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Proposals and Copy of the Answer Returned from the Committee which I hope will meet your Approbation

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sirs Sirs

Your most obedt. Hble Servt.

Joseph Smith

Camp at Tanjore
3d August 1773.

Letter from the Rajah to Genl. Smith containing Offers to the Army in Lieu of Plunder &c.

Translate of a Persian Letter from His Highness the Nabob Wandau Saw Ummeer Ul Hind Emdah Ul Mulk Seraage Ud Dowlah Unwar ud Deen Khan Bahauder Sir Munsoor Jung Sepoy Sardar, Soubahdar of the Carnatick.

To Motamadul Mulk Ozadud Dowlah General Joseph Smith Bahauder Asad Jung

Under the Protection of God I have given my Order to take the Fort of Tanjore

If the Army after they have made a Breach in the Fort shall take the Place by Storm, assault Surprize or any other Military Operation and deliver the Fort to the Carnatic People, without taking any Plunder from it, I will pay the whole Ransome Money according to the Proposals, that is to say, to every Lt Colonel 6,000 Pagodas to every Major 4000 Pagodas to every Captain and the Staff officers 2000 Ps & to every Subaltern 1000 Pgs. Cadets & Conductors 500 Ps. each, to every Sargeant 40 Pgs. to every Corporal Drummer &c. 28 Pgs. to every Private &c. 20 Pgs

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Pagodas To every Commandant of Sepoys 200 Pag.s To every Subedar 100 Pag.s To every Jemidar 20 Pag.s To every Havildar 10 Pag.s To every Naik 6 Pagodas To every Sepoy 4 Pag.s who shall Actually employed To every Syce any 20 Pag.s To every Tyndal 10 Pag.s and to every Lascar 4 Pag.s who shall Actually employ'd in the Siege, and to the General a Share equal to 1/7 of the whole Amount of the Money to be paid to the Army This Money I promise to pay in Six Months after the Place shall be delivered into my Charge in Time of Peace and Tranquility

2 After the Army have entered into the Enemys Country, if the Rajah thro fear ask Leave and deliver the Fort to me; I will in such Case pay, thro Beyond 1/2 of the Ransom Money as specified in the foregoing Article to the Army.

3 But if the Place hold out till impracticable Breach be made, as the Army will then have it in their Power to take the Place by Storm; If the Rajah shall then ask Leave & if I consent thereto; on my getting Possession of the Place and everything belonging to it I will agree to pay the whole Ransom Money as mentioned in the First Article Should this happen. I leave entirely to the Generals Honor to judge between me and the Army and to say whether the Breach be practicable or not.

4 If by any Accident the Army & Place shall not be taken, and the Army be withdrawn from either by the approach of an Enemy, or by any Failure of the

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the Army during the Siege; by heavy Rains or any other such Causes; the Army are not to expect any Gratification from me.

As I have freely agreed to every Proposal of the Army, and as the Ransom Money will amount to a very large Sum, I trust to the Generals Friendship to take Care that no other Person shall be included on the List of the Army as entitled to a Share; but such as by their Rank and Services are legally intitled thereto.

I hope the above Four Articles will be Satisfactory to the Army. - You told me that according to the Laws of England whatever shall be found in the Fort if taken by Storm is the Property of the Captors: Therefore if the Army do not like to agree to the Proposals which I have made, let them take the Place, and such Plunder in it to which they shall be entitled - according to the Laws of England - But by the same Rule should the Place surrender to me before they take it by Storm, the Army must consider that they have no Right to Ransom Money. I likewise understand, that according to the same Laws, the People and the Warlike Stores in any Place taken by Storm, belongs to the King. By the Providence of God, I am the Sovereign of this Country; and I consider myself as legally intitled to what would belong to any other Sovereign, in like Circumstances - You are well acquainted with the English Customs - what I have written is to do my utmost to convince the World, of the tender Regard for the Inhabitants; and to

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shew my Friendship to the Army, I now leave it to you to do what is proper

What can I say more?

Chepauk House
12th July 1773
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To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commanding the Army.

Sir,

Letter to General Smith from Lt. Cas. Bonjour containing the Sentiments of the Army on the Nabobs Proposals

In consequence of General Orders of Yesterday I have in Conjunction with the Field Officers of Captains and Subalterns appointed from the respective Corps in the Companys Service taken under Consideration His Highness the Nabobs Offers to the Army, which you have been pleased to favor us with. The Result of our Deliberations are as follows — That we do agree to accept of his Highness's Offers as he has been pleased to tender them; that Article excepted where he proposes Payment in Six Months, provided the Country is in Peace &c.a but agree to such a Period as shall be determined by yourself to whom we refer our Right on the Occasion, We beg Leave also farther to observe, that as Places taken by assault are subject to be plundered in some Small Degree notwithstanding every Attention and Diligence of the Officers — We can only promise to prevent it all that lays in our Power, and wish every Offender of that kind

To

to be most examplarly punished. But such Offenders being proved guilty must not be deemed in a Light that can any way affect our Agreement in the Capture, should it take Place This Agreement can only be deemed for the Honble Companys Troops as We have no right to agree for any of His Highness's none of their Representatives being present.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obdt. & very hble Servt.

Camp near the Sugar Loaf Rock
August the 2d. 1773.

A. Bonjour Lt. Colonel

a true Copy
Thos. Parkinson Secry.

Agreed that the Consideration of the foregoing Letters be deferred till another Consultation.

Ordered that Letters be wrote to Massulipatam and Cuddalore directing that a distinct and Separate Account be kept of the Charges incurred at those Settlements on Account of the Expedition against Tanjore.

A. Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith

Saml. Johnson

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The President this Day received the following Letter from General Smith.

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith the Armyarrives at Villum

I had the Honor to address you the 4th Instt. from Singerpettey - from which place I marched this Morning Course N. E. distance 7 Miles and encamped bearing Villum in my Rear, and Tanjore in Front bearing N. E. distance 6 Miles - The Tanjorians Horse and Foot are encamped on the North Side of the Fort, and have not yet made their Appearance.

Your Letter of the 1st Instt. I am much obliged to you for and it shall be duly attended to.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obdt. hble Servt.

Joseph Smith

Camp near Villum
5 August 1773

10th

This Day the following Letter was received from General Smith.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &c. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith

I had the Honor to address you Yesterday from

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Smith, the Army Arrives and encamps before Tanjore. An Account of the Skirmish between our Cavalry & the Enemies

from Camp near Vellum.

This Morning at 3 o'clock I marched with a Detachment of the Army accompanied by the Engineers to reconnoitre the Ground round Tanjore & beat up the Enemys Quarters if we were so lucky to meet them.

On our Arrival at Monogues Tope we found no Horse there. They had thought proper to discontinue that Post, being afraid we were too near for them to remain there in Safety. We marched on and at Daylight discovered their Tents and Part of their Cavalry encamped closed under the Walls where they could not be attacked without our suffering exceedingly by the Fire from the Town. that being the Case we reconnoitred till noon when we returned to Monogues Tope to refresh the Men. during all this Time I had observed the Enemy assembling and they finding our Party had retired. The greater Part of them from 1,500 to 2,000 moved out about two Miles and a half from the Fort into the Plain, a small Body still remained, having now got the Opportunity I wished for, I ordered Captain Rumley who was drawn up out of Sight with the two Regiments of His Highness's Cavalry to leave his Guns & Sepoys and Charge the Enemy Sword in Hand, Captain Tonyns Troop with some Grenadier Sepoys were so situated that they might if necessary prevent the Reserved Body of the Enemy from attacking the Rear of the Regiments

Captain Rumley took Advantage of a Bank of Earth that covered him from the Enemys Sight

Till

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till he got on their Flank and between them and the Fort which made it impossible for them to get off without being engaged. The Enemy faced His Highness Cavalry & as both Parties were fairly pitted I thought a Contest for Victory would have ensued, but the Tanjorians were not able to withstand the Shock of the Regiments, who galloped down upon them & tho at full Speed kept in close Order. They had no sooner Cut in amongst the Enemy than they gave way and endeavored to save themselves by flight. When I found there was no Danger from the Body of Reserve I have mentioned I ordered Captain Tonyns Troop to follow Captain Rumley, but it was then too late for them to be of any great Use.

Captain Rumley pursued the Enemy till they got round his right Flank between him and the Fort, & were pushing for their Encampment. This was foreseen and they were raked from a Gun and Howitzer ordered to an Eminence which commanded their Retreat and were played upon them with Success.

The Number of killed an wounded I think cannot be less than a Hundred, amongst the former was Veerage Ingly the third in Command, he was much respected by the Tanjorians, and when his Body was sent to the Fort my Spies tell me he was much Lamented, not only by his own Family but by the People in General. I am sorry to have to tell you on our Part that Lt. Campbell who commanded the 1st Regiment and is an Officer who stands high in the Opinion of the Army received a Wound on the Elbow by which Part

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of the Bone was cut off, and will 'tis feared deprive him at least of the Use of his Arm. Lieut. Baillie was in the Field and not on Duty, charged with the Cavalry and received a Wound on his Wrist. One of the black Troopers had his Hand cut off, and several more of them are slightly wounded. The Officers and Men behaved with great Spirit and Lt. Barrows of the 2d Regiment in the Morning at the Head of two Troops of Cavalry distinguished himself by driving a Number of Sepoys Colleries, and several Hundreds of thin Horse who were on a Rising Ground near the Fort within Musquet Shott of thin Walls. In which Skirmish one of his People was killed and 11 Horses wounded. /

I have marched the Army this Afternoon to the Queens Choultry distance about 7 Miles, and encamped.

I shall have the Honor to address you soon again and am, Honble Sir with Respect

Your most humble Servant

Camp near the Queens Choultry
6th August 1773

Honble Sir

The General who is exceedingly fatigued being on foot 17 Hours I now fast asleep does not sign the foregoing Letter. Therefore You will please to consider it as a private account of this Days Transactions from

Honble Sir Your most obedt. Servt.
Thomas Parkison

11th

Came in the following Letter from General Smith. /

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To The Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &ca. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith Several Persons of note belonging to the Enemy wounded in the late Skirmish. /—

I have seen a Copy of a Letter my Secretary wrote to You last Night by my Directions, which was not Signed. I had fallen asleep after much fatigue and Want of Rest therefore it was dispatched by the Tappal for your Satisfaction.

While I was at a Port we had taken Possession of in our Front, a Number of Prisoners were brought in, who were carrying Men that had been killed and wounded in Yesterdays Action to Tanjore. The fighting People Sordered to Camp and the Coolies with the Bodies to the Fort, where they are in great Consternation from the Defeat of their Cavalry — besides the Principal Jemidar that was killed, there are four others called Diam Khan — Moody Sawmy Gerry Soap Sibe, and Allum Khan wounded. I hope this Check will prevent their going any great Distance from the Fort, and of Course we will have less to apprehend for the Safety of the Stores to come from Trichinopoly. /—

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Camp 2½ Miles S.W. of Tanjore. 7th Augt. 1773

Honble Sir

Your most obed. Hble. Servt.

J. Smith.

12th

This Day the following Letters were dispatched —

To

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To Messrs. Archdale Palmer & Francis Jourdan

in Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to the Council at Masulipatam

As all Charges incurred by the present Expedition against Tanjore are to be carried to a separate Account, You will be pleased to keep a distinct Account of the Expences occasioned by the March of the Europeans & Sepoys Grenadiers from Ellore the Amount of the Stores sent to the Southward and all Charges arising from the Embarkation of the Troops & Stores on the Dolphin & Swallow for Cuddalore.

We are Gentlemen

Your affect. Friends

Alex Wynch Vice Council

Fort St. George
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To George Dawson Esqr.

Chief of Cuddalore

Sir

Letter to Mr. Dawson at Cuddalore. p

As it is necessary that every Charge occasioned by the present Expedition against Tanjore should be kept separate and distinct, you will be pleased to keep a separate Account of all the Expences incurred in landing the Troops from the Dolphin and Swallow, and also any other Expence which may have been occasioned by their Stay at Cuddalore & by their march from thence.

We are Sir Your affectionate Friends

Alex Wynch Vice Council

Fort St. George
12th August 1773.

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At a Consultation Present

Friday the 13th August

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

General Smith absent on Service. /

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore inclosed in a Letter from the Governor of Tranquebar, and also Translate of a Letter from the Rajah to the said Governor which are now laid before the Board and entered as follows

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

Honble Sir!

Letter from Mr. Whitehill at Tranquebar, inclosing Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore

I have received a Letter from the King of Tanjore wherein he has desired of me that I would send you the enclosed Presentation and Propositions translated into English, I have not well could have denied him one so indifferent a Service. I without interfering further in the Matter leave it to your own Consideration and have the Honor to be with a perfect Esteem

Honble

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Honble Sir

Your most obedt. & most hbee Servt.

Abbestee.

Fort Dansborg

August 9th 1773.

P. S. enclosed to You is a Letter to You from the King of Tanjore translated into English here, from an adjoined Copy. he has desired the Translation that the Contents might not be known there by any except You. /

From the Rajah of Tanjore

there is no date on the Maharattee Letter.

Translate of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Governor.

The Friendship & Support afforded by the English to this Country (meaning Tanjore) is a Matter of universal Celebration and Report among all the Maharatta & Rajpoot Nations, as well as others. We have quietly submitted to the hard Terms imposed on us by the Nabob and have given him all that by these he required. Some Deficiency happened in the Revenues of the Mortgaged Lands and for the Payment of the Sums so deficient as well as the last years Peishcush (tho the latter was not yet become due) I borrowed of the Sawkars, and having engaged with them also for an additional Sum to discharge what was due to the young Nabob and other Lesser Accompts, I took Bills for the whole Amot. and sent them to the Nabob, who having protested my Bills has set on Foot an Expedition against me and as I learn by universal Report has sent his Son Mandar Al

Mulk

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Mulk with a compleatly furnished Army to Trichinopoly for that Purpose. Considering that no Deviation in Conduct can by any Means be laid to my Charge and that I have fulfilled my Engagements in Respect of the Payments I agreed to, I am confident you can never consent to this Measure. Some Offence should surely be proved upon one before an Expedition be undertaken against one, without any Show of Equity to wage an unjust War against one is not consistent with Reason. This Charitable Country (meaning Tanjore) is the Support of Multitudes of People, if you Sir will preserve it from Destruction you will be the most great, glorious and honored of Mankind. I am full of Confidence that you will neither do Injustice Yourself nor Listen to the Tale of the Oppressor. I only desire a Continuance of that Support which this Country has formerly experienced from the English, and you will reap the Fame so good an Action deserves.

