number
of Men in those Battalions, was reduced to 7000 or there-
abouts, but the Number of Battalions continued the Same.
In this State the Battalions remained untill the year 1770
when the Company considering themselves in the Character
your Highness always to regard them, the Protectors of your
Country, and having accordingly the Protection there of
most sincerely at Heart, finding by the best military advice
that besides their own Establishment of European Troops in
these Parts, twelve Battalions of Sepoys consisting of 12000
Men were absolutely necessary for such Protection, sub-
ventions accordingly to this Government for the Mainte-
nance of such a force. Two Battalions or Two Thousand of
which / as I have before had the Honor of informing your
Highness / were to be paid to their own Account the Battal-
ions or Ten thousand Men to be continued to your Highness's
Account as by your Agreement with the Port of Calcutta, conform-
able to the establishment was complicated & to do this it was
necessary to raise the Ten Battalions kept up by the Company

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say on your Highness Account to their former Numbers which
was accordingly done and these Battalions so raised & comple-
mented, have since been employed in the Defence of your
Highness Country, & for the Service & Benefit of your High-
ness. The Expense of maintaining of which notwithstanding
your Highness refuses to reimburse. Your Highness by
Gods blessing is endowed with superior Wisdom & understands
what is and what is not consistent with the justice & Equity -
give me leave to ask is it consistent with either of these that
the Company should be at the Expense of People, the Benefit
of whose Service your Highness reaps? Does not justice
say that He who reaps the Benefit ought to bear the Charge
attending it? Your Highness will in answer for lately
observe that you objected to the Expense of these People
before they were raised, & therefore that the Charge cannot
in Reason fall upon you. It is true your Highness
did then object to the Expense of these People, before they
were raised. but has your Highness ever objected to their
Service? Has not your Highness known - certainly
known that these Men have ever since their being raised
been employed in the Execution of such Service as were
deemed necessary for the Protection and welfare of your
Highness Country, & does not Justice, as I have before observed
in that Case say that He who reaps the Benefit ought to
bear the Expense attending it? I need say no good deal
more on this Subject to show on which Side the Scale of
Justice

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Justice Proprietors, & I could also point out more fully
the particular connection between Your Highness & the Com-
pany, which might possibly win the Justice hereon
the Part of the Company still stronger, but your High-
ness's Wisdom & recollection, render it unnecessary - ac-
companying therefore I have the Honor to return once
more to Your Highness the Book of Accounts containing
the Charge in Question, and trust that Your Highness
convinced of the Justice, will order the whole of the said
Account to be discharged, but if that should not be the
Case & your Highness should still continue determined
not to pay the Charge in Question, I must desire that the
Insertion of the Charge in the Account may be no hin-
drance to the Discharge of the remaining Sum, nor be
the Means of sending back the Books of Accounts, for I
shall never look upon Your Highness's ever keeping the
Account containing that Charge for Your Highness's
to imagine, while you continue to object to it as a Proof
of your having consented thereto. - The Quotation Your
Highness makes of the Company's Letter to your Highness
under Date the 26 of March 1772 is a most just one & if your
Highness will be pleased to regard the Company's opinion
& Sentiments on this Matter as any Inducement to Your
Highness's agree thereto, the inference from their Words is
clearly and evidently this - convinced themselves of the
Justice Propriety & Necessity, of the Terms of Proposing

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no Benefit from, forms a very considerable Part - Be
Your Highness Yourself then the Judge of the Justness
of this Remark.

I am now to reply to that Part of Your
Highness Letter which relates to the Ordinary Current
Charges - Your Highness says you have explained Your
Views so often respecting those Charges that you are quite
tired. I am sorry at anything that occasions the least
Trouble ^{or uneasiness} to your Highness - Your Highness however
will excuse me if I remark that in all these explanations
of your Views, altho repeatedly requested for that
Purpose, You have never informed me of the Particular
Charges, that You would wish to have abolished or re-
duced, so as to bring the annual Current Charges, to
the Amount you mention & I have repeatedly repre-
sented to your Highness that it is out of my Power to
afford this Matter of myself, but that I will with heart
and Hand co-operate with Your Highness to that
End in everything consistent with the Orders of the Com-
pany and the Good of the Service - I accordingly beg
Leave to refer Your Highness to what I said in my
last Letter on this Subject & to repeat all everything
I have therein said concerning those Charges.

What can I say in answer to that Part
of Your Highness Favor - when you are pleased to
express

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up by them on Your Highness's Account, being of the Number
thence mentioned they make no Doubt of your readily
acquiescing therein. Your Highness says you are at a
Loss to know from what Period it is I reckon that the
Same Number of Battalions has been kept up on your
Account for Six or Seven Years past. The Answer is
that from the Year 1765 a longer Term will that what
is mentioned in my said Letter. I cannot leave this
Subject of the Seaports without mentioning to Your
Highness the unmerited Reflection, I think thrown either
upon this Government or upon the Corps themselves by
your Highness in saying that they have not been of the
least ^{Use} Service to you - Such however will speak of
themselves, & I believe there is not a Man who was
upon the Expedition against Tanjore & the Dominions
of Morawan & Rattraty, but will acknowledge their
great, their vast Services. neither is this all the un-
interrupted Tranquillity which by Gods Blessing
has happily reigned in this Country from all foreign
Enemies since the Year 1769 notwithstanding it
having been as it were encompassed with Hostile Powers
nothing tho' not daring to strike a Blow at its quiet-
ness doubtless be ascribed to the respectable Discipline
of the Corps for its Protection, of which Military
I am the Corps of our Highness's

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Your Highness Yourself then the Judge of the Justice
of this Remark.

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Charges - Your Highness says you have explained Your
Views so often respecting those Charges that you are quite
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Trouble ^{or uneasiness} to your Highness - Your Highness however
will excuse me if I remark that in all these explanations
of your Views, altho repeatedly requested for that
Purpose, You have never informed me of the Particular
Charges, that You would wish to have abolished or re-
duced, so as to bring the annual Current Charges, to
the amount you mention & I have repeatedly repre-
sented to your Highness that it is out of my Power to
put this matter of myself, but that I will with best
and most coöperation with Your Highness to that
End in everything consistent with the Orders of the Company
and the Good of the Service - I accordingly beg
Leave to refer Your Highness to what I said in my
last Letter on this Subject & to repeat all everything
I have therein said concerning those Charges.

What can I say in answer to that Part
of Your Highness Favor - wherein you are pleased to
express

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express your unwillingness that between your Highness
and me there should be any correspondence that might be
the occasion of uneasiness and Trouble to us both - except it
be this to repeat what I have had the Honor to men-
tion in my last Letter that consistent with the proper
and just Discharge of my Duty to my Employers
it shall be my Study / I will add my constant Study
to do every thing that shall be agreeable to your High-
ness &

Letter from the Ruler
of the Rajah of Tan-
jore. addresses the
Reduction of his
Fort and Country
and promises a
Present of Ten
Lacks of Pagodas
to the Company if
put in possession
thereof

Had Letter from the Nabob as inserted in former
by Correspondence No. 76 dated the 18th inst. complaining
of the Rajah of Tanjore - of his having withheld the
Assistance of his Troops in the War with the Marathas
and Native Princes, altho expressly stipulated in
the Treaty of Peace that he should send his Horse &
Foot when required; that he has since committed
the Disturbances in those Parts and is now endeavour-
ing to create Troubles in the Carnatic; that there is still
remaining due part of the Money which he stipulated
to pay to the Nabob. For these Reasons the Nabob recom-
mends Measures to be taken to prevent the ill Designs
of the Rajah, and promises if he is put in possession of
the Fort & Country of Tanjore by Means of the Com-
pany

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promys Aram that he will admit of the three Battalions
of Sepoys being kept up and charged to his Account
from the Commencement of the Expedition; but if the
said Place and Country do not come into his Hands
he declares his inability to pay the three Battalions of
Sepoys. The Nabob besides paying the entire Expence
of the Expedition, promises a Present to the Company of
Ten Lacks of Pagodas.

The Committee
report their Pro-
ceedings.

The Select Committee communicates to
the Board the Substance of several conferences the
President has had with the Nabob on the Expediency
of undertaking an Expedition against Tanjore as
recited in their Minutes of the 22. 25 & 27 June toge-
ther with the Reasons which induced the Committee to
think it expedient to comply with the Nabobs request
and desires the Sentiments of the Board on this
Matter.

The Board adjourn

The Members of Council sensible of the Importance
of the Subject which is now submitted to their Determina-
tion - desire further Time to consider of it before they give
their Opinion; - In consequence of which the Board

adjourn

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adjourn till tomorrow Forenoon at 11 o'clock

Wm Smith
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Charles Smith
Sam Johnson

Wm Smith
Wm Tracy

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Tuesday
June 29th

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq^r Governor, President

John Smith Joseph Smith

John Whitehill Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson John Maxwell Sene

Edward Tracey

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The Board met according to adjournment, and having

maturely considered the Subject brought before them Yesterday

by the select Committee, entirely agree with them in Opinion

that the Company cannot be looked upon as Guaranties of

the Treaty of 1771 between the Nabob and the Rajah of

Tanjour; and that, for the following Reasons, as well as the

Reasons given by the Committee Viz.

Because, the Treaty does not express them to be
Such.

Because, the contracting Parties themselves, it is
evident, have never regarded them as such. And

Because, the Treaty of 1762 to which Treaty
the Company were Guaranties, is nowhere expressed

to be ratified or confirmed by in the late Treaty

which it must of an ability have^{been} if the Intention of
the

The proposed Expen-
diture against
Tanjour taken into
consideration.

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the contracting Parties was to have had it considered in that Light,

All Part of the Existence of a Guarantee there
Loss on the Part of the Company, being removed; the Board pro-
vid to take into Consideration the Propriety & expediency of un-
dertaking the Proposed Expedition, and whether the present
Situation is proper for undertaking it, and having done so on
the following General Grounds, particularised, in a great Measure
justify the Committee. Agree with them in Opinion that the
undertaking of the Expedition is both proper and necessary
and that the present Situation is the most proper for carry-
ing it into Execution - The Reasons there are

1st Because, it appears to them that in
Consequence of the humiliating Conditions, to which the Rajah
of Tanjore was obliged to submit at the Conclusion of the
late Peace; and the constant Approachments he is under of the
Nabob's taking Possession of his Country; it is natural & there
Reasons justify
is all he will take the first good Opportunity of joining any
Power, be it European or Country, by whose Aid, he may
think himself enabled to shake off his present Yoke, recover
his former Dignity and Power, and if possible ret. back
upon those, who were the means of reducing him to his pre-
sent State.

2^{dly} Because, the undertaking of the present
Expedition, therefore and the Rajah's total Reduction
are serious Matters of Self Defence.

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3^{dy} Because, it appears by the Materials laid before us by the Committee, that the Nabob is clearly of opinion, and we cannot contradict it, that the Marattas, unless something very extraordinary intervenes, will certainly come into the Bataughaut Country after the Ruins, and require our Assistance against Hyder, and in Case that Assistance is not granted / which we are clear should not but at the last Extremity / in Conjunction with Hyder, that they will come against the Carnatick. So that if the present opportunity, before the Ruins, be not laid hold off - and the Rajah of Tanjore is suffered to remain, there is not the least Doubt, according to our first Argument, of his joining them, which must be attended with very bad consequences, and is certainly a strong Reason for the Expedition being immediately undertaken.

4^{thly} - Because, as tho it is not impossible with a View of saving his Country, for a Time, from impending Ruin and the Enmity to the Nabob, but Hyder might join the Marattas to proceed against the Carnatick, when they are on the Borders or in his Country with a large Army, urging him with Threats for that Purpose - Yet we do not think it is likely at present when the Marattas have no large Force in the Bataughaut, nor can send any till the Month of December or January at the soonest. But Hyder will be induced by any persuasions or promises from the

Rajah

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Rajah of Tanjore, or distant Promises or Threats from the Marattas to break with us and interrupt our Operations against the former, especially as his Objects seem to be, and they are natural objects, the Recovery of the South Province and the Purging himself of those Limbs, who assisted the Marattas in their late War against him - All which not only respecting Hyder, but also the Marattas, prevents the Expediency of undertaking immediately the Expedition against Tanjore; it being clear that if the latter Power cannot send an Army into the Balanghaut Country at this Season of the Year, they cannot send one into the Poyinghaut Country, it being through the former they must pass in to the latter.

3^{thly} - Because, should this Government permit giving the Nabob Khair a Assistance for the present time, trying of this Measure into Execution, having no particular or urgent Reasons to urge against it, but those which in a Degree have almost always subsisted; in Case what is mentioned in the said Argument should come to pass, we should undoubtedly be blamed by the Company, charged with the Consequences, and accused both by them and administration at Home of not supporting when necessary the Firm Friends of the former, and the Ally of the Crown of Great Britain.

4^{thly} - Because, altho we are of Opinion that the oversetting of the Tanjore Government, considering

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the National Eye as well as that of Religion, will in some
Measure exasperate the Monastic Power. Yet our English
Means think it will alone be sufficient to make them break
with us, and whether we take Tanjore or do not take it, the
are of Opinion with the Committee, they will in either case pro-
ceed against this Country, when it shall suit the general
System of their Affairs - and not till then - And

^{thly}
7th Because, should the present System,
between the Nabob and the Company, subsist, it appears to
us, that besides the Removal of a dangerous, disaffected
internal Power from that Country, besides the Arrangements
for Money, made with the Nabob by the Committee, and
the promise promised by him to the Company of ten Lacks
of Rupees. We say besides these Things, it appears to us
that the acquisition of Tanjore to the Nabob's Government
may be productive of another Act contrary to the Company,
for by the Materials laid before us by the Select Committee:
tw. it seems that the Nabob in Case of being put in posses-
sion of the Same - engages Same Payments to the Company,
should Troubles arise in the Carnatic; It seems
he has before all along told us that should Troubles arise
in the Country, his Payments must immediately stop.
For all which Reasons, as well as the Reasons set
forth in the Minutes of the select Committee, the Board

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and of Opinion that it is expedient and necessary to undertake the proposed Expedition against Tanjore, and it is therefore Resolved, that Measures be immediately taken for carrying the Same into Execution, for which Purpose General Smith lays before the Board, the following Return of Troop required for the Expedition, which is approved, and ORDERED that the necessary Instructions be dispatched for this being put in Motion as soon as possible.

General Smith's
Return of Troops
required for the
Expedition against
Tanjore.

A Calculate of the Force necessary to be employed in the Reduction of Tanjore, and a Return of the Troops remaining in the Garrison after mentioned. 24th June 1773

Cavalry	Captain Tomy's Troop.	Rank	File
Artillery	At Trichinopoly	49	
	To join from Villam	41	
	To go from Villour	74	
	From Capt. Brown's Detach.	30	
	To go from Madras 1 Comp.	104	298
Infantry	At Trichinopoly	345	
	To join from Villam	47	
	To go from Villour	396	
	From Capt. Brown's Detach. Gun.	81	
	To go from Madras	100	
	To go from Villour Gun.	100	1069
Seapoys	1 st Captain Hopkins. Station Villam		
	3 rd Company - Villam		
	4 th Company - Trichinopoly		

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		Stations
5	Captain Cosby	Amboor
8	Brown	Madurah
9	Kelly	Madras
10	Brown	Torukinopoly

Nabob's Troops

Cavalry 1st Regiment - Lt. Campbell
 2nd Do - Captain Rumbly

Napoy

A Return of Troops remaining to form the
 following Garrisons

		Rank & File
Madras	Artillery	50
	2 nd Battalion 1 st Brigade Gun. Capt. 166	
	1 st Lih	43
	Invalids and about 1000 Privates at Bona	
	small if wanted, & since 130 Privates arrived	
	in the two last Ships	
	2 nd 6 th Battalion of Napoy - 2000 Privates	
Torukinopoly	4 Companies of the 12 th Battalion of Napoy	
	Invalid Artillery	59
	8 th Infantry	96
	Lih 1 st	102
Vellum	2 Companies of the 12 th Battalion of Napoy	
	The Europeans & Napoy of the same unit	
	for Duties	
		Madras

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Madura 5 Companies of the 7th Battalion of Sepoys

Palamcottah 5 D^o D^o

Vellour 3 Companies of Sepoys from Bangalore
100 others from Coornamale of the 1st Battalion

The Sub Europeans of the Artillery & Engineers

Amboor 2 Companies of Sepoys from Bangalore

Copy from the Originals

Wm Pitt Rivers

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Sir R. Hart and acquainting him of our Resolution to assist the Rajah to reduce the Rajah of Tanjore, in consequence of his application to us for that purpose, and hoping for his assistance in case the Safety of this Settlement should require it. It is further agreed that the Admiral be applied to for one of the Ships of his Squadron to transport the Europeans and Stores from Masulipatam to Maddalore.

Being judged necessary to have the opinion of the Chief Engineer on the Present State of the Fortifications of this Place, that the Board may be thereby enabled to take the proper Measures for putting them in a temporary State of Defence, Lt Colonel Ross is accordingly called before the Board, and lays before them a Plan of the Present State of the

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the West Face, and also Plans of temporary Works, which he pro-
poses should be erected for the Security of that Face.

General Smith and
Colonel Rops to examine
and report to the Board
the State of the West
Face.

That nothing may be omitted that is necessary
to be done for the Security of this Settlement, it is Resolved
that General Smith and Lieut. Colonel Rops be desired to
examine the State of the West Face and report the Same
to the Board, with their Opinion of the necessary Measures
for putting it in a posture of Defence.

Board desirous that the
Nabob should have
the order of the Year
1769, enforced.

The President reports to the Board that in a
Conversation he had this Morning with the Nabob, he, the
Nabob, expressed his Desire that the Order should be enforced
which was given out in the Year 1769 forbidding any Europeans
within the Company's Jurisdiction going to the Nabob without
the Permission of the Governor: that the frequent Interrup-
tions he met with, obliged him to make this Request. He
resolved that the said Order be repeated and enforced.

The President acquaints the Board that the
Nabob has desired to have an Estimate of the Extraordinary
Expence for four Months, which will be incurred by the
intended Expedition and promises to pay an equal Part of
the said Expence monthly in the course of that Time.
An Estimate is accordingly ordered to be made out and
delivered to the Nabob.

Black Officers recom-
mended for Promotion

Recommendations of Black Officers laid
before the Board for promotion.

Refused

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Before the Board Approved

Wm. Smith
John Smith
Joseph Smith.

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Sam. Johnston
J. W. M.
G. W. M.

Pursuant to the Resolutions of this Day the
following Letters were dispatched

To Messrs. Archdale Palmer and Francis Sutherland
of Sumatra at Masulipatam

Letter to Messrs.
Palmer & Sutherland
for the purpose of
the troops from
the Northwest

Gentlemen

You will be pleased on the Receipt of this
to order the Grenadiers of the European Battalion being
by a Bill to be completed to one Hundred effective Men
used to proceed directly to Masulipatam under the Command
of Captain Bridges as also all the supernumerary Officers
and soldiers and to hold themselves in Readiness to embark

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on the Shortest Notice on such Ship as may be sent to
bring them hither.

You will also be pleased to order the ~~three~~ Gren-
adier Companies of the three Battalions of Sepoys doing
Duty in the Service, to march directly for this Place, un-
der the Command of Captain George Wilson.

As Major Mitchell's Company will be re-
quired to superintend the Works carrying on at this Place
in the Absence of Lt. Colonel Poph, you will be pleased
to order him to provide hither with all necessary Supplies
Fire - leaving the Charge of the Works at Masulipatam
under the Care of Lt. Col. Mitchell. Major & Madras
Captains Stevens & Wolfe, must provide hither with all
Expeditious.

You will be pleased to send hither by the
Ship on which the European Grenadiers are to embark
all the Tools you have in Store at Mores Pithan-
patam, both for Officers & private Men - except such as
are necessary for the Grenadier Sepoys on their March
over Land. who are ^{to stand the company} to be pleased with Stores before
their Departure - The Sepoys must be informed that
they will be returned to their respective Battalions after
the Service on which they are to be employed is over.

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Yours
Gentleman

Yours affectionate Friend
M^r Wynch & Friend
To

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To Captain Alexander Duncan,

Commanding at Ongole

Sir

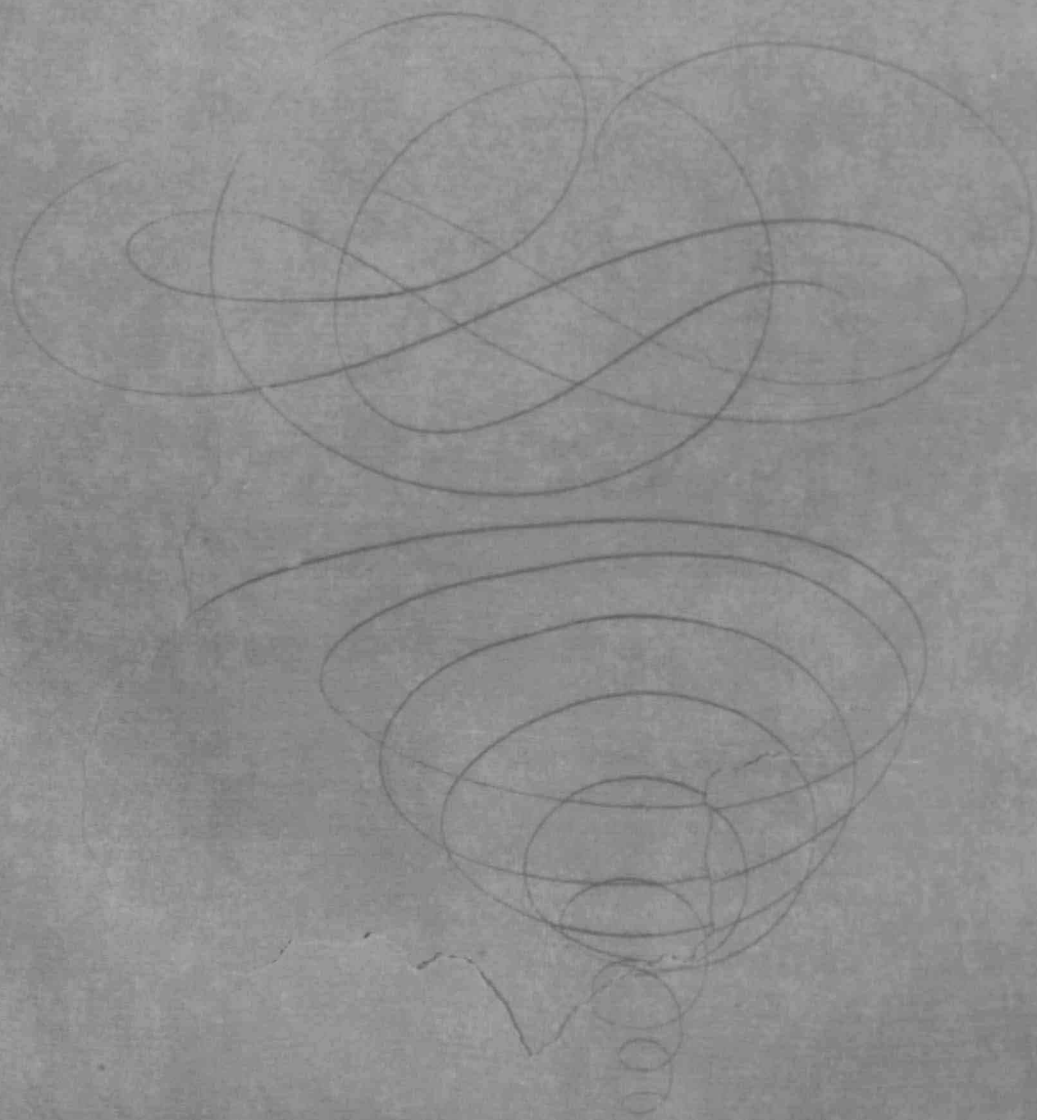
Letter to Captain
Duncan to order
two companies of
his dragoons to Villon.

You will be pleased on the Receipt hereof
to order two companies of your Battalion to proceed with
their Officers with all Expedition to Villon where they will
receive further Orders.

Yours Sir

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Your most obed^t Serv^t
Alex^r Mynck
S^r forw^t



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As a Consultation Present

Wednesday Alexander Mynck Esq. Governor President

June 30th John Smith Joseph Smith

John Whitehill Charles Smith

John Maxwell Stone

Edward Tracey

M^r Johnson indorsed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

In consequence of the Resolution of Yesterday the following Letter to Sir Robert Harland is ordered to be sent.

To Sir Robert Harland Bart.

Rear Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir,

Letter to Sir Robert Harland that the Company's Arms are to be employed ag^t the King of the Nairs and hoping for his assistance in the conquest of the Nairs of his Squadron to bring the Troops & from Masulipatam.

In consequence of an application from His Highness the Nair, we have determined to employ the Company's Arms in reducing his Tributary the Rajah of Tanjore.

As the Execution of this Enterprise will necessarily draw a considerable Part of the Troops from this Garrison we are convinced from the Reasons you have expressed

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to cooperate with us in Measures tending to the General Good that you will afford us every Assistance in your Power should we find it requisite to apply to you for that Purpose.

Finding it expedient to order one Hundred Europeans with their Officers, Trunks & Stores from Madraspatnam for this Service, we are inclined to request you will be pleased to order one of the Ships of your Squadron thither to receive them on Board and convey them to Madraspatnam.

We have the Honour to be

Sir
Fort St George
30 June 1773

Your most obed^t Servant
Messrs. Mynich & Co

Has the following Report from General Smith & Lieut Colonel Ross

To the Honble Messrs Mynich Esq

Consident Governor & Council of

Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St George

Report from General Smith and Lieut Col. Ross on the State of the Fortifications

In obedience to your Request on this day examined the State of the west Front of the Fort and are of opinion that the Plan which we have now the Honour to lay before you, if carried into immediate Execution, will with the intended Garrison, be a sufficient Protection to the Town, in case an Enemy should appear before it, not in an Army can arrive to its Relief

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The Exterior Revetment of the New Bastion ordered to be carried into Execution, to the westward of the Fort, is raised upwards of ten Feet above the Base, the Earth behind it filled in ^{in Handing} Drains to that Height and some Heaps of Earth laid upon it for the more speedy completing the Remainder, as soon as the Brick work is finished.

The interior Berm before the Bastion is formed and its Revetment finished, and entirely finished. The Lunette before the Faces is now excavating to its proper Depth, and the People are employed in forming the covert Way and Glais, which is still imperfect.

Lawrence and Pigott Bastions are taken down to the Base where the ^{Body of the} ~~the~~ new three Parks is laid open for the Purpose of laying the Foundation of the new Fortifications.

In the carrying on of so extensive a Work this Front has necessarily been thrown into great Disorder, but as it may now be proper to secure it with Temporary Works we would propose as the new Bastion is as present too low to command the Country, and can therefore only afford a Defence to the Ditch Covert Way, that Redoubts be constructed in the flanking Angles of the Covert Way to answer at a Distance, which by being low and covered in a great Degree by the Glais will yield a good Defence and proving very difficult for an Enemy to destroy. They should be composed of Strong Ground faced with Stones if

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if they are to be had; with a Ditch and Stackade before them

The Glacis should be smoothed and the front
may formed, and secured with a Palisade or Chevaux
de frise, behind which a Bank of Earth should be raised
to give them who are appointed for the Defence of it a good
Command of the Glacis. —

Temporary Carapah may be laid so far
within the Flank of the new Bastion, as not to affect the
Wall, to secure the old Ditch and face of the Collateral
Bastions; and a Cavalier should be made in the salient
Angle so constructed as to command the Country. —

A Stackade parallel to the bastion
should be continued along the Demi of the new Works without
the Fortification, to secure the Body of the Place, it will
at the same Time afford an Opportunity to prosecute the
new Works without affecting the Temporary Works. —

The Palisade should terminate on Caponiers
in the Ditch so formed as to serve as second Flanks for
the Defence of the Collateral Bastions and answer the
Purposes of Communications, they may be so terminated on
the Ravatins as to give a Defence to them Trans. —

The Fort in this State will be capable of
a Better Defence than could possibly have been made
from the old Works and Mr Benfield assures us that if
it be put under his Management, he will have it in

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The State proposed by the End of July

About 300 Infantry 50 Artillery, and two Battalions of Seaports are proposed to form the Garrison, if to these could be added in case of an Emergency four or five Hundred Mariners with 200 Seamen to assist in working the Artillery &c. He thinks it would be sufficient for the Defence of the Place until it could be reinforced.

He recommends that Guns be immediately mounted on the salient Angles of the Works, and on the Flanks.

The Fort brought to the State proposed and assurances from the Admirals of the Assistance we have judiciously sent from the Squadron, we are of opinion the Troops may stand on the intended Service without Risque. but we by no means think it would be advisable to withdraw the Troops from the Garrison in its present Condition - much we are assured of obtaining the necessary Assistance from the Fleet.

We see no Reason to suppose the Admirals would hesitate to afford us the Assistance we think necessary to come from their Capt. there should be Reason to apprehend the Appearance of a French Squadron, when it is probable he would not choose to diminish his Force, and indeed it is only at such a Situation we can suppose the Fort in Danger of being attacked by a Force equal to our own. Therefore our Security from the Assistance we would wish to draw from him by the Service of his People on Shore

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can least be depended on whenever stand most in need of them.

This we judge that from the two Battalions of Sepoys some Guards may be allotted for the Black Town we mean to be understood that from these Battalions it will not be possible to furnish a Body in any Degree to be depended on for the Defence of the Black Town in its present State should an European Enemy appear, for should that happen those Troops must be kept together for the Security of the Fort. —

It is possible the Nabob may be able to furnish some Assistance of Sepoys, those may be stationed for the Defence of the Works of the Black Town, without which it must be expected that the Black Town will be abandoned on the Approach of an Enemy. —

Indeed so much would be necessary to render those Works defensible, that we dare not assure your Honor &c. it would be accomplished by any means within our Reach at present, so that its Security might be depended on, at the same Time by having strong Guards on the Works it will give Confidence to the Inhabitants and encourage them to remain, when without such they would leave the Town at every slight Alarm and cause great Loss and Confusion.

From these Considerations of the State of the Place your Honor &c. will be enabled to determine on the Propriety of immediately undertaking the work.

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Surprise.

We are most respectfully

Honble Sir Sirs

Yours most obed^t & affec^t Serv^t

Joseph Smith

Patrick Ross.

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Minas Thunen.

The Board approve of what the General & the Chief Engineer recommended in the foregoing Report for the securing the West Face of the Fort, and every assistance will be afforded for constructing the Temporary Works with the utmost Expedition, and it is agreed that these Works be carried on by Mr Benfield until the Arrival of Major Mitchell from Masulipatam. as he has already the necessary Workmen and Materials for this Purpose - And as the Security of the Place, in case of an Attack seems to depend, by the foregoing Report, in a considerable Degree, upon the Assistance we shall receive from the Fleet, the President is desired to learn from the Admiral what Assistance he can give us, in case of an Attack from an European Enemy, and in the mean Time that the Preparations for the Expedition be made with all possible Dispatch.

The President informs the Board that he and General Smith had waited on the Rabel, and made

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made him acquainted with the Forces proposed to be left
in his Forts for their Security during the intended Expediti-
on, and that the Robot approved of the Arrangements -
but desired that three Companies of Captain Brown's
Battalion of Sepoys may be left under the command
of a Company's Officer at Caracoles in which the Board
agreed and direct that the necessary Orders be sent to
Captain Brown for that Purpose -

Read Letter from the Robot as entered
in Country Correspondence No 78 dated the 27th, with the
Sum of Pay: 229,000 - being on the following Accounts
Viz:

The List for Singapore &c Districts - 124,000 -
The List for the present Month - - 100,000
The Coonamali District - - - 5,000

Ordered, that the Receipt thereof be
acknowledged. -

Wm Smith
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Andrews Smith

Wm Smith

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The following Letter was this Day received from

Sir Robert Anland

Gentlemen

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Letter from Sir Robt
Anland intends
sending the Dolphin
& Swallow to Ma-
sajipatam, & will
give my Assistance
in his Power.