All these Circumstances the Governor of Tranquebar has written you at Length, and I am convinced that after reflecting on them you will pursue such Measures as may tend to the Tranquility of the Country, & the preservation of its Inhabitants. And therefore what more need I write on this Subject.

Translate of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Governor of Tranquebar—

Translation

It is now about 120 Years ago since our Great Grandfather

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Grandfather Egosi Rasa made an amicable Alliance with the English Nation, Our Grandfather Rama Rasa, for the better to cultivate that Alliance, ceded to the English Fort St. David with its District, and that at a very reasonable Rate. We ourselves have for the more to corroborate Friendship between us by a written act put them in full Possession of Tivicotta and Atzabaraus District, and in the same written act, was made mention of our ancient & good Friendships Continuation.

In the Time when Daidmo digan attacked Arcot with War, the Nabob desired us to assist him with Auxiliaries, but in Regard of the Friendship subsisting between us and the English, did we not enter into any Conjunction with the Nabob, without the Consent of our Allies the English. In the Time when Mr. Saunders commanded at Fort St. David, did we agreeable to his Mediation, enter into Friendly Alliance with the Nabob, and thereupon Sent him Auxiliaries. Since that Time have we upon every Occasion been very Anxious to please the Nabob, We have even gone so far, that for not to offend the English shewn a Disregard to the French, and always Strove to promote the Welfare of the English and the Nabob, and what good Promises of and Assurances of the Nabob has made us is well known to the English and every Body else.

When Mr. Lally besieged Madrass, did we send immediately the English our Assistance of 1000 of our Cavalry.

In Mr. Piggots Time, when the Nabob intend-

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about Capitulation, did we at the same Time write to the English General, and were we at that Time at last glad, that Peace on conditions formerly concluded by the Mediation of the English Viz: of paying a Yearly Tribute of four Lacks of Rupees, again and anew was ratified and confirmed — For the said Sums due to the Rajah, have we given him some of our Lands in Pledge, and already paid a Part thereon, but on Account of a bad Harvest on the same Lands, did a Sum become due for the Same, and likewise for a Tribute due the 15th of July this Year and other Sums have we pledged a Part of our Lands to Mr Bomsfield, and on him furnished the Rajah with Bills for the Whole — whereof he will not accept, but on the contrary intends to make War on us.

We have hitherto taken great Pains to provide the Sums we are obliged to pay the Rajah in Tribute, and left no Occasion to our good Friends the English to be very angry with us for not fulfilling a Contract agreed to by their Mediation; if it can be proved that we have acted unfriendly, or done any Injury against the English or the Rajah, then we will willingly be answerable therefore. We have intended to write about all this Circumstance to the English, but on Account of the Roads not being safe, have we not hitherto done this; Wherefore we desire of you Sir that you in Consideration of the long subsisted Friendship between us and the English and other repeated Circumstances, and likewise in Regard of our Innocence to this War, will be so good as to write to the

Governor

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Governor of Madrass, and send him a Translation of this our Presentation and Memorandum, and in the best manner present said, and desire him not to communicate its Contents to any Body, and beg of him when he has considered the Matter, as soon as possible to favor me with a good and favorable Answer, tending to the Good of our Land and Dominion. And when he can & will effectuate a Peace, then shall He immediately & Publickly and in usual Form write to him and Council and finish Matters so that we may live in Peace and pay the Nabob the Tribute once Stipulated by the English Mediation./

If the Governor & Council will bring Matters to that Issue do we herewith promise to grant their Company a Gift of so much Land as may amount to a yearly Revenue of a Lack of Rupees and where they judge most commodious to build a Fort on either near with Twicotty or Tirumaley sapel. Likewise do we Promise in Ready Money a Present to the Governor of Madrass two Lacks of Rupees and to the Council two & whereabout they may in our Name give him a full Assurance./

Agreed, that the Substance of the

foregoing

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foregoing Letters be communicated to the Nabob and that an Answer be returned to the Governor of Trinquebar

A. Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

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Secretary

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This Day the following Letters were rec'd from General Smith.

To the Hon'ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

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

Letter from Gen.l Smith Major Horne sent to reduce Tricatapilly.

Hon'ble Sir

I had the Honor to address you the [illegible] since which the Engineers have been employed collect to Stores and preparing for Business.

Major Horne marched from hence [illegible] day Morning and took Possession of Boodelor Pagoda [illegible] Companies of Seapoys, from this Place he proceeded to Tri[illegible] poly, and on his Return has orders to reduce Tricatapa[illegible] they are both convenient Posts on the River, and will be usefull to keep our Communication between Camp and [illegible] mopoly open which at present is disturbed by the Collerie[illegible] the Natob gives the Inhabitants (with whom the Count[illegible] encouragement, they will bring in supplies daily to [illegible]

I understand by my Intelligence [illegible] Syringapatam that Hyder ally having put himself [illegible] the Care of a French Surgeon has got the better of his Com[illegible] and that his Troops at Dindigal under meer Sail [illegible] Vincatagerry under Shimnevasherow are employed [illegible] the Polygars in those Countries.

I have the pleasure to tell you that [illegible] are

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are plentifully supplied with Water from a Branch of the Cavery and tho it is not very fine. I believe it is very good

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir with Respect

Camp before Tanjore
9th August 1773.

Your most obedt. Servt.
J. Smith

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &c. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from Genl. Smith containing Intelligence of the Maharattas & Hyder Ally - reports of the French joining Hyder

By a Letter I received I received this Afternoon from Tricatapilly - I find Major Horne had arrived at That Place at Nine this Morning, with Captain Kellys & Poverys Detachments & 500 of Nadgiff Cawns Horse - He summoned the Place to surrender but they returned their Answer from the Gems on the Walls. The Major brought an 18 Pounder and a Mortar with him and was preparing to attack the Fort.

Hyder Naicks Vaukal is arrived at Tanjore with Assurances from his Master of joining the Rajah with a Body of Horse - I shall guard against such an Event, as much as possible, and I hope if it should happen to be able to carry on the Siege, but the open Country I fear will suffer. The Person who writes this Intelligence says

that

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That the Troops under Mur Said at Dindigul have been reinforced with 2000 Horse and some Foot, and that he is to enter the Madura Countries & restore the Marawar Chiefs to their Rights, & that Hyder intends to push a Body thro the Pass of Caddapatnam and Ruin the Arcot Countries. That Mararow has pitched his Tents and is to move this way with all the Marattas left in the Serpi Districts. That the French are to join Hyder, and in Short there is to be a general Combination against the Nabob and the Carnatick. I shall address the Board for their Instructions in Case these Events or any of them should happen. There is no Dependance on Black Men, and tho we cannot See what Advantage Hyder has in protecting the Rajah, yet should he move to his Assistance, it will be with a View of Self Interest. The Rajah is inviting all the Polygars round him to come to his Aid. many have promised and some will join if Troubles should arise in the Country.

We are making Fascines and Gabions and doing everything in our Power to forward the Work, and to morrow the Engineers will have all their Tools.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obedt. Hble Servt.

Joseph Smith

Camp before Tanjore
8 August 1773.

Wrote.

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Wrote the following Letter to the Governor of Tranquebar

To the Honble Herman Abbestie Esqr.

Governor of Tranquebar

Honble Sir,

Letter to the Governor of Tranquebar acknowledging the Pt. of his and the Rajah of Tanjours Letters

I have received your Letter of the 9th and am obliged by the Trouble you have taken in forwarding to me the Letter & the Translate of one to you from the Rajah of Tanjore.

I am with Esteem

Honble Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant

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Fort St. George

13 August 1773.

14th

The following Letters to General Smith was sent round to the Members of Comit approved an dispatched this Day.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General & Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast

Letter to Genl. Smith every Precaution will be taken to guard against the Mahrattas and Hyder Ally.

Sir,

The President has communicated to us your Letter of the 16th Inst. and by advices which the Nabob has received we learn that Trichinapilly surrendered the 11th inst.

Altho

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Altho' we have still Hopes that there is little Reason to apprehend any Material Interruption to our Operations either from the Maharattas or Hyder Ally - Yet it is certainly incumbent on us to use every precaution in our Power to guard against the Worst - and for this Purpose orders will be sent to the Officers commanding at the Several Garrisons to obtain the best Intelligence and to be on their Guard against Surprise - We shall also recommend to the Nabob in Case of the Approach of any Bodys of Horse towards the Carnatick to take such Measures as may best secure the Country & Inhabitants from the Effects of their Ravages and we should be glad to receive your Sentiments if any thing further occurs to you as Necessary to be done for the better Security of the Forts and Country - We are are sensible that you will with us see the Necessity even on the Report of Assistance coming to the Rajah to push the Operations of the Seige with the utmost Vigor, that as little Time as possible may be allowed for assembling or marching any Troops to his Relief and as we hope you are by this Time supplied with everything Necessary, we rest with the fullest Confidence on your best Endeavours for bringing the Expedition to a Speedy and happy Conclusion

We are
Sir Your most Obdt. Hble Servts.
Alexr. Wynch &c Committee

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Came in the following Letter from General Smith

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Smith.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &ca. of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from General Smith Tricatapilly received.

After the Tappal was dispatched Yesterday by which I had the Honor to address you I detached Major Fletcher with one Company of Europeans and five Companies of Grenadier Sepoys to Tricatapilly. A Treaty was on foot between Major Horne and the Killedar this Morning which continued no longer than the Grenadiers appeared in Sight when the Place surrendered. Nadgiff Khan arrived in Camp this Evening and with him Lt. Colonel Brathwaite & Lts. Lane, Daye and Furrier, also ensign Wilson & Cornet Ratzell. The Companies Troops and Stores I expect from thence tomorrow, all but Lt. Main & 2 Companies of Sepoys left in the Fort.

I have had Intelligence to Day from Meer Saits Camp before Padoor. A Polygon Fort in a Wood about 8 Miles from Dindigal. He had been Sixteen Days endeavoring to reduce the Place & little hopes of its falling on the 8th Instant when this Account came away. No Troops had joined him for some Time past but all my Intelligence agree in his Expectations of being reinforced.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Camp before Tanjore 11 August 1773.

Honble Sir Your most Obdt. Hble Servt.

Jos. Smith

Wrote

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Wrote the following Letter to Major Fitzgerald at Vellore

To Major James Fitzgerald
Commanding at
Vellore

Sir,

Letter to Major Fitzgerald to give the earliest Intelligence thereof in case of the approach of the Mahrattas or Hyder Ally towards the Passes

As it is of the greatest Consequence at this present Juncture to obtain the earliest Intelligence of the Designs of Hyder Ally and the Mahrattas I recommend it to you in the Strongest Manner to spare no Pains in procuring the most authentick Intelligence of the Designs of Hyder Ally and the Mahrattas, I expect Information of their Motions on the other Side of the Hills, and that you lose no Time in advising me of every occurrence that may affect the Peace and Security of the Carnatick

From the Vicinity of Ambore to the Passes of Pidanaiguidurgum Gudapatnam the Officer commanding there must be watchful upon his Guard against any Surprize from the sudden irruptions of the Mysoreans or Mahrattas, and he must be particularly carefull to give you the earliest Intelligence of their Motions, should any Parties of their Horse approach towards the Passes: and to this Effect you will please to advise him immediately upon the Receipt of this.

As we have no certain Grounds for believing

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ing that either Hyder Ally or the Maharattas intend to commence Hostilities against the Carnatick, on the contrary we flatter Ourselves they will not, I desire you will conceal the Contents of this Letter, that no unnecessary Alarms may be given to the Inhabitants of the Country who are apt to desert their Villages upon the most distant Rumour of an Invasion — You will please to give the Same Caution to the Officer commanded at Amboor. I am Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.
Alex Wynch.

Fort St. George
15th August 1773.

At a Consultation Present,

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President.
John Smith John Whitehill
Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone Edward Stracey

Monday
16th August

General Smith absent on Service —

Mr Charles Smith indisposed —

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

The Two following Certificates from General Smith to James Macbride and John Grose, Invalid Soldiers to the Military Fund are laid before the Board & approved.

By

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By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer of the Honble Companys Troops on the Coast of Coromandel.

Certificate to James Mabride.

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Companys Fund for the Relief and Maintainance of European Officers and Soldiers who by Wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India, that they produce Certificates from their Commanding Officer, as one of the Requisites to intitle them to the Provision made by the said Military Fund.

I do certify that James Mabride born in Surry in England about 31 Years of Age is an invalid Soldier on this Establishment, has served the Honble Company upwards of Nine Years, that from a Wound he received by a Musquet Ball passing thro his left Foot at the Siege of Tanjore in the Year 1771 he is rendered incapable of further Service in India, and obliged to return to England depending on the Provision made by the said Military Fund.

Given under my Hand at Fishinopoly the 17th July 1773.

Joseph Smith.
B. G.

Joseph Hinchley Surgeon.

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

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer

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Officer of the Honble Companys Troops on the Coast of Coromandel.

Certificate to John Groze

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Companys Fund for the Relief and Maintainance of European Officers and Soldiers who by wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India that they produce a certificate from their Commanding Officer as one of the Requisites for to intitle them to the Provision made by the said Military Fund.

I do certify that John Groze born at Rye in the County of Sussex England about 34 Years of Age is an Invalid Soldier on this Establishment, has served the Honble Company upwards of four Years and from a Number of Wounds he received in his Head Body & Arms at the Siege of Tanjore in the Year 1771 he is become incapable of further Service in India and obliged to return to England depending on the Provision made by the Military Said Fund. Given under my Hand at Trichinopoly the 17th July 1773.

Joseph Smith
B. G.
Joseph Hinchley Surgeon

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

Read the following Report from the Committee of Accounts.

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

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

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

Report from the Committee of Accounts.

Vellore
Ambore
Trichinopoly
Madura
Palamcotah
Vellum &
The Detachment under the Command of Capt. Geo. Brown

for June

and have Nothing to remark

We are with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
13th August 1773.