I have received your Letter of the 30th of
June, and shall be very ready to give you every Assis-
tance in my Power. Two of His Majesty's Ships, the Dol-
phin & Swallow shall be immediately ordered for Ma-
sajipatam for the Purposes you desire.

As you tell me that the Execution of
this Enterprise will necessarily draw a considerable Part of the
Troops from this Garrison, should you find it expedient
for the Present Service or for the Security of the Campa-
igns Possessions I shall be ready to send the Marine For-
ce under my Command to do such Duty, or to act in such
a Manner as may most effectually contribute to answer
these Purposes.

And should you judge it necessary to re-
quire any further Assistance of His Majesty's Ships or of
the Force under my Command, you have only to let me
know, and be assured that you will always find me
very well disposed to do everything in my Power to make
the two Services go Hand in Hand for the Benefit
of the Cause. I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen

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Gentlemen,

Alexander Wynch Esq. President }
G. J. Smith of Fort St. George. }
Youngest child of the late Genl.
M^r. Harland

Writes the following Letter to Cuddalore -
To George Dawson Esq.

Chief of Cuddalore -

Letter to Mr. Dawson

Sir

Know what number
of foreign
Bullets & Bands
you can procure
and to what
time you can -

I am directed by the Governor to request
you will with the utmost Expedition inform him what
Number of foreign Bullets and Bands you can procure
at Cuddalore, and in what Time you can procure them
for the Purpose of transporting Stores from Your Place
to Trichinopoly - You will be pleased to raise all
the Lascars you can with the utmost Expedition -

I am Sir

Youngest child of the late Genl.

M^r. Peter G. J.

Fort St. George

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Dispatches the following Letter to the Genl.
at Masulipatam. -

To M^{rs}. Archdale Palmer & Francis Bourdan
of Masulipatam -

Gentlemen

Lascars

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Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam
to return to embark
the Troops & Stores
on the Dolphin &
Swallow to Judda.
Done. / -

I am Directed by the Governor Mainsick
to inform you that the Dolphin Frigate & Swallow
Sloop of War are now dispatched to Masulipatam in order
to take on Board the Europeans & Stores, which you were
Directed to have in Readiness for that Purpose, and to
convey them to Juddalore. -

You will therefore be pleased to use the
utmost Expedition in getting on Board the European
Company of Gunners equipped to one Hundred Men
with the Officers & Cadets, and as many Tools as you
have in Store at Ellore & Masulipatam except
such as are wanted for the Sepoys on their March
over Land. -

I remain

Gentlemen

Your most ob. Servant

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Will. Patrick Esq.

At a Consultation Present.

Friday
July 2 -

Alexander Mynck Esq. Governor President	Joseph Smith
John Smith	Charles Smith
John Whitehill	
Samuel Johnson	
Edward Tracey	

Mr

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Mr. Stone absent.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Miss^{rs} Wynch &
Macpherson Com-
missionary & Paymas-
ters.

The Board having assembled on the Business of the other Department, make the following appointments with the Army Viz. Mr. William Wynch Commissary & Mr. John Macpherson Paymaster.

Mr. Charles Mor-
daunt to the Ma-
nagement of the
Grain.

General Smith recommends that Mr. Charles Mordaunt may be appointed to the Management of the Grain in Camp. with the Army, to which the Board acquiesce as it was found necessary during the Marawon Campaign to have a Camp-magazine. Servant invested with the Charge of Mr. Charles Mordaunt is accordingly appointed.

General Smith lays before the Board an Indent of Stores wanted for the ensuing Expedition, which is delivered to the Military Storekeeper and directed to get the Stores in Readiness, according to the said Indent, with all possible Expedition and orders will be immediately sent to the several Storekeepers at the Out-garrisons to provide

The

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The Stores required from their respective Clauses -

Wynne

John Smith

Joseph Smith

Circumstances Smith

Sam^l Johnson

Wynne

Wynne

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A Consultation Present

Saturday
3^d July -

Alexander Mynck Esq^r Governor, President

John Smith

Joseph Smith

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson John Maxwell Senr

Edward Stacey

The Minutes of last Consultation read and
approved -

The President General Smith having
pursuant to the Desire of the Board conversed with Sir
Robert Auland on the Subject of the Assistance which
he may be able to afford us in Case of an Attack from our
European Power during the Absence of the Army the
General declares himself satisfied with the Admirable
Offer of assisting us with the Force under his Com-
mand to the utmost of his Power, in Case it shall be
found necessary to require it, and signifies his Opinion
that the Expedition may now be undertaken with
Safety. -

Major Hoone Quar-
ter Master General.

General Smith begs leave to recommend
Major Hoone to be appointed Quarter Master General

During

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During the intended Expedition to which the Board present
and Major Hornum is appointed accordingly.

The Following is a Statement of the Militia
now received from England by the Ships of this Season.

By the Worcester	Captain Cooke	-	67 armed	20 May
Kent	Thompson	-	66	1 June
Consborne	Hough	-	61	11 -
Stormont	Rogers	-	70	27 -
Huntington	Pigou	-	62	D.
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Witness
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Witness
James Johnson

Witness
W. Tracy

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July - 3

Despatched the following Letters -

To Mr William Cuming

Storekeeper and Paymaster, at

Madura -

Sir,

Letter to Mr Cuming
to Supply Captain
Godfrey's Battalion
of Sepoys, with
what they want for
the March to Trin-
comopoly -

Lieut Colonel Brathwaite has received
Orders to dispatch Captain Godfrey's Battalion of Sepoys
with their Field Guns, Some Battering Guns and
Mortars for Trincomopoly, and you are hereby directed
to supply them with the necessary Stores, Bunkers and
Lascars for the March. The Nabob has sent Orders to his
Manager at Madura to supply you with everything
you may want from him -

Enclosed with this you have an Indent
of Stores, which you are directed to supply & send to
Trincomopoly under Charge of Captain Godfrey, if they
can be got ready in Time.

I am

Fort St. George Sir
3 July 1773 -

Your most Obedt Servt.

W. Petrie Lieut

To Mr William Light

Paymaster & Storekeeper at Vellum

Sir,

Letter to Mr Light
with an Indent of
Stores wanted from
Vellum -

Accompanying this you have an indent
of

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of Stores, which you are directed to supply and hold in Readiness
for the Arrival of the Troops at Villam.

Sir
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Your most obed^t Serv^t
Wm. Petrie Esq^r

To Mr James Henry Cassamajor
Storekeeper and Paymaster at Vellore

Sir

Colonel Lundy has this Day received

Letter to Mr Cassamajor
for to provide the De-
tachment with Bullocks
Carriages &c. and to fur-
nish Stores according
to the indent.

Orders to march the Battalion of Europeans, Some Artel-
lery Captain Poverys Battalion of Seaports to Trichin-
opoly with all possible Expedition, and you are in con-
sequence of those Orders hereby directed to supply the
Troops with the necessary Stores, Provisions, Bullocks Car-
riages and Coolies for their March, taking Care to send a
proper Person to attend the Europeans.

The accompanying Indent of Stores
you will be pleased to comply with, and send under charge
of the Troops to Trichinopoly.

Sir
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Your most obed^t Serv^t
W. Petrie Esq^r
To

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To Mr. Alexander Davidson

Paymaster and Storekeeper at

Trichinopoly

Sir,

You will be pleased on the Receipt here

Letter to Mr. A. Davidson, with an Indent for Stores and to get everything in Readiness for the Expedition on

of to get in Readiness with all possible Expedition the Stores specified in the accompanying Indent; You will also give Orders for repairing the Boats, providing as many Lessons as you can in the Service.

And you are further Directed to col-

lect a Number of good Serviceable Draught and Carriage Bullocks to be in Readiness to march with the Troops which are to rendezvous at Trichinopoly. and if in procuring of Bullocks you require any assistance from the Nabob's People you will please to apply to the Nabob's Manager for that Purpose.

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We are Sir

Your affect. Friends

Mrs Wynch & Co.

Delivered the following Letters to Mr

Wynch Commissary and to Mr. Macpherson Paymaster

to the Army.

To Mr. William Wynch

Sir

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Sir,

Letter to Mr Mynck
Commissionary to the
Army -

You are appointed Commissary to
the Army which is ordered to assemble at Trichinopoly
under the Command of Brigadier General Smith
you will therefore proceed thither with all convenient
Expedition -

You have herewith a Book of Orders
Rules and Regulations for your Guidance -

Yours

Sir,

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Your affectionate Friend
Alex^r Mynck Esq
Commissary

To Mr John Mactherson

Sir,

Letter to Mr Mactherson
Commissionary to the
Army -

You are hereby appointed Paymaster
to the Army which is ordered to assemble at Trichinopoly
under the Command of Brigadier General Smith
you will therefore proceed thither with all convenient
Expedition -

You have herewith a Book of Orders
Rules & Regulations for your Guidance -

Yours

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Sir

Your affectionate Friend
Alex^r Mynck Esq
Commissary

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Wrote the following Letter to Sir Robert

Harland.

To Sir Robert Harland Bart.

Rear Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir,

Letter to Sir Robert
Harland.

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter
of the 1st Instant, and return you our sincere Thanks for the
Readiness you have expressed to afford us every Assistance
in your Power, and to cooperate with us in every Measure
conducive to the Good of the Publick Service.

We have the Honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t humble Servants

Fort St. George

Messrs. Mynch

J^r. Comish

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The following Letters were this Day wrote

To Colonel Ross Lang.

Commanding at

Sir,

Pellice.

Letter to Col. Lang

for the march of
the Troops to Trin
comopoly.

On the Receipt hereof you will be pleased
to issue orders for the following Troops to march to Trincomopoly
with all possible Expedition. The 1st Battalion

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of the First Brigade, Twenty four Artillery Men, with the following Artillery Officers. Captain Donald Mackay, Lieutenant Drummond, Lloyd & Lt. Finvorther. Fort and Captain Corbys Battalion of Seapays with their Field Guns. The Storekeeper Mr. Jasanajor has received orders to furnish the necessary Stores, Darts, Bullets, Lascars & Cartridges, and a Surgeon from your Garrison must attend the Troops on their March.

You will order eight Companies of Captain Corbys Battalion of Seapays to supply the Place of the before mentioned Troops in the Garrison of Vellore and the other Two Companies of the said Battalion to remain at Ambor.

Seven Companies of Seapays from Ongole are ordered to Vellore, Upon their Arrival Four Companies are to remain at Vellore & Two at Ambor. Captain Corbys Battalion with their Guns, will then receive orders to join the Rest of the Troops at Trichinopoly.

Lt. Finvorther Johnson is to remain with the Charge of the Artillery in the Garrison of Vellore. and Lt. Gills to repair hither with all convenient Expedition.

As the Loss of General Smiths and a considerable Part of the Forces from this Settlement renders it indispensably requisite that an Officer of high Rank and Experience should have Charge of this Garrison,

experience

this

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more especially at this Time when the west Side of the Fort is not in a State of Defence; we have accordingly appointed you to this Command, and you will be pleased to repair hither upon the March of the Troops in your Garrison for Trichinopoly, leaving Major James Fitzgerald in the command of Villore.

Yours

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Your most obed^t Serv^t

Alex^r Wrench Esq^r Surgeon

To L^d Colonel Brathwaite

Commanding at Madras

Sir,

Letter to Colonel
Brathwaite with
Orders for the March
of Captain Godfrey's
Battalion to Trichinopoly.

Upon the Receipt here of your order be pleased to order Captain Godfrey with his Battalion of Sepoys to march to Trichinopoly, and to take under his Charge the four 12^{lb} & the Mortars which were left at Madras after the Maravar Expedition properly equipped with Ballistics & Lascars. The Storekeeper will receive Orders to supply the Ballistics and Lascars and every other Thing requisite for the March. You will also be pleased to order Mr Duffin to Trichinopoly, and a Surgeons Assistant will be sent to Fort St George to supply his Place at Madras.

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Yours

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Alex^r Wrench Esq^r Surgeon

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To Major Baillie

Commanding at Trichinopoly

Letter to Major
Baillie with
Instructions for
the Company for
operations at
Trichinopoly

Sir,

An Expedition to the Southward being
determined upon You will be pleased to issue the necessary
Orders for the Troops in your Garrison to be in Readiness
to take the Field at the Shortest Notice - Orders have
been sent to the Storekeeper to prepare everything Depen-
dant on his Department with all possible Expedition

You will further be pleased to commu-
nicate to Us any Intelligence you may receive of the
motions of the Tamaricans or of Hyder Ally, and for
this Purpose you will endeavour to entertain in the
Service a sufficient Number of trustworthy experienced
Hussars

You are likewise directed to send a Sur-
geons Assistant to Madurai to supply the Place of Mrs
Duffin, who is ordered to attend the Troops in the Field

Yours most obed^t Serv^t

Res^d Wynch

Per^l Council

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To Major Harper

Sir,

Commanding at Vellum

Letter to Major
Harper

Having determined upon an Expedition
to

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Amper. to be upon
his Guard ag. any
Attempt which may
be made by the
Tangerians and to
hold the Troops in
Readiness for the
Field.

To the Southward, we think it necessary to give you this infor-
mation that you may be upon your Guard against any
sudden Attempts which may be made upon your Garrison.

You will be pleased to transmit to us any
Intelligence which you may receive of the Motions of the
Tangerians, taking Care to proceed with such Caution as
to give them no Suspensions of your Intentions and to
hold the Troops in your Garrison in Readiness to take the
Field on the Shortest Notice

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We are Sir Your most obed^t Servant
Alex^r Mynch
Lieut^{nt} Colonel

To Captain George Brown

Commanding a Detachment of Troops to the
Southward.

Letter to Captain
Brown from with
his Detachment
to Trichinopoly

Sir,
You will be pleased on the Receipt here to
leave three Companies of Sepoys under the Command of
a trusty Officer in Charge of ^{the} Garrison that I have and
to march with the Remainder of your Battalion, the
European Company of Grenadiers, the Artillery and
26thth to Trichinopoly, where you will put yourself
under the Command of Major Baiter until further
Orders.

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We are Sir Your most obed^t Servant
Alex^r Mynch Lieut^{nt} Colonel

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A Consultation Present.

Monday
5th July

Alexander Weych Esq. Governor, President

John Smith

Joseph Smith

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Esq.

Edward Stracey.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and ap-

proved.

The Nabob having signified his Desire that in Case of the Reduction of Tanjore, the Fort and Country with such Stores &c. as may be found therein, shall be delivered over to his second Son Madanul Mulk Bahadur, it is therefore RESOLVED that General Smith be instructed to do so in Case the Place falls into his Hands by Capitulation, but should the Place be taken by Storm the Board can have no Power to dispose of the Plunder as it is acknowledged to be the Property of the Captors.

The following Instructions to General Smith being prepared are now read and approved by the Board.

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith

Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Instructions to
General Smith

Sir,

Having in Consideration the Nabob's
Desire

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Desires, resolved to afford him the Assistance of the Company's Arms
for the Reduction of his Tributary the Rajah of Tanjore, we
have appointed you to the Command of the Expedition and the
Rajah has assured Us that whatever Part of his Troops may
be employed thither, shall be put immediately under your
Orders.

We are entirely in Opinion with the Rajah
in Respect to the Danger of suffering a Power so disaffected to the
Government at Tanjore to remain in the Heart of the Province
and as the Rajah has expressed to Us his Desire in the strongest
Manner his earnest Wish that the Rajah be effectually over-
laid, We shall rely upon your taking such Measures as
shall appear ^{to you} proper for the Accomplishment of the Object of
the Expedition by the entire Reduction of Tanjore.

Altho we have no Reason to apprehend
that any Troubles will arise to retard or put a Stop to the
Enterprise, nevertheless should any unforeseen Event render
it necessary to desist from our Operations against Tan-
jore, and compromise Matters with the Rajah, in that
case it will be proper that all Negotiations be left solely
to the Rajah's Son Muddaiah M. Mulk Behauder,
whom the Rajah has named for that Purpose - and
in Case of the Reduction of Tanjore by Capitulation,
the Fort and Country with such Stores effects &c. as may
be necessary are to be delivered over to the Rajah's Son Muddaiah
daar

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dear Mr. Mutch Behander whom he has appointed to take the Charge thereof. We have however informed the Nabob, that in case the Place be taken by Storm we have no Power with Respect to the Disposal of the Plunder that may be found therein.

As the Troops during the last Expedition against Tanjore were exposed to great Distress by the Want of Provisions, the Nabob has given us the Strongest Assurance that he will afford ample supplies of Rice, Bullocks, Sheep and all other Necessaries, that the Service may suffer no Delay on that Account; it will therefore be necessary that you pay particular Attention to this important Business, and that you do not march from Trichinopoly until you can depend upon being furnished with the necessary Supplies to enable you to prosecute the Expedition without Interruption.

We have appointed Mr William Hynch Commissary, & Mr John Macpherson Paymaster to the Army, and also Mr Charles Woodcock to the Charge of the Grain in Camp.

We firmly wish you Success and earnestly recommend it to you to give us the most regular Information of all Occurrences.

Yours

Yours most ob^d Servants
Messrs Hynch & Macpherson
Ordered

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Ordered that Lt Colonel James be appointed

to command the Detachment from
Trichinopoly -
Lt Col. Vaughan
be Detachment from
Vellore.

to the command of the Detachment ordered to Trichinopoly with the Stores, consisting of the European Company of Grenadiers of the 2^d Battⁿ 1st Brigade, a Detachment of Artillery five Companies of Captain Kellys Battalion of Seapoy, and it is further resolved that Lt Colonel Vaughan be ordered to Vellore to take charge of the Detachment & Stores ordered from Trichinopoly.

Letter to the Board
Mr

Read Draft of a Letter to the Board as entered
in General Correspondence. It is in Reply to his on the Subject of the Tanjore Expedition. - Approved and ordered to be sent.

Ordered that allowance be made out for General Smith empowering him to hold General Court Martial in the Army under his command.

The Secretary lays before the Board Regulations for funding Lt. the European Cavalry which he received from Captain Tomyer - upon Examination it appears that Captain Tomyer has formed his Regulations from the Terms of Captain Lowrys Contract, to which the Board cannot consent, for it never was their Intention to allow more than what was given to Captain Kerthorn.

At the

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Alas it does not appear from a Minute of Consultation in
last that the Board agreed to contract with Captain Tonnyn in the
same Manner as with Captain Cowley, an oversight the Board
were led into from Captain Tonnyn's Letter, wherein he directs that
that he accepts of the offer of the Board for taking the Contract on
Captain Tonnyn's Terms, an offer which they never made or intend
ed to make. On the contrary it is evident from the Letter which
passed between the Secretary and Captain Tonnyn on this Sub-
ject last Year, that the Contract as held by Captain Kercher
was tendered to Captain Tonnyn, but not the most distant
idea given of any other. - This being the plain State of the
Case, it is resolved, that Captain Tonnyn be informed that
if he chooses to contract for the European Troop on Captain
Kercher's Terms it is well, if not, that the Board cannot
enter into any other.

General Smith begs Leave to enter the follow-
ing Minute

General Smith
recommends the
Appointment of
an Adjutant
General -

General Smith requests the Board will in-
dodge him with the Appointment of an Adjutant General
during this Campaign only; As such a Number of Adjutants
have been lately appointed to the several Corps a part of
his Duties becomes necessary for the Regulation of the
several Duties and Details of the Army. Captain Es-
ley solicits the Appointment, and will act without whole
Pay or any other Allowance for that Duty and Gen-
eral Smith recommends him as an Officer well qualified
for

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for the same

Captain Corby
appointed Adjutant
General
during the campaign

The Board, on the recommendation of
an Adjutant General, for the ensuing campaign, find
such appointment is represented by the General as necessary
for the Service and as Captain Corby is recommended
as being an Officer well qualified for that Duty
He is accordingly appointed to act as such during the
Campaign without Pay or Allowance.

The Rev. Mr.
Salmon Captain

The Reverend Mr Salmon is appointed
Chaplain to the Army in the Field.

Wm
John Smith
Joseph Smith

Charles Smith
Sam: Johnson

Wm
Gracy

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Pursuant to the Resolutions of the Day the
following Instructions were delivered to Lt. Colonel Vaughan

To Lt. Colonel Vaughan
Sir,

Letter to Lt. Colonel

Vaughan to march
with the Detach-
ment from Villora
to Trichinopoly

The Board have thought proper to appoint
You to the Command of a Detachment of Troops con-
sisting of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Brigade a Detach-
ment of Artillery Captain Poyrys Battalion of Seapoy
which are under marching Orders from Villora to Trichi-
nopoly. You will therefore proceed to Villora
with all convenient Expedition to Villora for the Pur-
pose aforementioned.

A Quantity of Stones will be put under
your Charge which you are to escort to Trichinopoly but
Should your March impeded by them you
will be pleased to proceed with the Troops under your
Command leaving a proper Guard of Seapoy to bring
on the Stones, but as every much depends upon the Ex-
pedition with which these Stones are conveyed to Trichi-
nopoly. I depend upon you using every Means in
your Power for hastening this March. The necessary
Orders have been sent to Villora for supplying you with
everything requisite for your March.

Upon your Arrival at Trichinopoly you

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will receive your Orders from General Smith

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I am Sir Your most ob^d Serv^t

Alex. Weymouth
Gov^r

Despatches the following Letter to Colonel
Lang commanding at Vellore

To Colonel Ross Lang

Commanding at Vellore

Sir,

Letter to Colonel
Lang to send the
Goods to the
Vellore

St. Colonel Vaughan has received Orders
to proceed to Vellore and to take Command of the Troops
which you have been ordered to hold in Madras for
marching to Trichinopoly, you will therefore be pleased
on his Arrival to issue the necessary Orders and to put
under his Charge the Stores which are to be supplied
from your Garrison according to an Indent transmitted
to the Storekeeper. Success will depend upon the
 speedy Arrival of the Troops and Stores at Trichinopoly.
I request you will use every Means in your Power
to hasten their March from Vellore.

Mr. Colly Lucas is directed to accompany
the Detachment as Surgeon

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I am Sir Your most ob^d Serv^t
Alex. Weymouth Gov^r

Wrote

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Write the following Letters

To Messrs Archdale Palmer & Francis Bourdain
in Council at Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Letter to the Council
at Masulipatam
to send the European
Doctors to the
Southward.

I am directed by the President Council
at Masulipatam to be pleased on the Receipt hereof to
order the European Doctors who were sent from there
to Masulipatam to proceed to their under charge of the
Gentleman Seapay.

I am

Yours
Fort St George
5th July 1773

Your most obed^t Serv^t
W. Pittier Secy.

To George Dawson Esq^r

Chief of Cuddalore

Sir

Letter to Mr. Dawson
at Cuddalore
concerning the
sending the Trunks and
Boxes for Trunk
in a day.

I have received your Letter of the 2nd inst^t
in reply to the Directions transmitted you respecting Bullocks
Boxes &c. through our Secretary.

The Trunks and Boxes which you mention
on being layed at Dindigul must be removed to Coles
Road or Chulumburam as may be most convenient and
from thence transported to Trichinopoly with all possible
speed.

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The Expedition -

Orders have been sent to Masulipatam for the European Grenadiers of the Battalion in the frigates with their Trunks and Stores to be embarked on his Majesty's Vessels the Dolphin & Swallow in order to be conveyed to Madras, and when they are landed they are to proceed to Trichinopoly, with Captain Tanyers Troop & two Companies of your Scapays taking under their Charge the Stores in order to escort them to Trichinopoly; and when this Service is performed the two Companies of Madras Scapays are to return to their Station there -

You will be pleased to provide everything that is requisite for the march of the aforementioned Troops to Trichinopoly, and Captain Tanyers Cavalry are to be equipped with Bullocks, Carriages, Passes &c. in the manner allowed in the Contract with the late Captain Ker. As very much depends upon the Expedition with which the Stores and Troops are provided to Trichinopoly, I depend upon your having everything in Readiness for this March that the Service may not suffer by any Delay.

I am Sir

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Your most obdt Servant
Alex. Wynch Esq.

Received the following Letter from Madras
Mr. Dawson at Madras -

To

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To the Honble. Alexander Mynck Esq^r

President & Governor of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

Letter from Mr

Dawson request-

ing Carriage Bul-

locks and Bands

- Timbers and Planks

laying at Divis-

tal -

I have this instant received your Letter

requesting to be informed what Number of Carriage

Bullocks and Bands can be procured at this Place

and in what Time for the Purpose of transporting them

to Trichinopoly: Also an Order to raise all the Passes

I can.

From the last account I am procured from

just 300 Carriage Bullocks and 60 Bands may

be collected from the Country and this Place together

in ten Days Time: It is possible to procure more

I will.

The Passes will raise with the utmost

Expedition.

There is laying at Divis-tal a Number of

Timbers and Planks intended for Platforms, which have

sent hither for the Siege of Tanjore. As the Season

will now admit of their being transported to Trichin-

opoly if you think proper I will dispatch them

Ordered and the Returns of this Garrison for

last Month I am with Sir,

Yours

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Honble Sir Your most obed^t Servant
Cuddalore Geo. Dawson
2nd July 1773

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Delivered the following Instructions to
Lieutenant James appointed to the Command of the
Detachment ordered to Trichinopoly.

To Lt Colonel James

Sir

Instructions to Lt
Colonel James to
march the Troop
from him to Trichi
nopoly

You are appointed to the Command of a
Detachment of Artillery, European Infantry & Sepoys
now under marching Orders for Trichinopoly with a
Convoy of Stores Returns of which will be delivered to
you and you will be pleased to leave four companies
of Sepoys to work such Stores as cannot be got
ready before your Departure.

Enclosed you have the Route by which
you are to march, and you will be careful that the
Troops under your Command behave in an orderly
Manner, that they do not molest the Country Peo-
ple, and that they pay for everything they receive. The
Nabob will appoint proper People to attend you en route
with the Detachment with such Provisions and Muni-

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as they may require, which will be paid for by the Paymaster who accompanies the Detachment upon your writing the Articles delivered to the Troops, and who will take Receipts for the Amount of what is so delivered.

You will be careful to advise me constantly of your Progress and of every material Occurrence.

I am Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Alex^r Wynch Esq.

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Route from Madras to Trichinopoly.

From Madras to Chingleput.	15.
Chingleput to Enangoly.	5
Enangoly to Atchiravank.	4
Atchiravank to Vilacore.	4
Vilacore to Indiraum.	5
Indiraum to Vikravandy.	8
Vikravandy to Vilaperum.	4
Vilaperum to Trivimallor.	8
Trivimallor to Villandore Pettah.	7 1/2
Villandore Pettah to Balladuyore.	9
Balladuyore to Jumariddi Chitram.	4 1/2
Jumariddi Chitram to Velonda.	4 1/2
Velonda to Vaitatore.	8
Vaitatore to Samayavarum.	4
Samayavarum to Pichunda fort.	2 1/2
Pichunda fort to Trichinopoly.	1 1/2

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Enclose the following Letter from Colonel Lang in
closing and which he received from Mr Lucas Surgeon
at Vellore as inclosed hereafter.

To the Honble. M^{rs} Mynch

President's P^{ty} Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Miss

Letter from Colon
and Lang

I am favoured with your Orders Dated the
4th Instant, which shall be strictly complied with
in every Particular.

M^r Buckett proceeds with the Troop
M^r Lucas having reported himself unfit as you will
see by his Letter, which I send under for your Consideration.

I am Honble Sir & Miss

Vellore

6th July 1773

Your very Obedt Serv^t
Prop Lang.

To Colonel Lang

commanding at Vellore

Sir,

Letter from Mr Lucas
as Surgeon and
sent to Colonel Lang
Dated 2nd July 1773
on both sides

In answer to your Message I beg leave
to inform you, that from my constant Attendance in the
Field, I am very much in India my satisfaction is so
much

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much impaired that I am apprehensive I should be unable
to bear the fatigues of a campaign. of this I informed the
General by Letter a few Days since, at the same Time ex-
pressing him that if my Attendance was indispensably
necessary I was ready at the Hazard of my Life to per-
form my Part.

As the General has not favored me with an
Answer. I doubt not my Attendance can be dispensed
with.

I therefore Request Sir that you will be
pleased to consider me on this Occasion as only fit for Gar-
rison Duty and report me accordingly.

I am Sir

Yours very obed^t Serv^t
Colly Lucas

Vellore
6th July 1773

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Received the following Letter from Capt.
Duncan commanding at Ongole.

To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq.

President and Governor & Councils of

Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St George

Letter from Captain
Duncan advising
of the March of the
Leaves ordered to
Vellore.

Your Order of the 29th Ult^o. I had the

Honor to receive here the 2nd Inst^o. at Nine of Clock A. M.

I am

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In consequence whereof Seven Companies of my Battalion
under the command of Lt Carnegie / Lt Baring being put
have marched from hence very early this Morning with
orders to proceed to Vellore with all Expedition. Ensigns
Douglass Fotheringham & Dalrymple, with Mr Grant
factor are gone along with the Detachment.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Mrs

Original
4th July 1773

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Alex^r Duncan

The following Letter was this Day received
from Mr. Duncan at Madras.

To the Honble Alexander Mynich Esq.
Commandt Governor of Fort St George
Honble Sir,

Letter from Mr. Duncan
on the subject
of raising the Tim
ber to Chellamburam
from Coimbatore

I received your commands of the 3rd inst.
and in consequence ordered the Timbers at Dindigul to be
rafted up the River to Chellamburam, to which place it
will be necessary that Transport furniture, as ordered to
accompany them. The Timbers are too unwieldy for any one
of furniture I can continue this way more especially as
Expedition is required.

You may depend upon my best Endeavor
to furnish without Delay the Troops from Coimbatore
with necessary furniture.

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Permit with great Respect

Honble Sir,

Cuddalore
7th July 1773

Your most obedt Servant
Geo. Dawson

As Colonel James being unable from indis-
position to proceed with the Detachment to Trincomopoly
Major Thomas Fletcher was this Day ordered to take
charge thereof and the following Instructions were accord-
ingly delivered to him

To Major Thomas Fletcher -
Sir,

Letter to Major
Fletcher to take
charge of the
Detachment to
Trincomopoly

As the Indisposition of Colonel James
prevents him from marching with the Detachment under
his command, you are hereby directed to take upon you
the command thereof and to the Southward according
to the enclosed Route -

Captain Clifton has received orders to con-
duct the Detachment to the Mount, and to deliver over
the command to you there.

As soon as Colonel James's Health
will admit of his Travelling, he will follow the Detach-
ment, and upon his arrival and taking upon himself the
command you have permission to proceed to Trincomopoly
in what Manner you think proper.

For

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For your Guidance on the March I have sent
you a copy of my Orders to Dr. Col. James, to which I have
only added; that, as most of the Europeans are young &
crude, it will be necessary to expose them to the Heat of the
Sun as little as possible.

I am Sir Your most obed^t Serv^t
Hes. Wynne

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Herewith following Letter to the President
and Council of Bombay.

To the Honble William Hornby Esq^r
President and Governor & Council of
Bombay
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to the President
& Council of Bombay
requesting of the
intended Expedition
against Tanjore -

On the Application of the Board for
the Assistance of the Company's Arms to reduce the Fort of
the Rajah of Tanjore, we have ordered the Troops into the
Field under the command of General Smith for the
accomplishment of this Object, and we flatter ourselves that every
thing will be in Readiness for laying Siege to the Capital
of Tanjore in the course of next Month.