Your most obt. hble Servants
John Smith
Charles Smith
John Holland
Geo Mowbray
Andrew Majendie
John Renton
Js. Oakes

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Letter from General Smith on the Subject of the Nabobs proposals to the Army minuted and entered on Consultation the 9th Instant

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Instant, and as it appears that the Board in a Letter to General Smith bearing Date the 26th November 1771 have clearly and comprehensively given their Sentiments on the Case where the Troops are by Custom and Usage of War entitled to Prize Money in Lieu of Plunder & Booty, and likewise in what Cases the Army may consistently with the Spirit & Sense of their Covenants with the Company, accept of Donations or Rewards for Services performed, and as the General was directed to communicate the said Letter to the Principal Officers of the Army; the Board are of Opinion that it is not necessary to enlarge further on the Subject but only to refer General Smith to the Opinion given in that Letter - the following Answer is accordingly wrote & ordered to be dispatched -

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast./-

Sir,

Letter to General Smith referring him to the Opinion given in a Letter from the Board dated 26th Nov. 1771. -

We have received Your Letter of the 3d Inst. from Tourgoody advising us of your Arrival there with the Army under your Command, inclosing a Translate of the Nabobs Letter to you on the Subject of Prize Money to the Army, and likewise Copys of a Letter to you from Lt Colonel Bonjour containing the Sentiments of the Field Officers Commandants of Corps on the Nabobs Proposals - which Translate and Letter you say you hope will meet with

our

our Approbation.

Upon Reference to our Letter to You bearing Date 26 November 1771, We find our Sentiments on this Subject so very clearly and fully expressed therein, that we think it unnecessary to say anything further, than to confirm the Opinion there given

We are

Sir,

Your most obdt. Sevts.

Alex. Wynch &c. Council

Fort St. George
16th August 1773.

The President reports that he has given the Nabob the Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, and that he desired to be furnished with a Copy of the Letter from the Rajah to the Governor of Tranquebar. Ordered, that a Copy of the said Letter be delivered.

The President reports the Death of Lt. George Clarke at Ganjam on the 24th Ult.o and Ensign Sandys at Masulipatam the 9th Instant. In Consequence of which the following Promotions are ordered to take Place. Vizt.

Philip Mayne Lieutenant in the Room of Lt. Clarke date of Rank 24th July of Comm.t 16th Aug.t

James Mitchell Ensign in the Room of Philip Mayne 26 do. do.

Henry

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Henry Desvoux Ensign in the Room of Ensign Sandys deceased - Date of Rank 9th Aug.t of Comm.n 16 Aug.t

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John Smith

Charles Smith

Sam.l Johnson

[illegible]

Extracty

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Recd the following Letter from Genrl Smith.

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

Honble Sir

Letter from Genrl Smith Operations of the Army at Tanjore.

I had the Honor to address you Yesterday and have now to acquaint You that Major Horne returned this Afternoon to Camp with the Detachment sent against Trichatapilly, and some Prisoners, particularly the Killidar who had commanded that Place Sixty Years. They were given up to Maundar Ul Mulk, and as Soon as I can get a Return of the Stores &c found in the Fort, I shall have the Honor to transmit it to you.

Captains Kelly & Covery with the Stores in their Charge from Madras and Vellour have joined the Army. Captain Marcks, Lt Jefferies and Watson & Mr Roach a Cadet have also joined.

Our Communication with our Magazine at Trichinopoly is at present open even without Escorts, which will prove of very Essential Service to the Army. The Engineers are using their utmost Endeavours preparing Materials for the Attack. I shall address you again tomorrow and have the Honor to be with Respect

Camp before Tanjore
12th August 1773

Honble Sir

Your most obt Hble Servt
Joseph Smith

Came

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Came in the following Letter from General Smith

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &a. Council of

Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St. George

Letter from General Smith relating the Operations at Tanjore from the 5 Instant

I had the Honor to address You on the 3d Instt. On the 5th Instt. the Army marched to Vellum and on the 6th the Nabobs Two Regiments of Cavalry under the Command of Captain Rumley being sent out with a reconnoitring Party had a Skirmish with about fifteen Hundred of the Tanjore Horse, in which the latter lost at least a Hundred Men killed & Wounded amongst the killed were Eragee Ingly Row the third in Command and of the latter four other Jamidars of less Note. The Tanjorians would have suffered much more had they not taken shelter under the Walls of the Town. our Loss is not worth mentioning, except that Lt. Campbell who commanded the 1st Regiment received a bad Wound in his right Arm, I have the Pleasure to acquaint You that Captain Rumley, with the Officers and Men under his Command behaved with great Spirit on this Occasion and that they were unsupported with Guns or Infantry. In the Evening of the 6th the Army marchd from Vellum, and encamped on the South West Face of Tanjore Fort, distance about Two Miles and a half.

On the 8th Isent Major Horne with two Companies of Seapoys to take Possession of Boodelore — from thence to proceed to Trichinopoly and with the Detachments coming to Camp under the Command of Captains Kelly & Covery to

Reduce

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rdaue Tricatapilly. The former was immediately taken pos-
session of, but the latter refused to obey the Majors Summons
He that Night took Possession of the Pettah and was next
Morning preparing to breach the Wall of the Fort when
the Place surrendered. Ensign Main with two Companies
of Seapoys was left to command it, and next Day the Ma-
jor returned to Camp with a Detachment I had sent to rein-
force him. Also the Troops and Stores from Trichinopoly.
The Prisoners were delivered to Madaur Ul Mulk Behauder
and with the Rest the Killedar who has been Commandant of
Tricatapilly Sixty Years, As soon as I get a Return of the Guns
Military & other Stores taken in the Place I shall have the
Honor to transmit it to you. Our Communication with the
Trichinopoly Country is now open, even without Escorts, which
will be very advantageous to the Army & which in Justice to
Major Horne I cannot avoid observing he has effected
with great alacrity, and in less Time than I expected.

By my Intelligence from the Fort the Tanjo-
rians have formed very sanguine Expectations of Support
from Ayder Ally, from the Assurances given them by
his Vackeel. How far they are to be depended on Time will
discover.

Our Engineers are very busy providing the
Necessary Materials to effect the Works for the Artillery in
forwarding of which I have given every Assistance in my
Power. I have the Honor to be with Respect.

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obdt. Obee Servt.
Joseph Smith

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A Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President

Friday — John Whitehill

20th August — Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey.

General Smith absent on Service.

Messrs. John & Charles Smith indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Report from the Committee for the Examination of wounded and infirm Sepoys for the Invalid Pension List laid before the Board and approved.

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 12th Inst. as entered in Country Correspondence No. with Pagodas 34,500 in Specie & Pagodas 30,000 by a Bill on the House of Govindoss Sowcar, besides the Paymaster at Trichinopoly will receive Pagodas 35,500 —

Letter from the Nabob

Ordered that the same be acknowledged, and that Mr. Alexander Davidson the Paymaster at Trichinopoly be directed to receive from the Nabobs Renter Managers the Sum of Pagodas 35,500, out of which he is to reserve as much as is absolutely required for the Payment of the Garrison, and to send the Remainder to the Paymaster in Camp after General Smith has been duly advised thereof.

The

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The Military Paymaster lays before the Board two Bills from Captain Cathcart for Victualling the Officers and Seapoys from Atchun to this Place, and they are accordingly ordered to be paid.

A Wynch
John Smith

Saml. Johnson
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At a Consultation Present

Monday 23 August

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor President

John Smith

Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey

General Smith absent on Service.

Mr. Whitehill indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from General Smith

the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &ca. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from General Smith Capt. Jolland read on his way to Tranquebar.

I was this Morning honored with a Letter from the Board of the 14th Instt. and observe the precautions Your Honor &ca. have taken respecting the Out Garrisons, which is certainly very right and proper situated as the Troops are at present and You may rely on it Sir, not a Moment Shall be lost in finishing the Business they are employed on, in order that they may Return to their several Cantonments or act as Occasion may require.

Poor Captain Jollands Complaints have been increasing every Day since he left Trichinopoly. The Surgeons were of Opinion nothing could relieve him but the Sea Air, which Advice came too late for he had not got fin-ther than Cootallum about forty Miles on his way to the Coast when he quitted the World, and all its Cares. I am very

Sorry

sorry for him, he was possessed of many amiable Qualities.

The Vincatagerry Poligars arrived in Camp this Morning - and their Chief paid his Visit to Maudaur Ul-Mulk in due form.

I have appointed Lt. Barron to act as my Aid De Camp during the Campaign, which I hope will meet the Boards approbation.

The Engineers plead hard for another before we break Ground, which I shall not give them don't find it absolutely necessary.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obdt. hble Servt.

J. Smith

Camp before Tanjore
18th August 1773

The following Letter having been received from General Smith is now read

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith. Captain Nixon with the Stores arrived at Volconda. Lt. Sale at Badelore.

By a Letter I received from Captain Nixon dated Volconda the 15th he expected to be on the Banks of the Coleroon as of this Day. - I have ordered him to leave the Stores in Charge of the Conductors and some Guards of Sepoys from Trichinopoly and make the best of

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his Way to Camp, with the five Companies of the Grenadier Sepoys. The Conveyance by Water has proved a very great Convenience, as the Boats discharge the Stores within three Miles of our Lines.

Lt. Sales arrived at Bodeloor to day and is expected in Camp tomorrow with the five Companies of Seapoys - a 13 Inch Mortar and the Stores from Madrass all but four Thirds of Arrack which he left on the Road in Charge of an Stabledar and Six Seapoys - the Bandys not being in a Condition to proceed.

We shall break Ground tomorrow Night and I hope soon be in Readiness for the Artillery to take off the Enemys Defences.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obdt. Servt.

J. Smith

Camp before Tanjore
19th August 1773 -

In Consequence of the Death of Captain Jolland the 18th Instant the following Promotions are this Day ordered to take Place and Commissions to be made out accordingly -

Thomas Lane Captain to rank from the 18th inst. Date of Commn. this Day.

Andrew Bremner Lt. in the Room of Thomas Lane Rank 18th Date of Comn. this day

John Spencer Ensign in the Room of Andrew Bremner 18th Do.

Read

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Read the following Letter from Major Fitzgerald at Vellore.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from Major Fitzgerald represents that the Hospital at Vellore is much out of repair

There is a Sepoy belonging to the 11th Carnatick Battalion taken up at Vellour for Desertion please to inform me whether You would have him [illegible]ryed by a General or Court Martial or Regimental.

If he is tryed by a General Co[illegible]urt Martial I shall want a Subidar from Amboor as [illegible] have not a Sufficient Number here - Also please to or[illegible]der me a Warrant for that Purpose.

The Hospital here is much out of Repair and by Computation Two Hundred Pagodas would do it as there is but few men in it at present, it would be a good Opportunity to have it done should you approve of it. /

I am with much Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedt. & very hble Servt.

Ja. Fitzgerald

Vellour
20th August 1773.

The President is desired to represent the

bad

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bad Condition of the Hospital at Ell. Vellore to the Nabob, & that Two Hundred Pagodas will put it in a proper State of repair

A Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

J W M
O Stracey

Fort St George 24th August 1773.

Delivered the following Orders to Lieut.

Sampson Hamilton.

To Lt Sampson Hamilton

Sir,

Letter to Lt Hamilton to escort a Quantity of Gun Powder to Camp.

You are appointed to the Command of an Hundred Seapoys, and to take under Your Charge a Quantity of Gun Powder, which you will escort to the Banks of the Coleroon, and on Your Arrival there You will receive Orders from General Smith or the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly, in what Manner to proceed. The Hundred Seapoys are to be returned to this Place as soon as they are relieved from the Charge of the Gun Powder at Trichinopoly

I am Sir

Your most obed. Servt.

Alex. Wynch

Fort St George
24th August 1773.

Wrote the following Letter to General Smith.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General & Commanding Officer of the Troops on the South

Sir,

Letter to General Smith advising him of the March of Lt. Hamilton with 400 Barrells of Gun Powder.

Yesterday 400 Barrels of Europe Powder was dispatched under an Escort of one Hundred Seapoys commanded by Lt. Hamilton; who had orders to proceed to the Banks of Coleroon and on his arrival there to pursue such Directions as he might receive from You or the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly. You will therefore be pleased

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pleased on the Receipt of this Letter to send the Necessary Orders to Trichinopoly for transporting the Gun Powder from the Banks of the River and afterwards escorting it to Camp or wherever you may think proper, and as soon as the Seapoys sent from hence are relieved from the Charge of it, they are to be returned again, without Loss of Time. Lieut. Maxwell accompanied the Escort from hence and he together with Lr. Hamilton will proceed to Camp when it is relieved./

Sir,

I am

Your most obedt. Hble. Servt.

Alexr. Wynch

Fort St. George
24th August 1773.

This Day the two following Letters were received from Camp.

Honble Sir,

Letter from Mr. Parkison advising of the Progress of the Siege./

General Smith being much fatigued is just gone to sleep, and desired me to acquaint You that we have at length broke Ground before Tanjore, and advanced a Party under Lieut. Colonel Vaughan to a commanding Spot within five Hundred Yards of the Walls, where there are two Pagodas which we have got possession of. The Distance between them is about 150 Yards and our working Party of 1500 are now running a Paralell from the one to the other, from which the necessary Approaches may be made, and Trenches to cover our relieving Parties. At one

of

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of the Pagodas is a Tank of fine Water, and at the other a large Choultry. Our Loss is very inconsiderable we have only heard of one European Grenadier killed, and Lt. Bonnivaux and a few of the private Men wounded.

Major Fletcher marched at Nine tonight to the East Face of the Fort to attack the Enemys Camp, but we have not yet heard from him.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obdt. Servant

Thomas Parkison Secy.

From our advanced Post & wrote on the Ground 12 at Night

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To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &ca. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith, advanced a Party within 500 Yards of the Fort. Major Fletcher surprises the Enemys Camp

Mr Parkison by my order gave you an Anot. of our advancing a Party last Night within five Hundred Yards of the Fort. and I have now the Pleasure to acquaint you that our Plan for surprising the Enemys Camp was also attended with Success. Major Fletcher marched with that View at the Head of a Detachment from the two Grenadier Corps. They were so fortunate as to get to the very Center of the Enemys Encampment, and within a few Yards of the East Gate, where the Detachments Situation being in Column, and their Fire directed to every Quarter, must have made great Havock, and tho we have not any certain Accounts of

the

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the Enemys Loss, yet from the Opinion of Major Fletcher and the Officers with him, it could not be less than a Thousand Men and Horses, killed and wounded. Our Loss is five European Grenadiers killed and ten Seapoy Grenadiers killed & wounded.

There were several persons in a Tent near the Gate who were all put to Death, and from their Marquee being remarkably larger than the Rest, and an Elephant standing near, it is supposed that Monagues Son or some Jamidar of Note, if not more than one suffered there.