At the same time we have
approved

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approach hostile attempts from the Mahometans. yet
Mr. Mosby has been desired to be attentive to him and
to advise us of the Measures they may take and as far as he may
be able of their Views and Designs.

Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed^t Servant
H. Mynck Esq^r

Fort St George
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The two following Letters were this Day received
To the Honble H. Mynck Esq^r

President Governor & Council of
Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St George

Your Commands of the 3^d Instant shall be
pointedly obeyed. and the Troops of this Garrison hold in
Readiness to march at the Shortest Notice

What comes to my Knowledge relative to
the Moves of Syder Ally or Transactions in Tanjore I
will not fail transmitting to the Honble Board and the
good Annals make me scarce, I doubt not to find some
who may answer the Purpose in a Satisfactory Manner

Mr. John Singleton Esq^r is to be present
Tomorrow or next Morning for Madras. I have the
Honour to be with the greatest Respect

Honble

Stephen Major
Barrister at Law
no. 14

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Honble Sir Sirs

Trukinopoly
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Yours most obed^t and most devoted
William Baillie

To the Honble Alex^r Monck Esq^r

President Governor &c. Council of

Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St. George

Letter from Major
Wemyss with the
intelligence from
Sangore.

I was favored with yours dated the 3^d
Instant this Morning, and you may be assured I will
take the greatest care to keep the Garrison Alert in order
to prevent any Surprise, and shall duly observe your
Instructions in every Circumstance.

Intelligence from Sangore by Honevells
A Vachell from Hydrie remains near
the Fort - but is taken little Notice of - nor does the
King even allow him Battle, according to the Customs
of the Country.

The King has wrote lately to the Marattas
who have a Vachell now with them.

A Vachell from the King of Mandia
arrived here some Days ago with some presents

(but

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but on what Account I do not yet learn.

Yesterday they began to employ People to
level the Esplanade, and make little Shades in the
Court Way.

I remain with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. Servt.

H. Harper

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Mynck Esq. Governor President

Monday
12th July-

John Smith

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

John Maxwell Stone Edward Tracey

General Smith absent on Service

absent

Mr Johnson indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read &
approved.

Read the following Letter from Major Bute
twice & it is approved.

To the Honble Alexander Mynck Esq. President Gover
nor of Fort St. George-

Letter from Major
Bute with pro
ceedings of the Court
of Inquiry on 10th July

Honble Sir

I have the honor to transmit the Proceedings of

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The Court of Enquiry held agreeable to the Tenor of the
Honble Board's Letter to me dated the 19th June and have
the Honor to subscribe myself with the most profound Respect

Honble Sir

Trichinopoly
6th July 1773

Your most obedient Servant
Wm Baillie

The following Letter was also read from Capt.

Johns

Honble Sir

Trichinopoly 5th July 1773

Letter from Capt.
Johns on the sub-
ject of the Court
of Enquiry

I am happy to inform you the Court of En-
quiry you and the Gentlemen of the Court are pleased
to order in consequence of Dr. Macleod's Complaint of me
was Yesterday finished. I may safely say few men
in us of my Age have afforded me equal reason to what
I have felt on this occasion. no one indeed that I am aperi-
and it can have the most salutary Idea, of what our innocent
Heart undergoes, maliciously accused of Guilt, & persecuted with
the most malicious manner - such I as been my case. I
believe my Pain as much and as indelibly as any other
as it well could be by the most antipathetic underhand
thous Innovation could suggest.

I long with much impatience to know the Opin-
ion

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Review of my Brother's officers is where I put in the Affairs was
submitted, however from a consciousness of my Innocence, as
well as the Remembrance I was able to make of what passed at the
Court, I presume a single Circumstance of his Charge has not
been proved to my Disadvantage - although complicated in its
Prosecution. People with the Natives have been obliged to make in
Simulation a Substitute for the dying Burial of his Mo-
narch. He accordingly endeavored to obtain a Permit
into the most remote Parts of the interior Country of my
Battalion and under a pompous Host of Words and Deeds
my disadvantage, introduced circumstances to work in harm-
our as he would have them thought consequent to and work
true to my Cause - as an Instance of this you will be pleased
to observe what he says about my refusing to continue the Stay
of a in his Company when he requests it - the respectable
Mun. P. and remarks my having denied the Removal of
a Scapay who has been confined for theft, and against whose
remaining a Scapay the whole Company objected -
could any one conceive the notoriety this alone promoted
committed no greater Crime than that of taking from officers of
the Garrison at Vellum, a Stick or Two that had formerly
been put into the Carapet to Bind the Wood work and which
as well as I remember had fallen out decayed and rotten
of such a Nature and Weight as his innumerable Inimicities
and equally trifling Unaided, being equally worthy of Honour
Contempt - I must have remarked that when Dr. Mucke is

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Prosecution was done I requested of the Court a Copy of it but
was refused - This Indulgence was never before denied upon
in my circumstances & every way which a Number of Instances
may be given, however I will only remark the like Indulgence
having been offered Capt. Sirle in his Affair with Captain
Fletcher & given Ensign Brown at the Court of Enquiry Sir
Robert Fletcher brought him to, being therefore restricted
in an unusual Manner, it became necessary in order
to prepare a Defence to Lt. Maitland for his Prosecution
nevertheless conscious of my Innocence & his inability of sup-
porting his Charge I did not hesitate flatter myself that
as Lt. Maitland's malicious ^{behaviour} may appear justified by his
own Evidence, it may of course in the said opinion of Man-
kind be manifest, that he has been actuated by the whole
Affair infinitely more by malignancy & iniquity than
the laudable Motives he so speciously mentions to have
induced him to undertake the Cause of the poor Oppressed

Should the Opinion of the Gentlemen of the
Court of Enquiry be favorable to me, and you approve
of my conduct, I doubt not you will be pleased to
take such Measures as you shall consider most be-
fiting to clear up my Reputation to the World. in the
pursuing hopes of which I with the greatest Respect am

Dear Sir

Your most obedt. Servt. Geo. Colvins

P.S.

As to the Ensign's Abet of my
Prosecution

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Battalion in this Affair has been very extraordinary in
suffering himself to be parted behind by Dr. Mather behind
a Door to listen to some Conversation between him and the
Lieutenant Major of my Battalion in other Respects. I
should therefore be extremely happy he could be removed
from the Battalion having without Reason been very
forward in Dr. Mather's Party against me.

The proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held
by order of the Board at Trincomalee on the Memorial
also presented by the B. Dr. Mather against Captain
Colins are now taken into Consideration. The Opinion
given by the Court is as follows.

Opinion of the
Court of Enquiry

The Court having read and duly considered
the whole of the proceedings is of Opinion, that the
Allegations contained in the Memorial against Captain
Colins are not proved. and that Dr. Mather
is unjustifiable in interfering with the Court Martial
and still more so in writing such a Memorial not one Article
of which he had sufficient Grounds for except the
Long imprisonment of the Surgeon which is accounted
for & proven by Captain Colins to the Satisfaction of the
Court, altho the proof is not inserted in the proceedings.
Having declined making a regular Defence.

Edw. Eagles

Deputy Judge Advocate

Charles Lout

Captain & President

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Minute and Resolution of the Board thereon

The Board having maturely considered the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry into the approval of their Opinion, & acquainted Captain Johns of every Part of the Charge brought against him by Lieut. Macleod, whose conduct in this Affair has been so very reprehensible that the Board have thought it necessary to come to the following Determination - That Lieut. Macleod be severely reprimanded by General Smith in publick Orders, removed from the Battalion of Sepoys and ordered immediately to Madras - And as the conduct of Ensign Abbott appears on the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry to have been altogether unjustifiable, he is hereby ordered to be removed from Captain Johns's Battalion of Sepoys to the Europeans -

Read the following Letter from Mr
Thomas Davis Surgeon at Trichinopoly
To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.
President & Governor &c. &c. &c. of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Davis
is applying to the
Board for his removal
I am Sirs

I exceedingly
am sorry to give you so much Trouble
on so trivial an occasion, - I will pay to the Honble Board
that of some Moments to me as an Individual.

I beg leave to inform your Honble Sir &
Sir that when I marched with Colonel Brathwaite's
Detachment

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Detachment to the Southward, there was not any Tent in
the Stores that I could procure, in consequence of which
and by the advice of Mr. Davidson, I made a Marka
and Store Tent which cost me Seventy Pagodas, and the
same Tent with thirty Pagodas repair will serve for the
present intended Expedition, I am therefore humbly to
entreat that you will be pleased to order me to be re-im-
bursed that Sum - And I am further to pray that a
Sum of Sixty Pagodas be reimbursed me - which I paid
out in repairing Shaulbry's & setting up new uprings for
by the Order of ^{Colonel} Robert Fletcher on a very pressing oc-
casion when an Epidemic Sickness prevailed here some
Months ago. all which I advised Mr. Daboo of at
that Time - I am with the greatest Respect

Humble Servt &c

Tirichinopoly
7th July 1793

I am most obed^t & most affec^t Servt
Thos. Davis Surgeon

Not to be acted
on

The Board having considered Mr. Davis's Appli-
cation find that his Disbursements have been contrary to the
Regulations of the Service, and therefore cannot be allowed
Mr. Davis ought not to have caused the contract Price
in making up his Tent and when the Service was over
he would have been repaid and the Tent delivered over to
the Storekeeper - It was the Duty of the Paymaster to
have made the repairs at the Shaulbry's &c and

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The Surgeon. a circumstance Mr. Davis ought not to have been unacquainted with, as it is the invariable Practice of the Service when a Baymaster is upon the Spot for all Disbursements of this Nature to be made by him.

The following Letter, having been received from Majors Harper and Balthus, containing Applications of a Similitude Nature from Captain Fraser at Fort Mopely and Mr. Turing at Villum, are now laid before the Board.

To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq^r

President & Governor &c. &c. of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Turing the Surgeon at this Place

Letter from Major
Harper

has represented to me that there is great Necessity for a Medicine Godown to be made &c. and I am really of a Opinion, that his Application is very just and therefore send you it enclosed, and hope it will meet with your Approbation.

I remain with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed^t &c. Servant
M^r. Harper

Villum

3rd July 1773

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To Major Harper

Vellum 25 June 1773

Sir

Mr Tinning applies
for leave to build a
apartment to keep his
Medicines & for
a Surgeons Office.
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As there are Workmen now employed in the
Garrison on the Company's Account I beg Leave to send
you of the many Inconveniences I have made forward
of a proper Godown to keep my Medicines in, the little place
I myself built for that Purpose last year having been ab-
solutely washed down to the Ground by the Monsoons June
of the Medicines were entirely destroyed and the greatest
Part of the Rest damaged in some Degree which make
me dread the approach of the ensuing Monsoon, the Walls be-
ing only made of which the Rain and damp easily ruin-
ed. I have consulted with Mr Dugard the Engineer
who says that the Expense of building a little Room with
Brick Walls and a little Shutring in the inside will carry
little more than forty Pagodas including the Repairs of the old
^{Bedding} Godown, which is at present almost undermined by the
Bandicoots who eat & destroy the Bedding as far as I can
repair it. I am further to beg that when you next ad-
dress the Honble Board you would represent the Necessity
by there is for a Subassistant Surgeon not that the Number
of Sick at present requires it but in case of Sickness or any
other Accident as during the first 12 Days of my last ill-
ness in the Month of April the Sick in the Hospital be-
amounting to upwards of 36 were much neglected until the
Surgeons at Trichinopoly spent one out of three. If
this

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this meets with the Honble Board's approbation, I
would take the Liberty of recommending a Soldier at
Trichinopoly who has formerly served as Surgeons
Mate at Sea and would be very useful on such an
Occasion. I am Sir Your very obedt Servt.
Robert Turing

Honble Sir

Letter from Ma
jor Baillie

I have the Liberty of transmitting
a Letter from Captain Tracer to the Honble Board relat-
ing to some little Demand of his for House repairs
I am most respectfully

Honble Sir Your most obedt. &c
most obedt Servt
William Baillie

Trichinopoly
3 July 1773

Honble Sir & Mrs

Trichinopoly 2 July 1773

Capt. Tracer ap-
pears to be unpaid
for some repairs
he has made in
his House at Tri-
chinopoly.

On my First Arrival at Trichinopoly with
my Family, I found the House that was allotted for
me greatly out of repair it having suffered by the Explosion
of the Windows and Doors I caused to be compleat-
ed and the Floor mended; and I made such other Repairs
and Alterations as rendered it tolerably convenient, in
that

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shed of a very paltry House which it was before.

I was absent upon leave last Winter when several Officers applied to the Honble Board to have their Expenses reimbursed. I hope therefore I may be now permitted to solicit the same indulgence.

The Amount of the whole is about eight hundred Pagodas. I have the Honor to be with the greatest

Respect

Honble Sirs

Your most obed^t Serv^t
C. Fraser

Considering the great Expence which will be incurred by the present Expedition the Board cannot think of applying to the Nabob for Buildings or Repairs at present. It is therefore Agreed, that the Consideration of the foregoing Applications be deferred till a future opportunity.

Wm. Smith
John Smith

Charles Smith

Wm. Smith
G. Wray

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Wrote by order of the Board the following
Letter General Smith

To Joseph Smith Esq.

Brigadier General, and Commanding Officer of the
Forces

Sir,

Letter from the Sec-
retary to General
Smith in the Court
of Enquiry into the
conduct of the
Captain John

I have the Honor to transmit you the
Opinion of the Court of Enquiry on the Complaint pre-
sented by Lieut. Don? made against Captain John in
his Memorials to the Board with the Minutes of the
Court in relation which you will be pleased to give out
in General Orders with such further notice as I
shall direct as you shall deem requisite on the Occasion.

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

Yours most obed^t Serv^t
W. Petrie Secy

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The following Letter was this Day received

from Vellore:

To the Honble Alex. Weynck

President and Governor of Fort St. George

Honble

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Honble Sir,

Letter from Colonel
Lang advising of
his having delivered
over the Detachment
to Colonel Bingham

I am to acquaint you that I have this
Day delivered over the Detachment to Colonel Bingham
Tomorrow Morning he sets off having
four Companies of Captain Bingham's Battalion. The Stores
and the 18 Cannon are not quite ready but I hope
to be able in a few Days to inform you that they are
all gone.

Eight Companies of Captain Forbes's Battalion
marched into this Garrison this Morning.

I am
Honble Sir Your very obedient Servant,
Pops Lang.

Vellore
12th July 1773

Received the following Letter from the Chief
and Council at Sadras

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.

President and Governor of Council at

Honble Sir & Miss Fort St George

Letter from the Chief
and Council at Sa-
dras complaining
of Mr Alexander
Mayor in the habits
of Vice.

We are under the necessity of represent-
ing to your Honors the causing insolent Behaviour of
a Mr Alexander an Officer in your Service, who with
his Men came here this Evening and passed the Night

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in a Chauntry which lies not far off

A Report being spread that some of his Sepoys were employed to take the Inhabitants by Force out of their Houses and compel them, whether they would or no to their Service, the Head Beas and four others were sent to inform M^r. Alexander in a friendly Manner that such Treatment in a Settlement of our Nations, could not be allowed, and to prevent his People from continuing this Outrage, since it was never known that any Inhabitants of our Company were ever punished or forced against their Inclinations into any other Service — M^r. Alexander without attending to the Message we sent by the Head Beas, ordered two of his Beas to hold him fast, till he had punished the rest notwithstanding they informed M^r. Alexander upon his asserting them, that they belonged to the Dutch Company, were sent by the Chief to speak to him as they had done & to confirm the truth of what they said they showed him their Badges —

The pressing and ill-usage of the Inhabitants occasioned so much Noise and Disturbance that a Corporal and Six Soldiers were sent from the Guard to prevent it. but before they came up, the Sepoys had already taken seven Men by Force, tied them to the Pillars of their Houses and beat them with the most savage cruelty. The Corporal with his Men proceeding towards the Chaun-

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by men surrounded by Mr. Alexander Leape and
one of his Non Commissioned Officers taking him the Corporal
and by the Breast held him fast, while they endeavored
to wrest the Musquet from him, but meeting with op-
position they let him loose and desired him to deliver up
his Arms quietly whenever they required it. - The Corporal
who was sent to desire Mr. Alexander to release the Men
received for Answer, that he might make his Compliments
to the Governor and inform him, that Forties must at
all Events be provided, or that he should rather have
preferred or illused ^{any} the Inhabitants, but on every hand taken
them with him.

This Answer being received the above-
mentioned Head Men with four others were sent again
to inform Mr. Alexander that he must release the Men
he had so taken up in violation of all Right whatever
before we could think of interfering into any Dispute about
them, that whenever he should address us in a becoming
Manner, we would then see if Forties could be provided
for him, but which are not at all Times to be had, and
that we should not aim by argument upon Honors of his
conduct, but those who were sent with this Message found
Mr. Alexander asleep and we were disturbed him.

Mr. Alexander knew very well that as we are
an independent People, he could do nothing by Violence.

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but that everything he wanted must be supplied here for that
if with his compliments to the Governor he has sent some
Horns before hand letting him know what he stood in need
off every assistance should have been afforded him.

The People were sent Yesterday Afternoon with
the ethnops to Mr. Maundor were obliged to wait till four
o'clock in the Morning the Time when he left this Place
the Substance of the answer he sent back by them was
that he should take the Coolies with him which he has done
that he did not care about the matter and said we might
write to whom we thought proper adding that his Name
was Maundor.

All this happened Yesterday Night between
the Hours of 8 and 11 at a distance about two Miles from
the Fort; and its falling out at so unreasonable a time
brought the Inhabitants into great consternation of which
our Sepoys availed themselves by taking their Cloths and
Towels many of which contained Pagodas &c.

We think that this Account added to the
insolent and brutal Behaviour of your Honor's People
is more than sufficient to raise in your Breasts the high
indignation & Resentment against those who are guilty
Your Honor must be sensible how far such Behaviour
is under the Burden of Duty and that in a Country sub-
jected to the Law it is almost impossible they could have
proceeded

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proceeded more artfully - To send and has put them
them into another Service against their Will, To punish the
Men who wore the Badges of their Master on their Boats
instead of attending to the Message they brought; To surround
a military Force sent to prevent the Injustice of keeping
our People and to insist that the General commanding
that Party should deliver up his Arms; To violate
the Public Safety in that outrageous manner, all
this within the Limits of our Jurisdiction, and even im-
mediately under our Eyes; those who are to be the Judges
in this Affair must be astonished at their extravagance &
highly unjustifiable Conduct, but are less so at perhaps at
our extreme Patience in suffering it, unless they are ac-
quainted with the True Cause of our passive Conduct. We
Regard our Love to the Friendship and good understand-
ing which subsists between Us, in this Affair, that
Your Honor will cause ample Redress to be made;
and warn those indiscreet Pensive Persons under your
Orders, of which I am many days here very frequently
against such Acts of Insolence and Brutality, as are
too instanced. To whatever Nation they belong, and that
their wants are met, nor shall they be supplied through
any Exertion of their own Authority.

We have this high Opinion of Your
Honor's Justice as well as of your ^{high} wisdom, and
the Redress we seek, and of your ^{high} wisdom that we shall
never

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not to long without it, as we are persuaded that so far from
Mr. Shand's unwarrantable conduct, and all other dis-
respectful Behaviours towards us meeting with your
Approbation, it must be contradictory to your Orders
and trust that your Honors like We are resolved to remove
every cause of Complaint which in any Shape obstruct
the good Harmony, which happily subsists between our
respective Nations.

We have the honor to be, with Respect -

Humble Servants

Jam. M. Blaukamer Esq. Lieut.
J. B. Denny

Sadras
11 July 1773

15.

In consequence of the foregoing Letter an
Answer was this Day dispatched to the Chief & Council of Sadras
intended as follows -

To William Blaukamer Esq.
Chief Resident of Sadras

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 11th inst.
complaining of the outrages committed in your District by
Mr. Shand & his Men.

We are very much concerned that one of

Letter to Sadras
saying to the Chief
that Mr. Shand
is not in the District
but that he has
been made
into the town

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our Nation should be treated in so improper a manner
but as M^r Alexander and the Party which he committed
is an in the Service of the Nation. He has represented
to him the Injuries you complain of. & he has pro-
mised to make Enquiry into the Matter.

We have nothing more at Heart than
to cultivate the Harmony subsisting between our
respective Nations. We are

Gentlemen Yammash New Serv^t

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Alex Wynch Esq^r Council

This Day the following Letter was received
from the Council at Masachipicarn with a return of Troops
& Stores embarked on the Dolphin & Swallow for
Cuddalore.

To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq^r.

President Governor &c Council of

Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St. George

Letter from the
Council at Masachipicarn
advising of
the Embarkation
of the Troops & Stores
for Cuddalore

We have received your commands of
the 29th Ult^o and two Letters from the Secretary of the
Military Department, under Date the 1st and 5th Inst^o.

These Majestys Ships Dolphin & Swallow
arrived the 4th and the Troops consisting of the Grenadier
Company from Elmore and 35 European & Deserters
who

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who were lately sent in from the Cantonments were Yesterday
unbarked and this Morning they sailed for the South-
ward.

Captain Johnson having represented to
Us that his Provisions are old and recommended to Us to
send on Board some Ship for the Troops, we have in
consideration that the Passage may be long and in
consequence of his Representation sent on Board the
Ship 150 Ship, which we hope will meet with your
Approbation.

We take leave to enclose returns of the
Troops and Horses on Board.

Major Mudge & Major Mudge Capt.
Stevens have been ordered to repair to the Presidency
according to your Directions. Major Mudge Capt.
Mudgah who on acct. of a severe indisposition has de-
ferred to go to the Southward fare in the Dolphin

The Sixty Grenadiers from Bangalore
Marched. The other Companies are to join them on the
Banks of the Kistna from whence they will proceed
with all possible Expedition to the Southward.

We are with much Respect

Respect Sir & Sirs

Your most obed^t Serv^t John Lub

Archdale Palmer

Francis Bourdon

Return

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 Return of Stores Shipped on Board His Majesty's Ship
 Dolphin & Swallow 9. July 1773

Tents from Madraspatnam
 Officers Marquis from No. 2 to No. 20 with Poles Pins & Lances
 10
 Private Tents from No. 2 to No. 33 with Poles Pins & Lances } 37
 Complete
 Bell Tents complete 12
 Tents received from Ellore, and shipped as they arrived
 Officers Marquis with Poles 9
 Private Tents 93
 Bell Tents 4
 Signed - James Caution Williams
 Conductor of Stores -
 Francis Thordar
 Fort St George

A General Return of ^{the} Troops embarked on His Majesty's
 Ship of War the Dolphin & Swallow, Madraspatnam 9 July 1773.
 The Grenadier Company of the 2^d Battalion of the 2^d Brigade

	Captains	Subalterns	Ensigns	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Artillery	Marines
Fit for Duty	1	3	5	5	4	96	110	
Sick present		1	"	"	"	5	5	
Total	1	4	5	5	4	101	115	

Supernumerary Troops of the Garrison of Madraspatnam

	Subalterns	Ensigns	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Artillery	Marines
Fit for Duty	1	1	1	"	34	35	
Sick present	"	"	"	"	1	1	
Total	1	1	1	"	35	36	

W. B. Major Thomas Mudge of the 2^d Batt. 2^d
 Brigade embarked the 9th not included in the above Return.
 Archdale Palmer

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Came in the following Letter from Major Harper
Commanding at Villam

To the Honble Alexander Mynck Esq^r

President & Governor of Councils of

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George

Letter from Major
Harper with Intelli-
gence from Tanjore

The Tanjorians have had some Accounts
from their Vakeel at Madras which has alarmed them very
much; The King immediately gave Orders to have every
thing in Readiness on the Works, and was in Consultation
with Dabur and Monajee, the whole day yesterday -
they afterwards sent for the Principal Inhabitants and
told them they were going to have a great War, and such
as liked to leave the Place might go away - They afterwards
gave Orders for Deepening the Ditch on the North Face
and three Hundred footmen are employed on that Business

The King of India's Uncle is still at Naga-
patnam and a Vakeel from him remains still at Tanjore
it is said they wanted a Place called Viderniam about
Eighty and Twenty or thirty Miles to the Southward
of Nagapatnam for a Settlement - I have Accounts
that the Tanjorians are Mortgaging to the Dutch
Nagore, Trivalore, & Viderniam, for a Hundred &
Sixty Thousand Pagodas. and has ordered his Vakeels
at Nagapatnam to sell instantly the Villages & Grounds
the

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The Dutch have hitherto sent from him, for thirty
thousand more. he tells his People that this Money will
be there in a few Days, and then he will pay them all off.
A Number of People are employed building the Septa-
made and destroying two Pagodas and a Village on the
North Side. I remain with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. Servant
James Harper

Vellum
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The following Letter was this Day wrote to Colonel
Lang commanding at Vellore.

To: Colonel Lang Commanding at Vellore

Sir,

Let us Colonel
Lang forward all
the effective Artillery
from Vellore
to the Field.

As General Smith has represented the
Expediency of taking all the effective Artillery from Vellore
to the Field, you will therefore be pleased to order all of them
who are fit for Field Duty to proceed to Trichinopoly with-
out Delay, and I have such Directions to Captain Par-
cal for 30 Invalid Artillery Men to be ordered to Vellore
in their Room. I am Sir Your most obedt. Servant

Ala. Mordaunt

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Deposited

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Dispatched the following the following Letters

Captain Pascal Commanding at Chingleput

To Captain Edmund Pascal

Commanding at Chingleput

Sir,

You will be pleased on the Receipt hereof to

order thirty of your Artillery inwards to Villore to do
Duty in that Garrison until further Orders.

I am Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Alex Wynch

Fort St George
16th July 1773.

Delivered the following Instructions to Captain

Robert Kelly

To Captain Robert Kelly

Sir

You will be pleased on the Receipt hereof to

proceed to Trichinopoly with the Sepoys and Stores under
your Command and for your Guidance I send you the
Route by which you are to march, and on your Arrival at
Trichinopoly you will receive your Orders from Trichinopoly
General Smith, whom you will advise from Time to Time
of your Progress.

You will be careful that the Sepoys under
your Command, behave themselves in a Regular Manner on

Letter to Captain
Pascal received 30
Inwards Artillery
to Villore.

Letter to Captain
Kelly with Instructions
on for his March
to Trichinopoly

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the March, that they do not molest the Inhabitants, and
that they pay for everything they receive.

You will best pains to procure Intelligence
by sending out Laprogs & Heriwarths, and if anything
material ^{is} you will not fail to give ^{me} intimation of it.

I am Sir Your most Obedt. Servt.

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Ala Mynck

This Day the following Letters were wrote
and dispatched to Luddalore.

To George Dawson Esq^r
Chief of Luddalore
Sir

Letter to Mr Dawson
respecting the march
of Major Madges
Detachment.

I have the send you a Return of the Troops
and Stores embarked at Masulipatam on the Dolphin
& Swallow for Luddalore.

On their Arrival you will be pleased to
provide with all Expedition every requisite for their March
to Trichinopoly and the accompanying Letter contains
Orders to Major Madge to proceed thither with all Ex-
pedition. I flatter myself you will be able to dispatch
them immediately on their Arrival, as it is highly
necessary the Troops and Stores should get to Tri-
chinopoly as soon as possible.

Dr Francis C. Bunnell who embarked on

Ala

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The Dolphin at Masulipatam, belongs to the Battalion of Europeans here, you will therefore be pleased to order him to join his Corps without Delay.

The Letter to the Governor of Negapatnam you will forward by the first Opportunity.

I am Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Alex^r Wynch

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To Major Thomas Madge

Sir

As soon as the Troops and Stores are landed

Letter to Major Madge with orders to march to Trichinopoly with the Troops and Stores.

at Addalore and you have received the necessary papers for the march from Mr. Dawson you will be pleased to forward with all convenient Dispatch to Trichinopoly and on your arrival here, you will receive further orders from General Smith.

Mr. Dawson will deliver you the Route by which you are to march, and you will be careful that the Stores under your charge meet with no Accident on the Road from the Galleries or Tanjorians, and to prevent any Surprise it will be necessary to send out some Horsemens to procure Intelligence.

You will be attentive to the conduct of the Europeans on your march, that they come with no improper Liberties

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latitude, nor in any Respect molest the Inhabitants of the
Country. I am
Sir

Your most obed. Servant
Alex Wynch, -

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17th - Received the following Letter from Colonel
Lang, with a Return of the Detachment put under
the command of Lt Colonel Vaughan. -

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.

President Governor of
Fort St George -

Honble Sir

Letter from Colo-
nel Lang with
a Return of the
Detachment.

Accompanying this I beg Leave to
present you with a present State of the Detachment
which I delivered to Colonel Vaughan.

If I be not punctually obedient to
the Orders of the Board requiring my immediate Return
home at Madras, I hope Gentlemen will be kind enough
to attribute any Delay to the want of Coolies & Palankeen
Boys which are not to be procured without Prejudice to
the Publick Service.

In a very few Days I hope to be able to
acquaint You that the Fort and Eighteen Companies are
sett off - after which I shall deliver the command of Fort
Garrison to Major Fitzgerald I beg your my Respects

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in person at Madras -

Vellore

Sam Honble Sir,

15th July 1773 -

Your very obed^t Servant

Ross Lang

Present State of the Detachment under the Command of
Lieut Colonel Vaughan 15th July 1773 -

	Captains	1st Lieut	2nd Lieut	Ensigns	Surgeons	Chirurgeons	Drummers	Trumpeters	Privateers	Boatswains	Gunners	Artificers	Blacksmiths	Farriers	Coopers	Shoemakers	Barbers	Washers	Laundresses	Boys	Indians	Others
Present for Duty	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Present for Duty	6	10	15	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	6	10	15	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Present for Duty	6	10	15	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	6	10	15	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

W. B. Laporte, Mr Glover Cadet acting as Ensign, included -
2. Six Bunches } Will Lambill Comptrol
2. Three Bunches } Ross Lang

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Wrote the following Letter to the President & Council
at Fort William.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.

President & Governor & Council of Fort William
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort William
advising the President
& Council of the intended ex-
pedition against
Tanjore

On the Application of the Nabob for the As-
sistance of the Company's Arms to reduce His Highness the
Rajah of Tanjore, who as the Nabob represents has in many
Instances infringed the late Treaty concluded between them
we have ordered the Troops into the Field under the command
of General Smith, and we flatter ourselves that everything
will be in readiness for laying Siege to the Capital of Tanjore
in the course of next Month.

Altho' there may not at present be any
Reason to apprehend hostile Attempts from the Mahorathas
or Hyder Ally, nevertheless we shall be attentive to the Ma-
jors they may adopt in consequence of our Operations and if
anything aims to affect the General System your Honor
we may depend upon having the earliest Intimation
of it. — Yours with Esteem

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18th

Yours most obed^t & affec^t Serv^t
Alex^r Weymouth Esq.

Colonel Lang

Received the following Letter from

To

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To the Honble. Alexander Mynck Esq

President Governor of

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

Letter from Colonel
Burgoyne advising of
the arrival of the
Burgoyne Regiment
at Vellore.

This Morning the Scapoz arrived here from
Burgoyne & tomorrow Lt. Scurry with two companies marches
to relieve the Garrison of Chubbore. Captain Forbes's Battal-
ion will then be in readiness to march to Trichinopoly
if it is your Pleasure.

A Report an Application will be
made to you for Ensign Matthews to join the First Battal-
ion of my Brigade again. I request it may not be granted
till I have the Honor to see You.

I am Honble Sir

Your very Obedt. Servant

Robt Lang.