Major Fletchers Account of the Good Behaviour of the Officers and Men gives me much Pleasure, and I believe it never happened before that any Seapoys have passed several of the Enemys Pickets, and marched on to the Center of their Camp without firing a Single Musquet, till ordered.

The Distance between the Two Pagodas is greater than was supposed and the Parralel between them almost finished.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obdt. Servt.

Joseph Smith

Camp before Tanjore
25th August 1773.
10 A. M.
25th

Received the following Letter from General Smith

To

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

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint You
that last Night the Engineers continued their Parallel
the Northward, along the west Face of the Fort, about
four Hundred Yards, and that this Night I mean to
carry it near as much further

We have lost this Day but four of the
Company and one of the Nabobs Sipoys killed, and a
Serjeant of Captain Forbes's Battalion mortally wounded

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most obdt Servt
J. Smith

Letter from General Smith. Engineer carried on 400 Yds along the west Face.

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26th

Came in the following Letter from the Engineer

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

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint You,
that last Night the Engineers continued their Parallel to
Hundred and Twenty Yards in the Direction mentioned
in my last, and as it is necessary to carry it still further
to Night, and to form a Redoubt on their Left it will be
the 25th before we can begin our Batteries to silence the
Enemys

Letter from General Smith. Engineer advancing the Parallel. desertion of the Tanjorians

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Enemy's Fire.

We have lost the last 24 Hours, but one Sepoy killed, a Jamidar and 2 Sepoys wounded. a 24 Pounder grazed and discoloured Captain Keating's Thigh, but did him no other hurt.

The Loss the Enemy sustained on the 20th appears to produce very good Effects. I understand that many Jamidars are very discontented with their Situation, and some of them have actually left the Rajah & his Fortunes and gone off with the Horse under their Command. /

I shall endeavour to encourage this Spirit amongst them by distressing them as much as in my Power, and if Maddaur Ul Malek exerts himself, I think many of them may be brought over to enter into the Nabobs Service.

I have the Honor to be with Respect,

Honble Sir,

Your most obdt. Servt.
J. Smith

Camp before Tanjore
23d August 1773
28th

Received the following Letter from General Smith

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

Honble Sir,

The General being the whole Day on Horseback, under an intense hot Sun and till near twelve at Night at the several advanced Posts is much fatigued, and

Letter from General Smith - the Enemy attack the Trenches are repulsed - We take possession of some Pagodas within Musquett Shott of the Wall -

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and desires I may acquaint You that last Night the Engineers ran their parallel as far as they intended, but had not Time to secure their left by means of the intended Redoubt mentioned in his last.

About 9 o'clock this Morning the Enemy began to assemble on the left of our Intrenchment, and some of them appeared on the Right the Fort all this Time kept up an incessant Fire on our People with so little Success as they were under Cover. At half after 11 the Enemy with about 700 Horse and a Number of Collieries headed by Monagues Son, moved towards and attacked our Trenches with Musquetry, but on the Grenadiers adding briskly upon them, they retired under Cover of some Pagodas, within Musquet Shot of their Walls, and a Evening abandoned them, and took Shelter in the Fort.

I have not seen a Return of our Loss these last 24 Hours but I hear we had one Artillery Serjeant & 4 European Grenadiers killed — Major Fletcher, Lieut. Dee Ensigns Cox & Fraser, Cornet Stevenson, and 12 Private wounded. Our black Troops have not suffered so much. The Artillery Serjeant was killed and some Bullock People wounded by one of our Tumbrils with six Pound fixed Ammunition being blown up by a Cannon Shot from the Enemy, who's Loss I should imagine is much greater than ours.

Major Fletcher on the first Alarm of the Enemys Approach got up on the Bank of the Trench, to reconnoitre

them

them and was shot in the Knee with an Arrow, and afterwards by the same Man through the Cheek & Tongue & two of his Teeth drove out - he is now pretty easy and I hope will soon be well, but Lieut. Dee's wound I fear is mortal - he has a Musquet Ball lodged in his Belly, which gives him great Pain.

The Redoubt and Part of our Batteries for silencing the Enemys Fire, it is expected will be far advanced to Night, and we have got Possession of some Pagodas within three Hundred Yards of the North Gate, which with our other Posts will effectually secure our Trenches. /-

I have the Honor to be,

Honble Sir, with Respect

Your most obdt. Servant
Thomas Parkison Secy.

Camp before Tanjore
24 August 1773

29th

The following Letter was this Day received from General Smith.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor &c. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from General Smith. Circar Sepoys arrived in Camp.

I have the Honor to acquaint You that Captain Nixon with the Six Companies of Grenadier Sepoys arrived last Night in Camp - the Stores are to follow as soon as they can be got over the Rivers, in my Next I shall mention the Officers and Volunteers who joined with Captain Nixon. /-

It

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It is with great Concern I acquaint you, that last Night Lieut. Colonel Ross, Captain Campbell, his Bro. and Lieut. Fletcher with the Pioneer Company left Post at the Pagodas mentioned in my last, and were their way to the Trenches at that Part which had been Tacked in the Morning, and tho the usual Precautions were taken, Some of the Sepoys being alarmed fired. Each Campbell and one of the Pioneers were killed - the former shot through the Head and one other Pioneer wounded. I am much concerned for Poor Campbell, he was a very Man.

We have had these last 24 Hours but two killed and two wounded. It is with pleasure I can acquaint You that by the 27th in the Morning we shall be able to open a Fire from 7 - 18 - 7 - 12 Pounders & 8 Mortars & Howitzers to silence the Enemys Gems, and distress them in the Town.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obedt. hble Servt.

Joseph Smith

Camp before Tanjore
25th August 1773

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President,

Monday
30th August.

John Smith

John Whitehill

John Maxwell Stone

Edward Tracey

General Smith absent on Service

Mr Charles Smith absent

Mr Johnson indisposed

Fort St. George 30th August 1753

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

It being represented to the President that Mr. William Chambers is at a considerable Expence in paying Writers & Teachers, in order to perfect himself in Persian & the other Country Languages, it is RESOLVED, that he be allowed Twenty Pagodas monthly, to commence from the Time he left Chimamanicktk Collam.

Capt. William Campbell of the Engineers killed at Tanjore.

The President reports the Death of Captain William Campbell of the Corps of Engineers, & Lt. Charles Barron of the Artillery at Tanjore, the former killed on the 24th & the latter the 25th Instant; and also the Decease of Ensign Samuel Scott at Vellum the 20th Inst.

Lt. Barron killed the 25th.

Ensign Scott dead at Vellum

In Consequence of these Vacancies the following Promotions, are ordered to take Place,

George Maule Captain & Sub Director of Engineers in the Room of Captain Campbell — Date of Rank 24th Aug.t Date of Comm.n 30th Inst.

Alexander Dugood Sub Engineer and Lt. in the Room of George Maule — Do. Do.

John Sudson 3d Lieut. of Artillery in the Room of Charles Barron — 25 Do.

William Loy & Lt. Fireworker in the Room of John Sudson — Do. Do.

Thomas Bouser Ensign in the Room of Samuel Scott — 20th Do.

Letter from the Nabob

Read the following a Letter from the Nabob dated 27th inst. as entered in Country Correspondence Pp. 95 inclosing two Letters from Mahomed Usman Snyder alias Vackeel

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Vaukeel at Seringapatam on the Subject of sending a Vaukeel from the Nabob to Hyder Ally, with the usual Tokens of amity & Friendship. The Nabob desires advice respecting the Answer to be returned to Mahomed Usman.

In Consequence of which an Answer is returned as entered in Country Correspondence No 96.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Lang.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Letter from Colonel Lang desiring Leave to join his Brigade before Tanjore

In obedience to your Commands of the 1st July, I repaired to this Garrison to take the Command of the Troops; but my Readiness to comply with your Orders, & Sirs on Reflection, made me overlook a Duty, which is due to myself, & which is of too important a Nature to be neglected.

I will not suppose the Board meant any Reflection on the contrary, the Reasons given for stationing me here I hope I may rather construe into a Compliment: for had the Council seen any inability in me as an Officer, they would no Doubt have thought it necessary, & I should have been equally desirous to clear up a Point so requisite both for the Good of the Service and my own Honor.

Being thus satisfied my Ability & Reputation were not meant to be called in question, I hope I may be allowed the Permission of representing to You that I know

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know of no Precedent for removing a Colonel from his the Brigade when that Brigade is going upon actual Service & with Deference I leave it to your Hon.ble Judgement, if an Officer of Rank & Experience is thought Necessary to command in this Fort whether that Experience might not more properly and consistent with Military Rule be exerted at the Head of those Men, whom he has himself disciplined, but now only retains the Name of commanding.

Military Punctilio will never I apprehend be satisfied with the Encomium you have done me the Honor of allowing me to be an Officer of Experience, when at the Same Time that advantage in the Opinion of Military Men, & which is certainly of weight is not so properly applied as it might be.

I hope the Honble Board will not think I have given my Sentiments too freely: I mean no Disrespect, but I wish and request You to consider the Situation I am in, that I may be ordered to join my Brigade, for whose good or ill Behaviour I am alone answerable for.

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. and devoted Servt.

Ross Lang

Fort St George
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Without entering into a particular Examination of the foregoing Letter, the Board were only remark that they judged it expedient &c for the good of the Service to order

Colonel

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Colonel Lang to the Command of this Garrison, where he must remain until his Services are required elsewhere — the following Answer is accordingly returned by the Secretary —

To Colonel Ross Lang

Sir,

Lang to Colonel Lang

I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint You in reply to your Letter, that they thought it requisite to order You here to take upon You the Command of this Garrison and that they are the only & proper Judges where Your Services can be employed to the best advantage —

I am Sir Your most obdt. hble. Servt.

W. Petrie Secy.

Fort St. George
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Extract from a Letter from Fort William, respecting the Mercury's Dispatch. /

Read the following Extract of a Letter from the President & Council of Fort William

Extract from a Letter from the President & Council at Fort William 2d. August 1773 —

It is our Intention to dispatch the Mercury Packett direct to Europe as soon as the Advices from our President shall enable us to inform the Company of the Progress of his Negociations with the Vizier —

A true Extract

Chas. Oakley Secy.

As we have Reason to expect that the Fate of Tanjore will be determined by the Time the Mercury sails, & as it will be of the utmost Consequence to the Honble Court

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Court to receive the most early Intelligence of this Event, it is agreed to request the President & Council of Fort William, to order the Mercury to touch at this Place to receive our Dispatches which shall be in such Readiness as not to detain her more than a few Hours

A Wynch
John Smith

J. Hill
Secy Tracy

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Pursuant to the Resolution of To Day, the follow-
ing Letter was wrote to the President & Council at Fort William

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have duly received your Letter of
Letter to Fort William that the Mercury may call here on her way to England

the 2d Instant,

As it will be of the utmost Importance
that the Honble Court should have the most early Intelli-
gence of the Event of the Siege of Tanjore (which it is
probable will be determined by the Time the Mercury sails)
we earnestly request that Your Honor &c. will be pleased
to order her to touch at this Place, that we may be enabled to
have our Dispatches in such Readiness as not to be under
a Necessity of detaining her more than a few Hours.

We have the Pleasure to acquaint Your
Honor &c. that by Letters received this Morning from Genl
Smith, we understand our Batteries consisting of Fourteen
Guns and eight Mortars began to play upon the Fort of
Tanjore the 24th in the Morning at the Distance of between
Five and Five hundred Yards, and in the Course of that
Day we learn that some of the Enemys Bastions were
demolished and the greatest Part of their Fire silenced.
From these circumstances and some other Advantages we
have gained, we have Reason to hope for a speedy &
fortunate Issue to the Siege.

We

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We are
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. & most obedt. Servt.
Alexr. Wynch & Co. Council

Fort St. George
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The following Letters were this Day received from Camp.

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

Letter from Mr. Parkison, with an Account of the progress of the Siege

I have the Honor to acquaint You that Agee Khan a Jamidar, with 10 Horse 60 Sepoys and some Peons came over this Morning to Maudar Ul-Mulk

Our Gens Mortars and Howitzers have been sent to the Batteries, which by Morning might be opened, but the Propriety of Begining or not at present remains a Doubt, for when once the Enemys Gens are silenced, our approaches & Breaching Batteries should be carried on with the utmost Spirit. If we were to open them just now, it is feared, we would fall Short of materials to compleat our Works - and by relaxing give the Enemy Time to repair the Damage done them, which (if possible) must never be the Case.

Our Situation at present is very disagreeable, an incessant Fire kept up by the Enemy, both from their Gens and Musquetry without a Shot being returned on our Side, and notwithstanding all the Care that can be taken we have lost these last 24 Hours one

Havildar

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Havildar & 3 Sepoys killed & 2 Havildars 1 Naigue &
14 Sepoys wounded.

The Spirit that at present prevails in the
Army & desire to chuse the Enemys Guns, induced Lieut.
Colonel Bonjour & Major Horne to offer their Services to
assisting the Engineers, one each to make a Battery. The
former requested Lieut. Barron would stay with him last
Night to superintend the Work, and I had not left him
and me an Hour in the Battery when he was struck by
a Cannon Shot, he was a promising Young Man, will be
a Loss to the Service.

I shall address You soon again, and
have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obed^t Servant

Camp before Tanjore
26 August 1773.

Honble Sir,

The above Letter was wrote by the General's
Directions, but from his returning to Head Quarters
very late, after visiting the Posts and Lines must be
regarded, he finds it inconvenient at that Time to sit
down to write — he is now gone to rest & I have for your
Satisfaction sent his Letter unsigned — In future hope
I may address you every Morning with an Account
of the Transactions of the preceding Day —

I am with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant

Thomas Carnegie

Fort St. George 30th August 1773.

Hon'ble Sir,

I am directed by General Smith to acquaint you that our Batteries are this Moment opened and a Fire commenced from 7 - 18 Pounders - 7 - 12's & 2 Mortars and Howitzers, which will very soon silence the Enemys Guns on the Face of the Fort attacked - and keep them down, but they have got 2 or 3 Guns which flank us that will be troublesome to dismount -

Letter from Mr Parkinson the Batteries were open against the Place the 27th

There was notwithstanding the Temptation - Our Batteries, Guns, Men and Ammunition in Readiness and the Enemys Shot two often taking Place amongst our People determined for the Attack, which I have no Doubt will now go on Smartly.

As soon as I return to Camp, I shall endeavour to establish a Paypace by the marsh road to Madras So that you may expect to know what is doing in Camp as soon as this Neighbours, which I have no Doubt you will appreciate.