At a Consultation Present

Monday
July 19th

Alexander Mynck Esq. Governor, President

John Smith

John Whitehill

Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Bone

Edward Stracey

General Smith absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read and ap-
proved

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provid

Considerable Quantity of Stores being now ready to be dispatched to Trichinopoly. Ordered, that five Companies of Captain Serjis Battalion of Sepoys be sent to Caranagoly there to wait the Arrival of the Stores and escort them to Trichinopoly. —

Read the following Letter just now received from Sir Robert Hartland.

Gentlemen

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Letter from Sir R.
Hartland. of his
Intention to send two
Ships to Trincomalee
if they can be spared
from the present Service

Two of His Majestys Ships the Porpoise & the Antelope are in want of Timber, and I have thought of sending them to Trincomalee for that Purpose, if you think they can be spared from the Service you proposed from the Kings Forces in the Expedition you did me the Honor to tell me you had agreed to make take with the Nabob Haulajah against Tanjore. You will please to communicate to me your Sentiments on this Head that Measures may be taken accordingly. —

I have the Honor to be

Your most obed^t Serv^t Robt. Hartland

R. Hartland

Alexander Mynck Esq. Captain
Commandant of Fort St. George

The Board being one Reason to send Sir Robert Hartland to detain the two Ships he proposed sending to Peglow, the following is the substance of his Letter was

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immediately Dispatched.

To Sir Robert Harland Bart.

Rece Admiral of the Blue Commander in Chief of the
Majestys Ships in India,

Sir

We are honored by the Receipt of your Letter

of this Day, advising us of your Intention of ordering
two of his Majestys Ships the Northumberland and Indes-
per to wood at Trincomalee.

As we do not at present apprehend any in-
convenience to the Publick Service from their proceeding
to Trincomalee conformable to your Intention, we can
have no Reason to request their Detention at this Place
and have therefore only to return you our Thanks for the
information and to assure you that we have the Honor
to be

Sir

Yours most obed^t Serv^t
Alex^r Weymouth Esq^r

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19 July 1773.

Recd the following Letter from Mr Dawson
relating one from Le Foland. Ref.

To the Honble Alexander Weymouth Esq^r

Commander and Governor of Fort St George

Honble Sir

As I consider the transporting the
Arms

Letter from Mr Dawson
in his request
concerning the Transporting
of the Arms.

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Stores now at Chittambur to Trichinopoly, being essential
Service at this Juncture. The impracticability to procure at
sufficient Number of parts for the Purpose at the same Time
provide for the Ammunition and other Stores required here, and Mr.
Roff being of opinion with myself that the Timbers on the
coast with Saffy and more expeditions by up the North
Side of the River (which is now very wide) under the Guard
of a Lieutenant of Saffy. I have thought proper to ad-
vise you of this Matter, and beg you will be pleased to give
me your Opinion of it.

Enclosed is a copy of Colonel Roff's Letter
to me on the Subject for your Perusal.

I have Intelligence that the Rajah of Tanjore
is at length preparing for a Defence, and the Nabob's Regent has
escaped to Trichinopoly.

This Evening anchored in the Port the Ex-
press Captain Richardson from Bombay bound to Mac-
drass and sails immediately.

There is also enclosed an Indent for Medicines
which our Surgeon is much in want of and requests to be sup-
plied with.

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Geo. Dawson

Cuddalore
17 July 1773

Dear Sir
Mr. Dawson the Bank of the River
(near

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near this Place, one Hundred and fifty Sea Slaves, about
Seven Hundred fifty Battering Guns, and two Twelve
Pounder Field Cannons with their Ammunition, that had been
stowed here before we arrived, and which we are informed are
all that remained there.

The Gun Cannons we have moved and put
under the care of the gentry at Chittambaram Gate.

The Sepoy Guard from Suddalore with
Twenty four Bandys are just arrived, they are the first that
have come. The Honourable desired them to proceed immediately
by to where the Blacks are, that the Europeans may assist in load-
ing them, in order to proceed to Trichinopoly.

As that Quantity of Stores will require
at least two Hundred Horses, we applied to the Collector for
Assistance, who acquainted us he had not been instructed on
that Head; that he could provide one Hundred Horses &
as many Bullocks, in the Place, was he to receive orders
from the Nabob for that Purpose, without which he
could not act. But in the mean Time he would inform
himself what Assistance could be drawn from the Country.
But was of Opinion the latter way would be tedious & slow
by Water, and said he would engage with a Company of Sepoys
to conduct them safe.

Major Hume and Injigins sending
the Rest by water would be the most Expeditious manner
of doing it. if you are not apprehensive of the
Risk

Copy

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Read and approve of the Killdons Proposal, and will send
him a company of Sappers and such Detachments as will
enable him to act as will apply to General Smith for a
Party to meet him on the Banks of the River as the Readiest
Way of facilitating the Business.

I am with Esteem

Chillumbrum

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Dear Sir

Yours most obed^t Serv^t

Patrick Ross

To George Dawson Esq^r

The Board approve of rafting the Timbers
up the River below to Trichinopoly as recommended
by Mr Dawson and Lt Colonel Ross, on the Supposition
that it is the most expeditious Method and that it can be
conducted with safety. However it will be necessary for Mr
Dawson to procure Intelligence of the Operations of the
Tanjorians, and to judge from the information he receives
whether it is most advisable to trust the Timbers on the
Sole rafts or to send them by Land to Trichinopoly; if the
First Method is adopted, General Smith must be imme-
diately advised of it, that he may take the necessary
Steps for preventing any accident befalling them.

Ordered that Mr Dawson be advised accordingly

Thus the following Letter from Captain

George Brown

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am two Days ago honored with
yours

Letter from Capt. Brown

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on the Situation of
Affairs in the Mar-
war Country -

your Order of the 3^d instant, which should have been immediately complied with, but for the Necessity, there was of my examin-
ing into the Stores and Provisions in Calacool - I found there
scarcity of the Latter and what deficiencies there were in the Stores
I have supplied Lt Lytton with, whom I have left in the
Command with three Companies of my Battalion agreeable
to your Honors Order -

As I am apprehensive there may be
some Troubles in the Country after the Departure of the Troop
I applied to Mahomed Nazub Cawn to strengthen the Gar-
rison with two or three Companies of the H. Highest Seapoy
which he told me he could not comply with without the Ma-
jor's Order -

Permit me to observe Honble Gentlemen
that even in Times when the Country is perfectly quiet three
Companies is but a very weak Garrison, the Place is large
and so irregularly Built, that one one Part of it protects
the other, which of course increases the Number of Guards
very much. These were my Reasons for applying for some
of the Highest Seapoy, which will I hope meet with
your Honors Approbation.

I march tomorrow Morning and shall
use all the Expedition possible in getting to Trichinopoly -

I have the Honor to be

Yours very obed^t & much affec^d
Honble Sir & Sirs
George Brown

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The Board are sensible of the Propriety of Capt. Browns Representations of the Disturbances which will probably ensue on drawing the Troops from the new conquered Countries, and the President is desired to represent this to the Nabob and to recommend the necessary Precautions for preserving Tranquillity in these Districts.

The following Letter was some Time ago received from Vizagapatam, but the Consideration of it was deferred by Reason of the Multiplicity of Business which has for some Time past engaged the Attention of the Board.

Extract from a Letter from M^{rs}. Curring Williams at Vizagapatam dated the 28 June 1773.

We transmit you herewith the Copy of a Letter from Captain Pittman, also of one from the Chief containing his Opinion thereon. we shall in consequence supply Captain Pittman with what he may have occasion for until we receive your Orders on the Subject of the allowance he requires.

a True Copy

Thos Oakley Esq.

Copy of a Letter from George Stratton Esq. at Saloot to M^{rs}. Curring Williams dated 24 June 1773.
Gentlemen,

I have been favoured with your Letter

Letter from Vizagapatam on Captain Pittmans Application for certain Allowances on the Survey

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Her enclosing one from Captain Pittman addressed to the Chief
and Council under Date 21st Instant Desiring my Opinion
on with Respect to the Indent that accompanied it -
In the Letter I have had the Honor to receive from the
President and Council they do not mention what Allow-
ances should be made to Captain Pittman on the Survey
he is Directed to undertake, and being therefore at a Loss to
know how far a sumptuous therewith would merit their
Approbation, I should propose transmitting it to them,
and until we are acquainted with their Sentiments, I
think Captain Pittman should be furnished with what
he may want for this Service.

I cannot recollect what Allowances are
made to Mr Burnard who is employed in surveying the
Coast, but I have Reason to believe they are greatly
inferior to the demands made by Captain Pittman, and
I am therefore Desirous of having the Sanctions of the Pres-
ident and Council before I comply therewith - Mr
James Johnson is to be allowed Ensigns Pay and Batta-
l until the Survey is finished. As the Instructions to Capt
Pittman direct that he begins where Mr Maford's Survey
ends and complete the most northwardly Parts first
I now write him to begin in the Tickally Country and
having completed the Same to go from thence to
Selwore and Kinnedy, which are the Northernmost Parts

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of the Chuacole Surav on this Side the Pichapour District.
I shall give Directions that those Dominions afford him
every Assistance & you will be pleased to furnish him
with a good Hiranah to show him the Road. It is
out of my Power to furnish him with a List of the several
Burgannahs, but he will be able to obtain a perfect know-
ledge of them on his Arrival at the different Places.

I am Gentlemen

Yours most obed^t. Serv^t

George Stratton

atras fapay

Wm. Ford Sup.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Phillips to the
Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

As it is reported I should begin the Survey
of the Chuacole Surav as early as possible I now lay before
you an Indent of such Things & Persons as are requisite for
myself & Assistant

And it will be of great Service to me
to be possessed of some local Knowledge of the Country before
I commence my Work, I must request that you will furnish
me with a List of the several Districts within the Surav, &
the Number of Burgannahs contained in each.

and

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And also Requested Order signed by the Chief
the several Rajahs & Sumindars requiring them to furnish
me with such Assistance as I may occasionally want
I have the Honor to be, with great Respect

Gentlemen

Yours most obed^t Serv^t
D. Pittman

Sub. Director Engineer Captain

Indent for a Captain Surgeon and an Assistant
Surgeon

20 Officers Trunks complete } with Bullocks to carry them
2 Baggage D^o

12 Gun Hags

1 Findah } for Trunks measuring & carrying Colours
20 Pacans }

10 Coolies for carrying Instruments

1 Interpreter 20

1 Draughtsman 20

1 Writer 10

6 Brooms at 2 B^d each 12

2 Extra Horse Allowance

1 Bushy or Water woman

N.B. The other men uprange & whistles & Larkas Flags &
Stationary V.^o to be drawn for occasionally.

A Guard of Sepoys when wanted

a line paper
The Governor's Seal

Prosted

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Resolved, that the same Allowances which

were made to Mr Barnard when he commenced the Survey of the Paghies be given to Captain Pittman, that the Amount of the same be sent to Visagapatam, and that if any ^{other} Allowances be absolutely requisite from the difference of Situation or the Nature of the Survey Captain Pittman is employed upon, the Board consent to their being admitted -

Resolution thus
on.

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lt. Alexander Gordon at Fuddalore the 14th Instant in consequence of which the following Promotions are caused to take place -

Archibald Brown. Lieut. in the Room of Lt. Gordon to rank from the 14th Inst.
Erick Sutherland, Ensign in the Room of Lieut. Brown - Do. Do.

Wm. H.
John Smith

Charles Smith
Sam. Johnson

J. M. H.

W. H. H.

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In Consequence of the Resolutions of to Day the
following Letters were dispatched

To Colonel Lang

Commanding at Vellore.

Sir

Letter to Colonel
Lang, to send five
companies of Capt.
Forbes' Battalion

I have this Day received yours of the 17th
Instant, advising me of the arrival of the Angole Sepoys.

You will be pleased on the Receipt here of
to order five Companies of Captain Forbes' Battalion
to march to Sarangoly and wait there for the Arrival of
some Military Stores from this Place, which they are to
escort to Trichinopoly. You will be pleased to inform me
of the Officers Names to whom you shall give the Command
of these five Companies. That I may send him my Order
to Sarangoly. The other five Companies of Captain Forbes'
Battalion, you will order to join the Party which was left
by Lt. Colonel Vaughan to escort the Heavy Stores to
Trichinopoly.

I have received one Application respecting
Ensign Matthews; should there be any made to have him
appointed to your Brigade, I shall in consequence of your
Desire wait your Arrival before I determine to grant or
refuse the Request.

I am

Yours

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Your most obed^t Serv^t
Ala Wynck

To George Dawson Esq.
Chief of Cuddalore
Sir,

Letter to Mr. Dawson
respecting the Rattling
of the Tumbrils up the
Cooum.

I have received your Letter of the 17th inst.
enclosing a Letter from Dr. Colonel Ross and an Indent for
Medicines. The latter has been sent to the Surgeon, and
will be complied with as far as our Stock of Medicines will
admit.

If the Tumbrils can with Safety be rafted
up the River I much approve of it being done on the Suppo-
sition that this Method is more Expeditious than sending
them by Land to Trichinopoly. However the Intelligence
which you receive of the Motions of the Tanjorians, must
direct you which Method to pursue. Should it be deter-
mined to send them up the River, it will be necessary to
inform General Smith of this immediately that he may
send a sufficient Party of Troops to escort them to Trichino-
poly. I will only add that as the Success of the intended
Expedition, almost entirely depends upon the Dispatch with
which it can be undertaken, another Pains or Expence may
be spared in forwarding the Stores speedily to Trichino-
poly.

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I shall apply to the Nabob that Orders be immediately sent to his Manager at Chellumbram to supply Bullocks, Carts, Coolies and every other Assistance in his Power that not a Moment may be lost in executing this essential Service. I am

Sir

Your most obt. slave
Lieut. Alex. Wynch

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Received the following Letter from Major

for Major Commanding at Villam -

To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq.

President Governor & Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major
Napier with In-
telligence from
Tanjore

According to your Directions I now
send you some Intelligence I received lately from the
different Parts of the

The 16th instant at Night the King gave
the Command again to Monagee. They have a Number of
People employed in deepening the Ditch & raising the Glais
on the North Face; and are cutting all the Trees and Wood
that is near the Fort down, and carry it into the River -
Great Talk both at Negapatnam and
Tanjore

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Tanjour that the King of India is to assist the Tanjorians.

The Kings Mother by all accounts has a great Deal of Influence in the Governments Affairs. She sent for the King the other Day and told him she had used Menage a la reine ill, and desired he would make him a handsome present with a Dress at the same time she gave him a Bill of Exchange on Negapatnam for Five Lakhs of Rupees to pay the Troops with &c.

At ten o'clock at Night on the 13th inst.

Three Gentlemen Suppered with Officers with Two European Gunners arrived at Tanjour from Negapatnam.

They have given Orders to the different Polygars to collect as fast as possible and be in readiness when called for. Most of the Troops are collected at Tanjore.

The 14th Instant Menages advanced Money to the Commanders of the Troops. The same Day two Thiruvandas arrived from Dindigul with Intelligence to the King; But not made Publick. But the Intelligence is, ^{that} a large Body of Hyder Allys Troops are in readiness there to come to their Assistance when our Army moves. The same Day the two Europeans sent about the Garrison ordering all the Inhabitants to leave the Place.

By a Horseman from Dindigul Mr. Pitt is there with three thousand Horse. Two thousand Europeans

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and one Thousand Boys, with the Head Polygars from
Morriapollam, Arriatore and some of the Maravars Head
Peoples. They talk there as soon as our Army moves ^{against Tanjore} they
are to be joined with by three Thousand Horse men
to assist the Tanjorians.

The Dutch at Lums have limited their
troops at Negore. Thirty Thousand Pagodas arrived at
Tanjore the 14th Instant from Negapatnam.

Since writing the above, received Intelligence
from that the three Persons who came in Battalions the
13th Night returned last Night and were privately kept.
They came about money matters and were out as a
Hickete in the Night. but the Ten Gunners remain there
still.

I remain with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir Sirs

Vellur

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Your most obed^t Servant
W Harper

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The following Letter was this Day received

from General Smith.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.

President Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir Sirs

Letter from Gen. Smith

Since my Departure from Madras

I

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desiring instructions
respecting the delivery
of the Fort & Country of
Tanjore when taken
to the Nabob -
advising of the pro-
gress of the Prepara-
tions at Tanjore -
fully - to be improved
and to be maintained
in any Garrison
where there are com-
pany troops -

I have kept the Noble President advised of my March -
arrival at this Place, and all Matters that have occurred
I have now to His Honor acknowledge the Receipt of your
Orders of the 4th Instant which shall be duly attended to
and put in Execution as far as in my Power.

By my Instructions I am directed to deliver
over the Fort & Country of Tanjore &c. to the Nabob
Sir Madam Ul Mulk Behauder, in one case only, one
being surrendered to us by Capitulation - As it is unpos-
sible I should act under the Sanction of the Board, I re-
quest your Honor &c. will let me know if I am to give
up the Fort and Country, and Military Stores should
the Capital fall by Storm, Stratagem &c. or if under
such circumstances I shall wait your further Orders.

On my Arrival here I was very agreea-
bly surprised to find Mr. Davidson with the Assistance
of Major Baddie had got every Article in the several
Departments to go from hence arranged in the most exact
Order on the Plains. Five Readings to amount as soon as
fattle can be provided - Captain Brown with the Detach-
ment under his command arrived this Morning and are
camped on the Plains at the Tucker Taps and Captain
Godfrey is expected in five or 6 Days.

The Grain Business is in a great Commis-
sion as can be captured. The Quantity of Paddy now in
Store at Villam, when beat into Rice, will supply the
Troops upwards of Forty Days, and Madam Ul Mulk
Behauder

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Behauder is exerting himself to make good his Engagements as to that of Private Article, but by his ingrossing almost all the Carriage Cattle / so that it is become impossible for Mr. Davidson to provide 4000 in Time to march with the Stores to go from hence. This being our Situation I have prevailed on Madam White Mulk to assist us with one Trip of 2000 Ballacks to Villum, which may soon be performed and will enable us to find a forage for the Remainder as Mr. Davidson has advanced Money to the Ballack Masters for that Purpose.

Major Anson has orders to employ the Corps at Villum in making Fascines Gabions Basketts &c. in Short nothing shall be left undone on my Part to promote our Success, and accomplish the Object in View.

The Dutch have hoisted their Colours at Negoro under Protection / I suppose / of protecting that place. They have supplied Tanjore with Gun, military Stores Money and Men from Nagapatnam, and the Rajah's Corps are employed to as much advantage as possible in preparing for the Security of the Place which from Appearances they seem determined to defend to the last Extremity.

I have acquainted the Honble President that Major Sait has been for several Months past in the Prindigal Country / about Two Day march from hence / collecting Mysic Ally Revenue with 4000 Horse and that he has collected of 6000 Horses, as many

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Sepoys and Tin Gums being on the 3^d Instant at Vinna-
Lagony. They had been dispersed in small Parties over the
Country, were lately assembled, and put under the command
of Thinnwaseraw, it is said to reduce some Polygars
who had refused to comply with Hyder's Demands.

The Tangorians expect Assistance from
their Mysore Friends, how justly their Expectations are
grounded Time will discover.

I have received Proposals from the
Nabab offering the Troops certain Sums according to their
Rank, to give up their Title to the Plunder found in Tan-
jore if the Place falls in to our Hands, by such Means
as he has mentioned. When the Troops are assembled, I
shall make them acquainted therewith and advise them
Honor &c. with the Result.

By your Letter of the 25th March 1774
directed to the Officers commanding at the several out
Garrisons, you were pleased to empower me to command
in any of such Garrisons where I might reside - and
as it may be necessary in some Cases, that I should have
such Power, the better to enable me to carry on the Ser-
vice, I request you will please to renew your Orders
as the former were given previous to my last appointment
to the command of the Troops.

Your Instructions communicated to me
by Mr. Petrie respecting the Mail and Post of Enquiry have
been

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come to hand and shall be complied with.

I shall continue to address the Honble Board
from Time to Time during this Service & in the Interim keep
the Honble President advised of all material Circumstances
as they occur.

I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir & Sirs with Respect

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Joseph Smith

Trichinopoly
17 July 1773.

As it was requisite that a Reply, should be
immediately sent to that Part of the foregoing Letter, which
relates to the General's taking upon himself the Command of any
of the Places or Forts where he may happen to reside, the follow-
ing Answer was drawn up & sent round to the Members of Coun-
cil for their Approbation and dispatched the same Day.

To Joseph Smith Esq^r

Brigadier General & Commanding Officer of the Troops on
the Coast

Sir,

We have just now received your Letter of

Letter to General Smith
impowering him to
command in all
Places garrisoned
by Company's Troops

that I sent.

As that Part which respects your taking
upon You the Command of any of the Forts or Places
where you may happen to be appears essentially neces-
sary to be immediately complied to. We hereby empower You
to take upon You the Command of such Forts or Places
garrisoned

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garrisoned by the Companies Troops where you may be, as also
of the Troops doing Duty therein so long as you may continue
there, and all Officers commanding in such Forts are
hereby ordered to deliver the Same over to you, ^{at which you} according
by.

We shall reply to the other Letter by your
above mentioned Letter in a few Days. I remain

Sir
Fort St. George
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Your most obedt Servant
Alex Wynch Esquire

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This Day arrived the Honble Company's
Ship Bridgewater with a Letter from the Honble Court
dated 11 February 1773.

Came in the following Letter from Colonel

Lang at Vittore.

To the Honble Alex Wynch

President Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

In obedience to your Orders of the 16th

Letter from Colonel
Lang in reply to the
Governor's Letter of the
16th

Instant, the effective Men of the Artillery in Number
Sixteen have been ordered to join the Army - also Six
Men of the 1st Regiment that have lately been
discharged the Hospital - they are carrying Captain Be-
nary with the Stores, who marches tomorrow Morning
Tomorrow

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Nine Tails on his bare Back by the Drummers of the Garrison
At the second Part of the Charge viz. for insolent and im-
soldierlike Behaviour before he had regularly applied for and
obtained his Discharge from the Honble Company's Service
The Court find the Prisoner not guilty & do therefore acquit
him.

John Bellingham

Lt Colonel.

H. Petrie

Advocate

The Board approve of the foregoing Sentence, but
in consideration of the recommendation of the Court communi-
cated to the Governor by the Presidents of the Court, the good
character of the Prisoner and the Service he has performed
of his Error, the Board are pleased to remit the Punish-
ment and to Pardon the Prisoner.

Wyndham
John Smith

Creedon Smith
Sam. Johnson

J. W. M.

W. H. M.

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Received the following Letter and Paper
of Intelligence from Major Harper at Vellam.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.

President & Governor & Commandant of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Hostilities are not yet commenced on
either Side; and by all Accounts entirely thro Monagies Influence
The King often wanted to attack the Escorts coming from
Torchinopoly to this Place. But was as often perswaded to the
contrary by him.

They are making great preparations
for the Siege.

I should have the Pleasure to send you
the Intelligence I have collected since my last and I pro-
ceed with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Vellam 3 Aug^r 1773.

Your most obed^t & true Servant
W^m Harper

Intelligence from Tanjore &c.

The Tanjorians are destroying the Water by
throwing Milk & Hoger and all the Filth they can get into the
Wells and draining the Tanks; & treading the Esplanade
destroying the Court round the Fort at great a Distance as
they

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they can, carrying great Quantities of Store into the Fort,
repairing and strengthening their Works &c. Since last time,
they have had four more Europeans from the Dutch; and
except many more, they have had several Sums of Money
from Nagapatnam lately. The King wrote to the French as did
his Vakil who was with him, and on receiving the Answer
he ordered Tappals to be stationed at Coimbatore &
Tanjore, the Vakil is since returned. The Kings Family
have been in Readiness to go to Nagapatnam for many Days
past. Six or Seven Days ago the King received a Letter
from Ayder Ally on which the Vakil of Ayder who had
remained at Torivora Village near Tanjore, with little
Notice for one Year past was sent for. The King had made
some Agreement with Ayder Ally and he now wrote for
Troops and told him he would pay the Agreement. And
for the Troops he should now send. and ordered the Vakil
to be paid him Cayas as a Day Wages. Some Days ago
the King and Moratta Chief Vakil wrote to the Chief
of the Morattas, telling him if he would send them Horse
that lay at Goringonda he would pay that Money he
promised him besides paying the Horse when they came.
The Troops in Tanjore are much discontented for want of
Pay, they have surrounded Monagas House several Times
and the other Day they did the King and Assem Sure
and would not let any one go out or in, but they finally
went.

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most of them, at least for the present, The King says ^{his affair} ~~and~~ he to give
him all this Pay, ~~there would a number of them leave him, he~~
~~desires to engage are strong in the Field, and if his Troops, because~~
will he will pay them all that is due, The Head People also
talk that the King intends to engage in the Field, and if he
does not succeed there and afterwards finds he cannot keep the
Fort, he intends going to Negapatnam, from thence to Junda
and from thence to the Morattas. They have two Head People
at Negapatnam getting Money and purchasing Ammu-
nition and Stores. They had purchased a large Quantity
but the Dutch told them they must have an Order from
the Head Settlement to let them have it, but if they do
not get an Answer very soon they will consult with the French
at Junda, whether it is proper they should let the King
have it or not. When the River left Negapatnam there
were four Ships in sight and it was reported that there
were Europeans and Europeans sent for their own
Safety if anything should happen to them at Negapatnam.

The 6th Instant the King received a Letter from
the French at Junda, and he immediately dispatched
a Kutchal boat, whose Name is Pasramprades.

An Account of Troops belonging to Tanjore.

Home guard. 2000.

Home Militia. 1000.

Disposit for Field Service. 700.

L. P. S.

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Peons in Tanjore.	5,000
D. ^o in Villages.	1,000
5 Cannatick Peons in Tanjore.	7,000
Arabs in D. ^o	300
Mondair Peons in R. Swornin	2500
Peons in D. ^o	600
Laddals with Cakes and Lards	200
Peons with Broad Cakes	100
Europeans	19
Portuguese Soldiers	14
Lancers	100
Peons from the Marrawar	} about 500
Counting 3 days ago, Catteries.	
From the Tanjore District at	900

Two of the Head Marrawar Men have
 been with the King and are gone back to raise men and
 send them to Tanjore, and to raise another Body to destroy
 the Marrawar Countrey.

News from a Hircar just Arrived.

That Simidass, mentioned some Days ago
 to keep the King of Tanjore from going out of his House,
 have got from him fifteen Days pay, and are all gone to
 their own Houses, all to one. He has not settled with them,
 and they remain there still. These Simidass who surround
 the Marrawar House are their Hircars, but they give Marrawar
 Liberty to go out and come in, when he pleases. One Simidass

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named Christensfonde with a few Horse legs at the North Gate, has shut it and will not let any one over in.

The King has received a Letter from Pondicherry they say seven French Ships have arrived, and out of two of those Ships, they have landed at Pondicherry Europeans
H. T. Harper

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This Day the President received the following Letter from M^r. Dawson at Cuddalore. /

To the Honble M^r. Mynch Esq^r

President & Governor of

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

Letter from M^r. Dawson advises of Ships being arrived at Negapatnam from Colombo. /

This is only to discover that I am informed a Ship arrived a few Days since at Negapatnam from Colombo and had landed five Chingies with Soldiers. it was reported that more was to be disembarked the next Day. I am with respect

Honble Sir,

Cuddalore 4th August 1773

Your most obed^t Serv^t
Geo. Dawson

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Enclosed the following Letter from General Smith. /

Smith. /

To the Honble Alexander Mynch Esq^r

President & Governor of Fort St George

Honble.

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Honble Sir

Letter from General
Smith. The Army
encamped at Singerpatty
puttack. seven miles
from Vellum.

I had the Honor to address the Board last
Night from Furgoody. from whence we marched this Morn-
ing and encamped at Singerpatty - distance 13 Miles. Course
N.E. Vellum bearing N.E. by E. distance 7 Miles. The heavy
Artillery were sent on last Night at 9 o'clock and did not
come to the Ground till 6 o'clock to day. Our Water Yesterday
was rather salt than brackish & this Day very good, but
not more than sufficient to supply us till the Cattle are re-
freshed and in Condition to march again, which will be
at one Tomorrow Morning.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obt. Serv^t
J. Smith

Camp at Singerpatty
1st August 1773.

Received the following Letter from Lt. Henry
Littleton. commanding at Calycovil.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St. George
Honble Sir,

Letter from Lt. Little-
ton. the at Calycovil
the fuller instructions
since the De-
parture of the Troops

Inclosed I have the Honor to send
you a monthly return of three Companies of the 2^d Battalion

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lion of Sepoys under my command at Calicut, it being
the amount of the whole Garrison capturing a few irregulars
belonging to the Nabob. Their Number may be Fifty. The
Collings are beginning to be very troublesome, having com-
mitted many outrages lately. My Garrison is so very
small it is impossible to make any Detachments so that
I am wholly confined within the Walls. If the Nabob would
order two or three of his Companies to reinforce me it would
be much to his Advantage. I have the Honour to be

Honble Sir, Your most obed^t Servant
Henry Lyttelton

Calicut

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A Consultation Present

Monday
9th August

Alexander Wynch Esq^r Governor, President
John Smith John Whitehill
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Esq^r Edward Stacey

General Smith absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.

The President acquaints the Board, that

He has just now received Intelligence from the Nabob

The Governor has
ordered a Ship
with a Detach-
ment from the Army

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That on the 6th Instant the General marched from Villam with
the Grenadiers of the Army & the two Regiments of Caracul
ory, to reconquer the Fort of Tanjore, and to fix upon the
Place for encamping the Army; That he was attacked near
Monagus Tape by the last Part of the Tanjore Force but after
a short Skirmish the Enemy were defeated and drove
under the Guns of the Fort with considerable Loss. That
on our Side only one Man was killed, Lieut. Campbell &
some few more wounded. after this Skirmish the Army
arrived from Villam and encamped on the Banks of the
River within a Leap of Tanjore

The Army encamped
within a Leap of Tan-
jore.)

The following Letter from General Smith
with a Translation of one to him from the Nabob, and
copy of one from Lt Colonel Bonjour having been
received the 3rd Inst. are now read. /

To the Honble Alexander Mynck Esq^r
President & Governor of Fort St. George
Villam

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Gen^l
Smith communicating
to the Board
the Nabob's offer
to the Army &
the Sentiments of the
Army thereon.

I had the Honor to address you on the
17th July since which I have kept the Honble President
duly advised of all Occurrences, and your commands of
the 26th Ult^o which were duly received shall be carried
into Execution as far as in my Power.

On the 2nd Inst. Madaam de
Mack

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Mulk Behander left Trichinopoly and joined the Army
The Troops were drawn out under Arms to receive him,
and he expressed himself much pleased with their Appearance.
In the Evening the Grenadiers & from the Northward
under the Command of Major Mudge joined me,
and this Morning the Army marched from the Sugar
Loaf Rock and encamped at Tourgoody distance 10 Miles.

Captain Povey reached Monsore bet. the
4th and 5th Night and 5 Companies of Captain Lusby's Sepoys
that made Part of his Detachment came into Camp with
after we got to our Ground, but he is left behind with
4 Companies of his Battalion to get the Baggage &c.
Stores from Vellore over the Rivers. I suppose Capt.
Killy & Dr. Sale with the Stores from Madras have
by this Time reached the Coleroon - and that Captain
Nixon with the Northern Sepoy Grenadiers will not
be far off by the Time these Detachments have passed the
Rivers. &c.

On the Troops assembling at the Sugar
Loaf Rock I ordered an officer of each Rank from the several
Corps in the Army to meet at Dr. Island Bonyours
and form a Committee to consider of, and reply to, his Highness
the Nabob's Proposals to the Army in Lieu of the Pensions
of Tanjore if it should fall into our Hands. I have the
Honor to transmit to your Honor ^{His} A Translate of the
Proposals