I have the Honor to be with Respect -

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most obd.t Servant

Thomas Parkinson Secretary

From our 6 Gun Battery
6 o'clock A.M. 27th Aug. 1773.

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Received the following Letter from General Smith -

To the Hon'ble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

Letter from General Smith

I have been favored with your Letter of the

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23d Instant and am glad to find the Powder was to last but
One Month Days, as we are just now obliged to be very
sparing of what we have got in Camp.

Our Batteries were opened Yesterday Morning
at 6 o'Clock and at 11 when our Guns were laid by to cool, we
had silenced the Enemy's except an 18 & 24 Pounder on the
Southwest Angle, which could not be got at, but a Battery
was begun Yesterday & is now almost finished on purpose to
dismount them.

Our Shot in general after striking the Enemys
Embrasures past & into the Town, which with our Shells must
have done much Mischief, and create great Confusion.
about 40 it is said fell within the Walls of the Kings Palace
and obliged him and his Family to remove to a Bomb proof
Several Parts of the Town were set on Fire and in the
Evening a small Magazine blown up. — It is impossible to
tell exactly, but I am informed upwards of a hundred
People were killed & wounded, Our Loss was three Sepoys
4 Lascars killed, and 1 Serjeant, 4 Private Europeans 2
Sepoys & 9 Lascars wounded.

Our Cavalry were out all last Night on the
S. E. Face of the Fort, but an Attempt was made to send off
the Rajahs Family, notwithstanding their present Situation
& their Palanquins Doolies and Bearers being on Shore
I have the Honor to be with Respect

Camp before Tanjore
28th August 1773.

Honble Sirs
Your most obed.t Serv.t
J. Smith

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Wrote the following Letter to Bombay.

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr

President & Governor &ca Council of

Honble Sir & Sirs Bombay

Letter to the president & Council of Bombay.

We advised your Honor &ca in our Letter of the 10th July of the intended Expedition against Tanjore, in Consequence of the Nabob's Application for the Assistance of the Companys Arms to reduce the Rajah his Tributary. /

We have now the Pleasure to acquaint You that the Approaches are advanced within three Hundred Yards of the Ditch, that our Batteries consisting of fourteen Guns and 12 Mortars & Howitzers have already silenced a great part of the Enemys Fire, and demolished some of their Defences, and by the last Advices from General Smith, under date the 28 Ult.o we have great Reason to expect a speedy & fortunate Issue to this undertaking.

We are Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George
1st September 1773

Your most obdt hble Servts
Alexr Wynch &ca Council

Received the following Letter from General Smith.

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr

President & Governor &ca of Fort St George

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith Operations of the Army.

I have the Honor to enclose You a General Monthly Return of the Troops before Tanjore for July with

a List

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a List of Officers corresponding thereto.

Major Horne marched this Morning with Nadjiff Khans Horse and two Troops of Captain Rumleys, round the East Face of the Fort, and reports that a secure Post may be established at Mannarcoil a Pagoda directly on the Negapatam Road, and three Miles in Front of the East Gate. We have already cut of the Enemys communication with the Country by the Vellum and North Gate, and no Time shall be lost in taking Possession of the Pagoda I have mentioned and distressing the Garrison as much as possible in the Quarter.

We have begun our Approaches from the Parallel and shall carry them on with all Expedition to the Fort of the Glacis.

I have heard of no Europeans or black People being killed to Day but cannot be particular as I have yet received no Return.

I shall have the Honor to address the Board Tomorrow, when I will mention to them some Appointments of Staff for the present Service, which if they are not paid, I hope will be approved.

I have the Honor to be with Respect.

Honble Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant,

Joseph Smith

from Colonel Pong

Camp before Tanjore
29th August 1773

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The following Letter to the Secretary was this Day received.

To William Petrie Esqr.

Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir

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Sir,

Letter from Edelang

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 30th past in reply to mine addressed to the Honble President & Council of the Same Date.

As I understand from the Contents that the Board have misapprehended the Intention of my Address I must beg Leave to assure them, I never had a Doubt but what they were the Proper Judges, how and where my Services could be best employed: my obeying implicitly their Orders of the 4th July was I hope a sufficient Testimony of these Sentiments; but as I could not help thinking my Situation almost without a Precedent, I thought I was entitled to complain to those who could give me Redress & although my first Duty as a Soldier was to obey my second like a Man possessed with the Feelings of a Soldier tenacious of his Honor, induced me to submit what I considered a Grievance to their further Consideration having so done, I think it proper to lay before them what further occurs to me on the Subject, flattering myself that I shall stand justified in their Opinion, when they attend to the Motive of this Address.

Opinion is of the highest Consequence in all Matters but more particularly so in those of a Military Nature. When therefore Soldiers see their Colonel removed from them at the very Time they are ordered upon actual Service the Conclusions it is probable they will draw, may be such as are highly injurious to his Reputation and consequently

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must very essentially affect the Service in which he holds a distinguished Rank.

It is not to be supposed the Army will be informed of the Reasons for my being detained at the Presidency & if they were I fear it would not alter their Notions, which are always grounded on apparent Circumstances; such as I feel with infinite Pain & Regret.

I hope the Board will pardon the Trouble I give them, when they reflect there are few Men in my Situation, but would feel as I do & act as I have done, complaining when I thought myself aggrieved.

I am Sir Your most obed.t hble. Serv.t

Ross Lang

Fort St. George
2d September 1773.

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Came in the following Letter from General Smith

To the Hon.ble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President & Governor &c. of Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir,

Letter from General Smith containing the occurrences of the Siege from the 31st Ulto.

On the 31st Ult.o I had the Honor to address the Board and that Day Nadjiff Khan with his Horse, Captain Loudons Battalion of Seapoys compleated to a Thousand Strong 4 Guns and all the Collieries, marched from hence and encamped at Mamarcail, to cut off the Enemys Communication to the Eastward. They were escorted by the Nabobs two Regiments of Calvalry who returned in the Evening and that Night a Trench was run from our Approaches 120 Yards, nearly parralel to the Covert Way, and about 25 Yards from the Wall, to a rising Ground on the left, where a

Battery

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Battery for 4 Guns was begun. Our Loss that 24 Hours was three Sepoys killed - 1 European - a Smiclar & 15 Sepoys wounded

Last Night the Battery was finished all but the Platform, which is now laying, and this Night another 4 Gun Battery will be begun. Our Loss these last 24 Hours is very inconsiderable.

The Enemy have brought Guns to every Spot on their Walls as well as their Cavaliers and Bastions, that will bear on our Works with any Degree of Security to them Selves, and keep up a Fire from 10 or 12 Guns, on account of ours being rather at too great a Distance - however on the Batteries now constructing being opened the Enemy will be confined to a Less Number of Guns and those on our Flanks which may annoy us but will not interrupt our Operations.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

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Honble Sir

Your most obedt. Servt.

J. Smith

At a Consultation Present.

Monday 6th September

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President

John Smith — John Whitehill

Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey

General Smith absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President reports that the Suit in the Mayors Court, between Ignatio De Rosario and Abbo Mapo-

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The Suit in the Mayors Court between Ignatio de Rosario & Abboo Mahomed Compromised.

med is compromised the Cultival of Arcot (Vide Consultn. 4th January & General Letter pr Nassau Par. 11.) is compromised and that in Consequence thereof he is absolved from the Bond which he gave for the Said Abboo Mahomed in the Name and on Behalf of the Company.

Read the following Letter from Mr Paul Benfield.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &a Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Benfield

Having learned from Tranquebar that the Rajah of Tanjore had addressed the Governor of that Settlement, on his Affairs desiring a Copy might be transmitted to the Honble the President: and as I understand the Rajah has mentioned my Name, on a Matter tho not of importance to his Affairs yet nearly concerning me as a Servant of the Honble Company. I beg leave therefore to lay before your Honor &a all that has passed with me or that I have regarding it.

A Black Man to the Southward with whom I have had some mercantile Concerns learning in that Country the Exigencies of the Rajah had been treating with some of his People, for the Payment of some Money at Madrass, and made use of my Name, but as he had no Authority from me to do so he made his Engagements with the Rajahs People subject to my Approval and on those Terms transmitted Bills under Cover to my People, to be delivered

ed only in Case I should approve of his Engagements; The Instant I was advised of the Matter I rejected it altogether, knowing it my Duty to do so as a Servant Obedient to the Orders of the Honble Company.

His Highness the Nabob is acquainted with these Circumstances, & I trust will do me the Honor to confirm them

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
3d September 1773

Your faithfull hble Servt
Paul Benfield.

The following Letter from General Smith having been received, is now read and taken into Consideration

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &a Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from General Smith to have Instructions in Case of Hyder Allys Invasion of the Carnatick on the Subject of Prize Money - Staff to the Second in Command

I have been honored with your Letters of the 14 & 16th Instant, the former advising the Measures taken & for the Security of the Forts and Country of the Carnatick & desiring my Sentiments if anything further occurs to me as necessary to that end, should any Bodies of Cavalry approach our Frontiers. - The Precautions you have already taken, particularly by leaving in the principal Forts such Garrisons as are capable of defending them is all that appears to me can be done in our present Situation, or until the Troops employed before Tanjore have are at Liberty to act, as the Exigency of the Service may require.

The Country cannot be protected against large Bodies of Cavalry, and should Hydre Ally bring into it his Infantry and Some heavy Cannon, 'Tis Possible that several of the small Forts belonging to the Nabob may fall into his Hands for this Reason - The Troops left in them are only

Country

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Country Peons, or Sibindi Sepoys and they in all probability would desert them on the first Alarm. /

As the Conduct of Hyder Ally seems to be dubious, and many Reports are propagated of his Intentions to enter the Carnatick, 'tis necessary I should have the Honble Boards Instructions for my Guidance in Case of such an Event. Whether or not the Army is to remain here, and pursue the object in View till your Orders from Madrass are arrived.

I can with great Truth assure Your Honor &ca. that not a Moment has been lost since our Appearing before this Place, and I am perswaded that every Man in the Army, is as anxious for a speedy and Successful Conclusion of our Operations as our Employers could wish.

Our Approaches are now carried on within two Hundred Yards of the Crest of the Glacis, and tho' the Moonlight is very unfavorable to our working Parties, yet we are pushing on with all the Vigor in our Power, and I hope by the 15th of September to give You a good Account of what has been done. As I am engaged on this Subject, I cannot in Justice to Captain Stevens avoid mentioning him to the Honble Board, as he really deserves. His Courage Activity, Assiduity, and Diligence since we broke Ground have been such as entitle him to your particular Notice and Countenance. Indeed I have seen few such Men in this Service. I have also the Pleasure to inform Your Honor &ca. that Major Fletcher's Conduct in his Attack of the Enemy's Camp is highly to his Honor, as also his Steady Behaviour when the Enemy attacked the left of our Parralel, where he received two Wounds, Lt. Colonel Vaughn was ordered to relieve him, and also behaved with that Gallantry which he always Shews on such Occasions.

I shall make known to Lt. Colonel Bonjour

&ca.

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Yrs Your Reply to my Letter of the 3d of August on the Subject of Trav Money, and refer them to Yours of the 26th of November 1771 as your Sentiments thereon. The Rabob would not be satisfied without an Answer to his Proposals, which in Deference to his Station the Officers of the Army thought themselves in some Degree under a Necessity of complying with, and at the Same Time incumbent on them to communicate every Transaction with His Highness to the Honble Board.

You will observe by the enclosed General Orders given out in the Army the Appointments of Messrs Ross and Green as Secretary and Aid Decamp to the 2d in Command for the present Service, but as that Staff has not hitherto been allowed, they will draw no Emolument therefrom till your Pleasure is known.

I need not here enter into a Detail of our Proceedings Since my last of the 15th Instant. The Honble President has been kept advised of all Occurrences as they happened, and I have now the Honor to inclose You the Plans of our several Encampments with a Journal of the Operations of the Army to this Day, wherein every Transaction is particularly taken Notice of and to which I beg Leave to refer You.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed. Servant

Joseph Smith.

Camp before Tanjore
3d of August 1773

In consequence of which the following Answer was prepared and ordered to be dispatched.

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

Letter to General Smith in reply to his of the 3d Inst.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 3d Inst. and have been regularly advised of your Operations by

Yours

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Country Peons, or Sibindi Sepoys and they in all probability would desert them on the first Alarm. /

As the Conduct of Hyder Ally seems to be dubious, and many Reports are propagated of his Intentions to enter the Carnatick, 'tis necessary I should have the Honble Boards Instructions for my Guidance in Case of such an Event. Whether or not the Army is to remain here and pursue the object in View till your Orders from Madrass are received.

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I shall make known to Lt. Colonel Boyd

Sir

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Your Letters to the President,

By the latest Intelligence we have read we have no reason to Suppose that Hyder Ally's Designs at present are hostile to the Peace of the Carnatick, or that any Measures are to be apprehended either from him or the Maharattas which can impede your Operations against Tanjore: and at all Events we think that Nothing should divert our Attention from the present undertaking, unless Circumstances should arise, which may actually endanger the Safety of Madras or any of the Company's or Nabobs principal Settlements or Forts.

As to the Appointment of an Aid De Camp and Secretary to Lr. Colonel Bonjour, altho we do Suppose that You had Sufficient Reason for nominating Staff to the Second in Command, nevertheless as Such Appointments are unprecedented, we cannot annex any Pay or Emoluments to them.

Weare,

Fort St. George
6th September 1773.

Sir,

Your most obdt. Sable Servants.
Alexr. Wynch &a. Council

Read the following Letter from General Smith to the President.

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith on arrivals of the Siege.

I have the Honor to acquaint You that last Night a Battery for four Gems was begun about 256 Yards from the Wall, also a Trench of Communication from the Battery to our Approach on the left, both which will be finished to Night.

Our Loss these last 24 Hours was very trifling except that of Ensign Morrison, whose Head he was taken off by a Cannon Shot. Lr. Hugh Mackay died Yesterday Evening at Vellum & Ensign Millea in Camp. The latter of a Patred Fever and Flux. I shall have the Honor to address you again To-

morrow

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morrow and am

Honble Sir with Respect

Camp before Tanjore
3d September 1773

Your most obedt. Servant
Joseph Smith

The President reports the Death of Lieut. Hugh Mackay at Vellum, & Ensigns Millea & Morrison in Camp. In Consequence of which the following Promotions are now ordered to take Place

William Augustus Le Grand Lt. in the Room of Lieut. Mackay decd.

		Date of Rank	Date of Commission
		2d Instt.	6th Instant
John Glover	Ensign in the Room of Le Grand promoted	Do.	Do.
Barry Close	do. of Ensign Millea decd.	3 do.	Do.
Terry	do. of Ensign Morrison at Tanjore	5 do.	Do.

Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Harcourt with a Letter from the Honble Court dated 7th April 1773 – To be taken into Consideration.

A Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

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Came in, the following Letter from Gen.l Smith.

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

Letter from General Smith carrying on the Approaches to the Glacis. /-

I am honored with your Letter of the 31st Ultimo, and am much obliged for your Fr. Attention to my Safety.

Lieut.s Hamilton and Maxwell arrived Yesterday at the Colleroon with 400 Barrells of Gun Powder. The Plank from Chillumbrum was also arrived, and passing over the Island to the Covery, by which Conveyance we expect it soon in Camp, and the next Eng. will bring all our Stores from Trichinopoly.

The 2 Batteries of 4 Guns each, one on the right and the other on the left of our Approach, with the Trenches of Communication are now finished and this Night we will go on with our Approaches towards the Glacis. Our Loss these last 24 Hours is not worth mentioning.

By my Tappal of this Day from the Coimbatoor Country, Meer Sibe has marched and was encamped on the 1st Instant at Ayoor a Place belonging to Hyder Ally within 40 Miles of Trichinopoly, but without any other Views that I can learn but to reduce the Polygars and levy Money of them

The Tappal Mr. Parkison mentioned to You, I expect is stationed by this Time - and tomorrow I shall have the honor to address You by that Conveyance which I hope will give you the earliest Intelligence of what passes in Camp, tho' 40 Men less are Stationed employed than the Number stationed by His Highness on the

Same

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Same Service. The old Tappals by Trichinopoly and Cuddalore are very Necessary and remain chiefly for the Conveyance of private Correspondence, as the Number of Letters to & from Camp at this Time is more than can go with Expedition. - I must request you will order a Dockett with the Hour of Dispatch to be sent with your Letters.

I have the Honor to be, with Respect

Camp before Tanjore
4th September 1773
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Honble Sir Your most obedt Servant
Joseph Smith

Received the following Letter from General Smith.

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith - advising of Troops & Military Stores being landed at Negapatam from Ceylon -

I have the Honor to acquaint You that last Night our Approach was carried within fifty Yards of the Crest of the Enemy's Glacis, and that this Night We hope to be able to establish ourselves there.

The Dutch have had lately landed at Negapatam from Jaffrapatam and Columbo 400 Europeans 100 Mallays, and a large Supply of Military Stores - They are either alarmed for their own Safety on the Coast, or have had Intentions of rendering the Rajah further Assistance, in which last Case they are late I believe, as they will now find Difficulty in throwing Supplies into Tanjore.

The Rajah and his Family are still in the Fort, and You may be assured, I shall do all in my Power to prevent their Escape - however I am of Opinion, he has not the least Intention to go off, but will try his Fate with those who are willing to share it with him.

Our Loss the last 24 Hours has not been greater than we had Reason to expect, I shall advise it in

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my next. I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Camp before Tanjore
5th September 1773

Your most obedt. Servant
J. Smith

P. S. This Letter goes by the new Tappace. The Private Letters are dispatched at the Same Time by Trichinopoly & Cuddalore.

9th This Day came in the following Letters from the Army before Tanjore

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

Letter from General Smith approach carried on to the Crest of the Glacis.

Your Letter of the 2d Instant is this Moment come to hand, and your Orders to communicate anything Extraordinary that happens by the Nabobs Tappal Shall be obeyed. if my Letters by the present Conveyance does not reach You in less Time.

I have now the Honor to acquaint You that las Night we carried our Approaches to the Crest of the Glacis & this Night We propose to extend our Lodgement there.

I hear the Dutch have taken the Field, I suppose with Intentions to defend their late Acquisitions in the Tanjore Districts.

Our Loss these last 24 Hours was Lt. White of the 16th Battalion of Sepoys 1 Subidar 1 Stabledar & 1 Sepoy killed, 2 private Europeans, 1 Naique & 11 Sepoys wounded.

Ensign Pearse of the 1st Regiment died Yesterday at Vellum

I shall have the Honor to address You again Tomorrow and am with Respect

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6th September 1773

Honble Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant
J. Smith

To

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &ca. of Fort St. George
Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith

I had the Honor to advise You Yesterday that our Approaches were carried on to the Crest of the Glacis, along which last Night we extended our Communication 150 Yards, and will be employed this Night in forming Lodgements there.

The Enemy have been at work for several Days on the Inside, and we are now so near to hear them very distinctly. Our Loss these last 24 Hours was 3 Sepoys killed and 7 Wounded. I am

Honble Sir with Respect

Camp before Tanjore
7th September 1773

Your most obedt. Servant
J. Smith

At a Consultation Present.

Friday 10th September

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

General Smith absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President reports the Death of Lt. Richard Annesty White at Tanjore the 5th instant and Ensign Edward Pearse at Vellum the same Day, In Consequence thereof the following Promotions are ordered to take Place.

			date of Rank	date Commn.
Robert Dorrell	Lieut. in the Room of	Lt. White killed at Tanjore	5 Inst.	10th
John Browne	Ensign	of Robert Dorell promoted	Do.	Do.
Augustus Beck	Do.	of Ensign Pearse deceased	Do.	Do.

The President reports the Death of Captain John Wolfe at this Place Yesterday the 9th Instant, In Consequence of which the following Promotions are now made.

George

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George Morrison Captain in the Room of Captain Wolfe deceased — date of Rank 9th Inst. — date of Commn. 10th Instt.

John Belli Lieut. in the Room of G. Morrison — Do. — Do.

Henry Darley Ensign — of J. Belli — Do. — Do.

The President acquaints the Board that Ensign Edward Goode having been ordered in Arrest by Captain Galbraith for being drunk on Duty, and for beating and abusing the Subidar of the Guard, he the President had ordered the Principal Officers of the Regiment to assemble and enquire into the Character his Conduct, which they accordingly did and delivered in the following Report.

Report of the Officers respecting the Conduct of Ensign Goode.

We the undermentioned Officers, having met by order of the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr. to enquire into the Character of Ensign Goode of the 2d. Battalion 1st Regiment do declare that upon the Strictest Enquiry into the general Tenor of his Conduct, that he is unworthy of the Rank and Commission that he holds in the Honble Companys Service; and that it is our Opinion he is entirely undeserving of a general Court Martial.

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Ross Lang Colonel
Andrew Johnston Capt.
Robert Wood Captain
Jas. Galbraith Captain
Henry Lamotte Captain
Edwd. Edmonds Captain

Dismissed the Service

The Board taking the foregoing Circumstances into Consideration, as well as Ensign Goodes Conduct on a Recent occasion, when he was pardoned on Account of his Youth and inexperience, find the Representation of the Officers well founded and do therefore dismiss him from the Honble Companys Service.

Samuel Jacobs is appointed an Ensign in the Room of Goode

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Goode to rank from this Day.

A. Wynch
John Smith
Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson
J. Wm
E. Stracey

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Annexed the following Letter from General Smith.

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith ascertained the Breadth & Depth of the Ditch.

I have the Honor to acquaint You that last Night we extended our Line of Communication along the Glacis as far as was necessary, and made a Return to secure our left. The Breadth and Depth of the Ditch was also ascertained by Measurement. The former is 150 Feet, and the latter to the bottom of the Counterscarp 31 ft including the Depth of the Covert way which is 6 Feet and 15 Broad, and the East the Ditch natural is dry, and the other Water, Mud and Reeds it is for a short way in one Part 6 Feet deep.

We shall in a few Hours begin to form our Breaching Batteries, and open a communication into the Ditch. Our Loss these last 24 Hours was 1 private European killed and three wounded. One Sepoy killed & 7 wounded.

I shall have the Honor to address you tomorrow Morn with Report.

Camp before Tanjore
8th September 1773

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most obed.t Servt
J. Smith

11h

The following is an Extract of a private Letter from General Smith to the President, dated Glacis of Tanjore Fort 9th Septem.r

Extract of a Letter from General Smith.

Extract from a Letter from General Smith to the President dated Glacis of Tanjore Fort 9th September 1773

I have the Honor to acquaint You, that since my last, we have been going on with the Batteries & descent into the Ditch - the latter by a Gallery carrying under the Glacis and Covert way - The Batteries are so far forward that the Earth is

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cleared away for the Platforms and the Embrasures are now forming.

The Tanjorians marched out Yesterday Morning to Storm Ramjeffs Camp, which I suppose they were forced to attempt by their being so easily reputed. Captain Loudon writes me, that when they found the Camp prepared to receive them, they broke to the Rear, and some of them three made a charge on a Gun covered by two Companies of Sepoys, but on giving them a Round of Grape and the Sepoys Fire, they wheeled and retreated to the Fort - Three of the Enemy were left on the Field, who he says were all Samindars. One Horse was killed and four taken. On the first Notice I had of the Enemys sallying, I sent Captain Rumley with the two Regiments of Cavalry round to Ramjeffs Assistance, but they did not arrive till all was over.

12h

Came in the following Letter from General Smith -

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith Operations in the Dominions of Tanjore

I was this Morning honored with a Letter from the Board of the 6th Instant, and am of their Opinion, that our Operations (which I hope are now drawing near a Conclusion) will not be impeded by Hyder Ally. His Situation made it necessary for me to have an Eye to his Motions, and on that Account I have had for some Time past a Tappal established to the Dindigul Country, and Spiral Messengers from there to Tyrungapore Tam. Hyder has amused the Rajah by giving him hopes of settling a Peace with Tanjore, but his present bad State of Health, the distance with Inclemency of the Season, limits his Troops better employed laying Money on the Frontiers of his own Country. My Intelligence this Morning mentions that the Dindigul Cowgar [illegible] Men

marched to Chowry vaundaum 20 Miles in the Madura Country and carried from thence a Thousand Head of Cattle.

The Engineers are going on with the Gallery & Sap Battery - The latter is not to be opened till every thing is ready dimps to fill up the Ditch.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Hon.ble Sir

Your most obed.t Servant.

J. Smith

Tornohen Lutore Tanjore
16th September 1773

Our Loss the last 24 Hours was very inconsiderable - three Europeans were wounded, by one of our own Shells that fell Short - two of them slightly and the other had about two Pound of it taken out of his Hip.

At a Consultation Present.

Monday 13th Septem.r

Alexander Wynch Esq.r	Governor President.
John Smith	John Whitehill
Charles Smith	Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone	Edward Gwatkin

General Smith absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation, read and approved

The Hon.ble Court of Directors having by their Commands of Sta.e dated 7th April 1773 to appoint Mr. Sam.l Lapper Dep.y Commissary General and Colonel by Brevet in the Army - Ordered that the Office of Commissary General be Additionally over to him the 1st of the Month, and that the Military Rank be published in General Orders.

The Office of Agent for victualling the European's in the Fort, and Supplying the Army with Draught & Carriage Cattle has always been annexed to the Employ of Commissary General, but the Majority of the Board being of Opinion that it has

Mr. Sam.l Lapper Colonel in the room of Comm.y General.

Mr. Maxwell is Agent for victualling the Europeans in the Fort &c.

has been the Intention of the Hon.ble Court, from the Words of their Letter that the two Offices should be distinct and separate - the Majority do therefore Resolve, that Mr. Lapper shall only take Charge of the Commissary Generals Office, which is to keep the Accounts with the Nabob, and that the Employ of Agent, which is to transact all that was transacted formerly by Contract, shall be held by Mr. Andrew Majendie, the present Deputy Commissary General.

Ordered, that the necessary Books of Mr. Neale Stonehouse's Debt to the Company, be procured to enable the Court of Directors to call upon the Securities of the said Mr. Stonehouse in England.

The Hon.ble Court in their said General Letter Cons. 9th having repeated their Order for the Reinstatement of Colonel Wood, and the Cayamkolam Sepoys, as soon as the Cause depending in the Mayors Court shall be settled, and the Members of the Select Committee having begged Leave to decline assuming the Enquiry into those Disputes, for the Reasons formerly assigned by them, in which the Board acquiesce; it is Agreed, that the Consideration of this Subject, be taken up by the Board, who will proceed upon it accordingly, so soon as they can procure the necessary Lights from Mr. Sykes the Company's Lawyer.

Ordered, that Lt. Colonel Ross be furnished with a Copy of Cons. 10 of the said General Letter, prohibiting the Chief Engineer from corresponding with the Court of Directors except thro' the Channel of the President & Council.

Agreed, to defer the Consideration of the Subject respecting the Establishment of a Fund for the Maintenance of Invalid Sepoys 'till the Arrival of General Smith.

Fund for invalid Sepoys & Consideration deferred 'till the Arrival of Gen.l Smith &c.

The President reports that Ensign Edward Goode, who was last Consultation dismissed the Service, having for the

Ensign Gordon makes away with Pay. 12th B. 60 of the Company's Money—

Absolute winning Game—

Sworn Officer with the Company of Europeans to which he belongd in this Garrison, the Captain being on Duty at Cuddalore, had of Course been intrusted from Time to Time with the Pay of the said Company. That upon his being called upon for the Amounts of the said Company, & to deliver over the publick Money in his Hands, it appeared that he had imbezzled to the Amount of Pag.s 134. 13. 60. which he was utterly incapable of paying — It is apparent that Mr. Gordon was intrusted with the Company's Money, merely because he was the only Officer present with the Company, & that this Loss has not arisen from the neglect or inattention of any Person, whose Duty it was to prevent this or Abuses, it is agreed that the Military Paymaster, be directed to make up the Deficiency from the Company's Cash — The Board cannot flatter themselves with the Hopes of being able to recover this Money from Mr Gordon as they are informed he has contracted Debts to a considerable Amount, which he is utterly unable to discharge.

M. Lynch
John Smith

Chandler Sweetlh
Sam.l Johnston

Wm
Straaty

Rec.d the following Letter from Genral Smith.

To the Honble Alexander Lynch Esq.r
President and Govern.r &.a of Fort St. George—

Letter from Genral Smith. Progress of the Siege.—

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint You that the Miners are going on with the Descent into the Ditch. that the Materials for filling up the wch Ditch are also in great Forwardness, and not a Moment will be lost in effecting the Reduction of the Place.

Yesterday Evening two Naiars came out of the Fort to one of our Posts and were brought to me in the Trenches from whence I sent them immediately with their Dispatches to Maddanur. Ul. Malik Behander in Camp.

The Young Rajah Umdah Ul. Omrah Behander has been very ill at Trichinopoly; and on his applying to Desire that Mr. Davis one of our Surgeons in Camp should be sent to him, & his Fears that he would not recover without his Assistance. I ordered the Doctor immediately to Trichinopoly and Mr. White from thence to join the Army in his Room as Mr Davis has a Number of Sick and wounded Officers under his Care, and the other Surgeons sufficient Employment in the Reliefs of the Trenches, & in the Corps to which they belong.

Our Loss since my last was one European killed, Lt. James Phillips shot thro' the Groin by a Musket Ball, and one Private wounded — One Sepoy killed, and four wounded.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obed.t Servant
J. Smith

Camp before Tanjore
11th September 1773

Dispatched

14th Dispatches the following Letter to the Consulting

of Fort William.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Comit.e of Fort William

Honble Sir, Sirs,

Major Grum having applied to us for permission to proceed to his Station at Bengal, we have requested of him to remain here some Time longer, in order to compleat the proper Arrangement of the Military Stores in this Gun.t and when this is done he will proceed over Land to your Presidency. And here, in Justice to Major Grum, we cannot avoid acquainting Your Honors &c.a that his Capacity, Attention and Assiduity in that Branch has been such as merits our most ample Approbation.

Letter to Fort William Major Grum remains here some Time longer &c.

By the last Advices from General Smith We have the Pleasure to learn, that the Siege of Tanjore is in great Forwardness - the 8th Inst.t the Sap Battery was almost finished on the Counterscarp of the Covert Way, & the Enginers were taking Measures for filling up the Ditch. So that we flatter Ourselves our next Address to your Honors &c.a will carry the News of this important Conquest.

We are - Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t & obl.d Servants

A. Wynch &c.a &c.a Comit.e

Fort St. George
14th Septem.r 1773

Came in the following Letter from General Smith.

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr.

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

Honble Sir

Letter from General Smith. Intelligence of the Enemy's Movements in the Neighbourhood of Tanjore

I am honored with your Letter of the 6th Instant. In which I shall do myself the Pleasure to re-

ply, the first Lascars Mount I have.

The Miners have gone as far with the Gallery, as is necessary, & the other Matters are in equal Readiness. They have discovered the Light by Means of a Bore about three Foot long, and stopped there. The Breaching Batteries are forming and all possible Expedition using to prepare Materials for filling up the Wet Ditch.

A Report prevails in Meer Sibes Camp, that Hyder is sending Berkey Shamiavadrow with 3000 Horse and 10000 Foot, to reinforce him, with intentions of retaking the Marrawar Country. The Rana of the late little Marrawar Rajah, had returned from Seringapatam, and was on the 7th Inst.t at Calamooday Comar-Cam, and was on the 7th Inst.t at Calamooday Comar-Cam, Village near Dindigul, waiting the Arrival of Shamiavadrow, and has promised to recover Veddon Tocaum & rather more, and has promised to recover Veddon Tocaum & Swits to a very considerable Amount.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most obed.t & Servants

Camp before Tanjore
12th Septem.r 1773
15th -

Received the following Letter from General Smith.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith

I have the honor to acquaint You that the Enginers have reported the Sap Battery for 2 Guns will be finished this Night. In that case we shall begin to batter tomorrow Morning from 16 18 & 24 Pounders, and it is expected by the Time a practicable Breach is made the Passage over the Ditch will almost be completed, & we in

speak

great Forwardness.

Since mine of Yesterday Lt. Colonel Braithwaite and Captain Packard, the latter of the Rabella Troops, are wounded by Splinters & Gravel from Cannon Shot but not dangerously. 2 private Europeans were killed & 4 wounded the Sepoys suffered in Proportion, but as the Returns are not come in I cannot be particular as to them.

The Cane has two Guns, a 12 & 24 Pounder disabled lately, which I did not recollect to mention to you. Captain Montresor is dangerously ill, and I fear my next will convey you an Account of his Death.

I have received your Letter of the 10th and have the Honor to be with Respect

Hon.ble Sir

Your most obed.t Serv.t

J. Smith

Trenches before Tanjore
13 Septem.r 1773.

16th

The following is an Extract from a private Letter from General Smith to the Governor.

Extract of a Letter from General Smith to the Governor dated the 14th September 1773

Extract of a Letter from General Smith to the Governor opened the breaching Batteries the 14th

Your Letters of the 9th and 12th instant are come to hand, and I have now the Honor to acquaint You that we began to breach this Morning by Daylight from two four Gun Batteries in front of our Parallel, and about 250 Yards from the Walls. The Sap Battery of 8 24 Pounders is not to be opened 'till two in the Afternoon, lest the Breach should be in greater Forwardness than the Passage acrop the Ditch, which will be begun as soon as it is dark.

We are now close at it with the Enemy and I have the Pleasure to tell You, that our Operations have been

been carried on from the Beginning with a Spirit so serious and determined in every Department of the Army, as is scarcely to be expected, and bids fair for our surmounting every difficulty, and geting Possession of the Town, with as little Loss of Men, and in as Short a Time as can reasonably be expected.

Captain Montresor has paid his Debt to Nature. he died Yesterday about noon in the Afternoon, was a good officer and will be a Loss to the Service.

A true Extract

At a Consultation Present

Friday 17th Septem.r

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Governor, President
John Smith — John Whitehill
Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone — Edward Gracey

General Smith absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation, read and approved.

Read the following re.a Letter from Colonel Wood.

To the Hon.ble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President & Governor &.ca Council of Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant inclosed me by your Secretary.

Letter from Colonel Wood his readiness to settle the Cause in the Mayor's Court between him & the Company by Arbitration or otherwise

It is with much concern I observe the Hon.ble Court of Directors seem to imagine the Causes between Us have been protracted purposely by me; I can only assure You Gentlemen, that my wishes have ever been otherwise, and the best Proof of this Disposition is my Readiness to

acquiesce

acquiesce in any Proposal you may please to suggest for terminating the same. I am sensible of the Inconveniency the Honble Companys Affairs may be subjected to by continuing the Suit in the Court therefore should you approve of Arbitration, I shall chearfully consent to it, or indeed any other Mode of Decision which may appear more expedient.

I have the Honor to be, very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very obedient, Hble Servt
John Wood.

Fort St. George
16th September 1773

The Consideration of the foregoing Letter deferred until the Board can obtain the necessary Information from Mr. Sykes the Companys Attorney agreeable to the Resolution of last Consultation.

Read the following Report from the Committee of Accounts.

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs,

Report from the Committee of Accts.

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

Ongole
Vellour
Madura
Vellum

for May June & July.

Ambore
Palamcotah
Detachment under the Command of Capt. Brown

for July

and have nothing to remark.

Fort St. George
15th Septr. 1773.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Hble Servt.
C. B. Dent
John Renton
Andrew Majendie
T. Oaks
John Smith
Sam. Johnson
John Hollond
Geo. Moubray

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Promotions on the Death of Capt. Montresor

In Consequence of the Death of Captain Montresor the 13th Instant mentioned in a Letter from General Smith, in the foregoing Diary, the following Promotions are now ordered to take Place.

			Date of Rank	of Comm.
Edward Eagles	Captain, in the Room of Captain Montresor deceased		13 Inst.	17 Do.
Noble Sam Wright Abbot	Lt.	of Edwd. Eagles promoted	Do.	Do.
James Roches	Ensign	of N. S. W. Abbot Do.	Do.	Do.

and Commissions to be made out accordingly.

A. Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

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15th Septem.r 1773
17th

Honble Sir,

Your most obed.t Serv.t
J. Smith.

Incloses the following Letter from General

Smith.

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

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

Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint You that a Bay-
onet Siege, 12 Feet wide is compleated across the Ditch, and that we
expect by Tomorrow Morning the Breach will be practicable
The Enemy has taken it into their Heads Yes-
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to make a Diversion by charging our Camp on the Trichinopoly
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the Sap Battery and Captain Orton wounded in the Opening of the
Gallery near the Fort.

The Tanjore Vackeel mentioned in my last
is now returned this Morning.

Last Night I was honored with your Letter
of the 13th and hope your Wishes for our Success will soon be accom-
plished.

I am
Honble Sir,
with Respect, Your most obed.t Serv.t
J. Smith

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16th Septem.r 1773
19th

This Day the following Intelligence brought the

Letter from General Smith. Copy of the Siege & Entrenchments from behind Negapatnam.

from General Smith. Copy of the Siege

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Camp before Tanjore
16th Septem.r 1773
19th

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Copy in it shants be.

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint You that Bapoo
Row & Casmir Row Uppah two of the Rajahs Vackeels from the
Fort, came into Camp Yesterday Afternoon, and acceded on Mr. Alex.r
Dl. Mallock Behauder but as he does not chuse to enter into an
Treaty for less than the Fort and Country they are preparing
to return.

The Breach and Passage across the Ditch go
on as well as can be expected, & by Tomorrow Morning I hope will
be in great Forwardness. Three People only have been hurt in the
Ditch last Night. Your Loss has been considerable. Lt. John Ralph
Campbell has been killed & Lt. Fletcher and Barton wounded in
the Opening of the Gallery next to the Enemys. Ebout 15 non Com-
missions & Private Europeans and as many Sepoys killed and
wounded since my last. These Accounts must be very disagree-
able both to You and me, but I have the Pleasure to tell you that
they will be of short duration.

Two Transport Ships arrived lately at Negapatnam from Pegu, with upwards of an Hundred Europeans and
the Remainder Malays. The Dutch expect Troops also from
Batavia, and seem to be assembling a very considerable Force
to defend their late Acquisitions of Country from the Rajah.

Mir Sibe has been lately reinforced at
different Times with 300 & 200 Horse but seems to have enough
to do at Tanjore. Shimnarasheraw was expected but had not joined
him the 15th inst.

I shall have the Honor to address you to-
morrow and am with Respect.

Honble

Fort St. George 19th Septem.r 1773

An agreable Account of the Capture of the Capital of Tanjore by Storm the 17th Inst.t at Noon.

Letter from Mr. Parkison Tanjore taken by storm the 17th inst.t at Noon

Honble Sir,

The Chief Engineer having reported the Breach practicable I am directed by General Smith to acquaint You that the Storming Party have made the Attack, that the Union Flags are flying on the Enemys Cavaliers, & the Party consisting of 4 Companys of British Grenadiers 4 Battalions of Grenadier Sepoys & two other Battalions are in possession of the Town. I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir,

Your most obed.t Servt

Thomas Parkison

Smiths Battery before Tanjore
17th Septr. 1773. 1 P.M.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from Mr Parkison with further particulars of the Capture of Tanjore

I have the Honor to acquaint You, that at 20 Minutes past 12 to Day, the General ordered the Signals for the Grenadiers to make the Attack, which was as Sudden as any thing can be imagined, and at one when the General desired me to write You advise, the whole Storming Party, were marching round and lining the Walls.

The Garison of 20,000 Fighting Men expected the Attack by Daylight this Morning, & were prepared to defend the Breach, when the Rajah being advised that we would not Storm till next Morning much Less at Noon, and the Sun intirely Set, the Troops taught a quiry [illegible] returned from the Breach to their Tents, to eat Rice and the Place was Surprized with the Loss of three Grenadiers wounded.

The Garrison all say that the Rajah [illegible]

Mother

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Mother Son Wives Women & Durbar Viz.t Manuge his Sons Young Gadi Row, Gillpithpah Viz.t were in the Fort. His Highness Two Regiments & Black Cavalry with Lawdons Sepoys, were ordered every early to be ready, and Piauna Nare did Jamedar the East Gate and our Grenadiers in less than an Hour after the Attack began were in possession of it, Sethah I hope the Rajah Viz.t as well his Prisoners, and their Effects secured for the Nabob.

The General has wrote a publick Letter himself by Lt. Owen This you will consider as a private Letter and to answer Yours of an early date that Satisfaction I have your Son ardently wish for.

I have from much Fatigue and want of Natural to write been obliged to return to camp for a few Hours at four when I came away, the General and Maddaur Viz.t Mark Brahmin were standing opposite the Breach, and you may venture to assure his Highness that not a Pagoda will be plundered No Money Jubanid as well. A Small Pagoda with some Patans only stood out, and they surrounded by the Grenadiers desired to surrender. Such I suppose in this thing have accepted of Quarter except the Rajah, who it is said means to kill himself, and is prisoner safely Time.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant

Thomas Parkison

Camp at Tanjore
17th September 1773

At a Consultation Present.

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Governor & President

John Smith	John Whitehill
Charles Smith	Samuel Johnston
John Maxwell Stone	Edward Fraser

Monday 20th Septem.r

General Smith absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The President reports that Lt. Owen is just arrived from Camp with the General & Standard on the East side of Tanjore

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Read the following Letter from General Smith

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from General Smith, with the Surrr. of the Capital of Tanjore - Rajah & his Family Prisoners Encampments &c. &c. &c. of the Army

I have the Honor to inform You that Yesterday the Corps of Grenadiers under the Command of Lt.Colonel Vaughan took Possession of the Breach, and entered the Town by Storm. It being at Noon Day and an intense hot Sun, the Army rested & retired as usual to their Victuals concluding the Attack would not be made 'till Evening, and the Place was surprised with Us upon our Side. It has proved a very fortunate Stroke on our Side - the Lives of our best Europeans saved - The Rajah and Family - Monagues Sons, two of whom are wounded, being Prisoners

Maddanur Nb. Malik Behander requested that the Companys Troops should remain in the Town 'till this Morning, when if agreeable to him, I shall withdraw them, and leave the Rajahs Troops in Possession of our Conquest.

There are many Timbrels of Horse taken in the Fort, and Rajah's Cavalry who were to the Eastward have also joined some - When an Account of the Stores and Ammunition can be had I shall forward it with the Returns of the killed and wounded, and wait the Board's Orders, or the future Destination of the Troops. -

The Situation of the Rajah is truely pitiable and likewise Monagues - I do therefore hope as the Place has fallen by the English Arms, that the Honble Board will mark their Influence with his Highness, that these Prisoners may be treated according to the Rank they ever held in this Country.

Lt. Colonel Ross our Chief Engineer has great Merit. Our Artillery manoeuvred with Spirit, Security and Judgement

ment, and the Officers of the highest Rank in this Army say they never saw Cool[ness] they had ever seen in this Country, and I have also the Pleasure to say with Justice to all the Officers and Men on this Expedition that they have exerted themselves in the Discharge of their Duty with the utmost Spirit and Alacrity and I do so recommend them to the Favor of the Honble. Board. -

I have the Honor to be, with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs, Your most Obedt. Servant

Joseph Smith

Remain Raw assf. Intimates by a Commandant at Spays

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Ordered that the Thanks of the Board be communicated to General Smith and the Army for their Spirit and good Conduct in this Expedition.

The President reports that the Nabob Yesterday acquainted him with the Assassination of Narrain Raw at Coonah, in the Beginning of the present Month, by one of his Commandants of Sepoys, and that the said Intelligence has been confirmed by a Letter from Coonah to a Sowcar at this Place - which adds that Ragunaut Raw Uncle to Narrain Raw was set at Liberty, and publickly declared his Successor.

As this may be of much Consequence to the Company to receive the earliest Intelligence of the Conquest of Tanjore, it is resolved to address the Honble Court on this Subject by the way of Bengal and Bombay.

D.o of a Letter to the Honble Court of Directors by the way of Bengal and Bombay

Read Draft of a Letter to the Honble Court of Directors - approved and ordered to be dispatched by the Dolphin under Cover to the President & Council at Fort William

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Mr. Johnson applies for Leave to proceed for a few Days to the Southward to settle Some private Affairs which require his Attendance there. which is granted—

A Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

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Pursuant to the Resolution of this Day, the following Letter was wrote and dispatched by the Dolphin to the President and Council of Fort William.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of
Honble Sir & Sirs Fort William

Letter to Bengal with Dispatches for the Court of Directors

We have the Pleasure to acquaint Your Honor &c. that the Capital of Tanjore was taken by Storm the 17th at Noon with a very inconsiderable Loss.

The enclosed Packet to the Honble Court of Directors, contains the Account of this Event, which we request Your Honor &c. will forward by the very first Dispatch for Europe.

By advices received from Poonah dated the 5th instant we are informed that Narrain Rau was assassinated by a Commandant of Sepoys and that his Uncle Ragnaut Rau was thereupon set at Liberty, & will, we understand, be appointed his Successor.

As the Mansfield is not yet arrived, and as we are apprehensive it may not be in our Power to dispatch her for Europe, should she not arrive in the Course of this Month, We must again request Your Honor &c. will order the Mercury to call here for our Dispatches to the Honble Court.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt. & most Obedt. Servts.
Alexr. Wynch &c. Council

Fort St. George
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Dispatched the following Letter to General Smith conformable to the Resolution of Yesterdays Council. /—

To

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To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General & Commanding Officer of the Forces on the Coast.

Sir,

Letter to General Smith with the Thanks of the Board to himself and the Army —

We have received your Letter of the 18th instant, and congratulate You upon the Conquest of Tanjore —

We desire you will accept of our Thanks for the Zeal Ability & Good Conduct which you have manifested upon this Expedition, and that you will also communicate our Thanks to the Officers and Men under Your Command for their Vigilance and Spirit on this Occasion —

We shall in a Day or two reply fully to your the other Parts of your Letter, & transmit you the necessary Orders and Directions — We are

Sir,

Your most obedt. Servants —

Alexr. Wynch &ca. Council

Fort St. George
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To the Honble Wm. Hornby Esqr.

President and Governor &ca. Council of

Honble Sir & Sirs

Wrote the following Letter to Bombay

Bombay —

Letter to Bombay with our Address to the Hble Court of Directors

In our Letter of the 1st September we advised Your Honor &ca. of the Progress of the Siege of Tanjore, and we have now the Pleasure to acquaint You that the Place was carried by Storm the 17th Instant at Noon — The Enemy being off their Guard, and not suspecting the Attack at that Time of the Day, our Loss was much more inconsiderable than could have been expected —

As it may be of material Consequence to the Company to receive the earliest Intimation of this important Conquest, we request Your Honor &ca. will dispatch the accompanying Packett for the Honble Court, either by the first Opportunity

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over Land, or by the first Sea Conveyance that may offer from Your Coast.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. Hble Servts.

Alexr. Wynch &ca. Council

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At a Consultation Present

Alexr. Wynch Esqr. Governor, President —

Wednesday 22d Septemr. —

John Smith — John Whitehill —

Charles Smith

John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey —

General Smith absent on Service —

Mr. Johnson absent.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

The President reports to the Board that he Yesterday represented to the Nabob, that as the Conquest of Tanjore was now accomplished there appeared no longer any Necessity for keeping the Troops in the Field, and therefore advised that they might be ordered to their respective Garrisons in order to reduce the Expences incurred by the Field Charges. — That the Nabob in reply to this requested that the Army might for the Present be kept together as it would probably be found necessary to employ the Troops in reducing Some Districts in the Tanjore Country to his Obedience — The President now lays before the Board a Letter from the Nabob which he received last Night on this Subject as entered in Country Correspondence No. 103. In the said Letter the Nabob sets forth, that the Dutch have taken Possession of certain Districts in the Tanjore Country, which they now occupy with their Troops under the Pretence of having purchased them from the Rajah, in Consequence of which the Nabob requests that the Army may be

be ordered to march towards those Districts, and to put him in Possession of the Same, if the Dutch refuse to deliver them up in an amicable Manner, adding that the Rajah of Tanjore being his Tributary he had no Right to sell or alienate any Part of his Dominions to the Dutch. He declares his Readiness to continue to them the Protection and Privileges they enjoyed during the Time of Rajah Putauss Sing the Father of the Dispossessed Rajah but he intimates his Apprehensions that they intend to deceive and to take the first Opportunity of encreasing their Power and Consequence, which if not prevented in Time may prove of bad Consequences to his Government and the Companys Interest. The Nabob further adds, that Sir Robert Harland approves of the Measure he recommends and has declared his Readiness to afford every Assistance in his Power.

The Board taking into Consideration the Subject of the Nabobs Letter are convinced that the Measure which he recommends is advisable, if considered solely in a political View; for if the Dutch are allowed to keep Possession of Nagore & other Districts in the Tanjore Country, their Power and Influence will be equally encreased, and they may prove troublesome Neighbours if not formidable Rivals to the English upon the Coast. But as the Subject now before the Board is of great Importance, it is agreed to defer coming to a final Resolution until every Circumstance can be properly weighed, and until further Lights can be obtained from the Nabob. And as the Nabob has represented the Approval of Sir Robert Harland the Kings Minister Plenipotentiary it is resolved to advise with him on the Subject, as the Board are in some Measure uncertain how far our acting against the Dutch, even in an auxiliary Character

by dispossessing them of the Lands which it is said were purchased from the Rajah of Tanjore may be construed as a Breach or Violation of any Treatys subsisting between the Crown of Great Britain and the States of Holland. It is accordingly resolved to adjourn 'till tomorrow Forenoon at 9 of Clock to meet at the Governors Gardens, and that Sir Robert Harland be requested to meet the Council there. In the Mean Time that General Smith be directed to keep the Troops together, until further Orders, and to repair the Breach in the Fort of Tanjour.

A Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith

J. H. Mc.
Ed. Stracey

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Governor President

Thursday 23 Septem.r — John Smith, Charles Smith, John Maxwell Stone, John Whitehill, Edward Gracey

Genral Smith absent on Service

Mr. Johnson absent

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday the following Letter was this Morning wrote and dispatched to General Smith

To Joseph Smith Esq.r

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Sir,

Letter to General Smith to keep the Troops together until further Orders and to repair the Breach

The Nabob having requested that the Army may continue in the Field for the present You & me having acquiesced in the same, you will be pleased to keep the Troops and Officers together, until You receive further Orders from Us.

As it is necessary to put Tanjore in a posture of Defence as soon as possible, you will be pleased accordingly to give Directions for repairing the Breach and defraying the Approaches.

I have Sir

Your most obed.t Hble Serv.t

Alex.r Wynch Lt. Colonel

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The Board having met according to adjournment the President reports that in Consequence of the Resolution

tion of Yesterday he had waited upon Sir Robert Harland & communicated to him the Desire of the Board to have his Opinion in Writing, and that he had promised to attend this Morning.

Sir Robert Harland being present the President communicates to him the Purport of the Nabobs Representation, his Request for the Companys Assistance to recover from the Dutch certain Districts in the Tanjore Country which they have taken Possession of with their Troops and withheld from the lawfull Proprietor and Liege Lord of the said Country. The President then applies to Sir Robert Harland for his Opinion, how far our Acquiescence with the Nabobs Request can be deemed a Violation of any Treaty subsisting between the Crown of Great Britain and the States of Holland. Sir Robert thereupon requests to See the Letter, which is accordingly read to him. He then delivers himself to the following Purport. That it appeared to him, that as the Rajah of Tanjore was Tributary to the Nabob of the Carnatick, he could not alienate any Part of his Country without the Consent of his Liege Lord; that as Auxiliaries to the Nabob we had assisted him to reduce the Capital of Tanjore and in that Character we might doubtless put him in Possession of the Country dependent thereon and assist him in the Recovery of the Same from any Power whatever as this was only a Continuation of the same Service. Who asked by the President whether he thought our acting against the Dutch in putting the Nabob in Possession of those Districts, should they refuse to withdraw their Troops, could be considered as an infringement of any Treaties subsisting between the two Nations, he Sir Robert repeatedly declared that he did by no Means consider it in that

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that Light and that the Measure could be justified on very good Grounds. that he was willing to cooperate and assist with the Force under his Command should such Assistance be required but in his Opinion it was better not to call in the aid of the Power lest what is at present only a Dispute between the Rajah and the Dutch should be considered as a National Concern. Nevertheless he had no Objection against countenancing the Operations of the Troops on Shore by ordering the Ships to stay opposite to Negapatam or Nagore. but that he thought he could be of more Service to Us by his Representations of the Impropriety of the Measure to administration, as a mere Spectator, than by his interfering therein with the Force under his Command. Sir Robert Harland further said that in his Opinion we might be subject to Censure, if we suffered the Dutch to keep Possession of those Districts in the Tanjore Country, from the Consequences which might naturally be expected from such an Increase of their Revenues; which would enable them to augment their Forces in such a Manner as to become dangerous Rivals in this Part of India.

Sir Robert Harland then retired and the Board having maturely considered the Arguments which may be urged in favor of the Nabobs Application, the Consequences to be apprehended from the Addition of Territory and Power to the Dutch; as well as the Objections which may be made to our employing the Company's Troops to assist the Nabob in this Service - are unanimously of Opinion - and accordingly determine to support the Nabob in asserting his Claim to those Lands, which the Dutch under Pretence of Purchase have lately possessed themselves of in the Tanjore Country and

and even to act offensively against them, if ever as to the Recovery of those Lands, if the Dutch refuse to relinquish them amicably - on the Requisition of the Nabob. The Motives and Reasons which induce the Board to adopt the foregoing Resolution, are briefly recited under the following Heads. First as to the Right the Rajah of Tanjore has to dispose of and make over to the Dutch any Part of his Territories; it appears to the Board that he acknowledges himself Tributary to the Nabob, and holds his Lands of him in Fief, he could not alienable to the Feudal System which prevails all over India alienate any Part of his Country to any other Power without the Consent of his Liege Lord the Ruler of the Carnatick Payen Ghaut. It may be urged in opposition to this Argument that former Rajahs of Tanjore have made over certain Towns and districts to the English French, Dutch and Danes But it is equally certain that when those Grants were made the Weakness and Relaxation of Supreme Government was so great that the natural Rights thereof could not be enforced and maintained by which Means every Tributary was encouraged to aim at Independancy. This Desire of Independancy is well known to prevade in every Part of India, and it is Force alone that can exact a due Obedience to Government. If the Rajah of Tanjore had actually a Right to make over those Lands to the Dutch, by the same Rule he has a Right to sell his whole Country to Hyder Ally the Maharattas, or to any other Power and if the Claim of the Dutch to the Districts in Question be admitted, the Grant of the whole Country would also be good and valid. The Absurdity of such a Proposition is too obvious and apparent to require a particular Discussion.

Secondly - At the Time these Lands were sold or made over

over to the Dutch, the Nabob was actually in Arms against the Rajah his Tributary and besieging him in his Capital. He had sent a Vacqueel to warn the Dutch against giving the Rajah Assistance as he was determined to reduce Tanjore to his Obedience. Therefore such Grants or Alienations cannot be deemed valid from the Time and Manner in which they were made, nor can the Dutch plead Ignorance of the Nabobs Claim of Superiority over the Country of Tanjore, as he asserted it in his Letter to their at Government at Negapatnam, nor did they controvert or dispute his Title, in their Submissive Reply to his Letter.

Thirdly. As Auxiliaries to the Nabob we determined agreed to assist him in taking the Town and Country of Tanjore. The Capital is now reduced, but until the Nabob is put in Possession of the Country our Agreement is not fulfilled. & therefore the Present Measure must be considered as a Natural Consequence of the former Determination and a Continuation of the Same Service.

Fourthly. We have already in our Minutes alluded to the Danger of permitting the Dutch to extend their Possessions on the Coast and thereby acquiring a considerable Addition to their Power and Consequence on this Side of India. We might enlarge upon this Subject, and enumerate the many Instances where the Dutch from small Beginings have encroached even to attempt the Subversion of the Government which at first tolerated their Settlement, and afforded them Protection. Their Designs in Bengal and Intrigues in different Parts of India. But we shall confine ourselves to the Point in Question, and only add that in determining to assist and Co-operate with the Nabob in putting him in Possession of the Districts in dispute. Besides the other Considerations which we have recited; We had in View the Detriments which might arise to the Compa-

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ny's Trade and Manufactures on the Coast, and to the British Influence in India, by the Dutch acquiring an Additional Seaport and such an Extent of fertile, valuable Lands in the Tanjore Country; and the Opportunities they may have therefrom of fomenting Disturbances in the Country to answer their own Views, and of forming Connections & entering into Intrigues with Hyder Ally, the Maharattas, or any other Country Powers, hostile to the Peace & Security of the Nabobs Government. For it is well known, notwithstanding the Declarations of the Dutch to the Contrary, that they assisted the Rajah of Tanjore during the Seige with Military Stores, & altho' we cannot at present produce positive & full Proofs of the Fact, yet it was universally said and believed in Camp, that a considerable Quantity of Grape Shot was conveyed into Tanjore from Negapatnam not ten Days before the Place was stormed. and there is great Reason to believe that the Assistance they had given and had engaged to give to the Rajah against the Nabob was a Part of the Consideration for which the Grants of the Districts were obtained and we may naturally conclude that the Troops which have arrived from Ceylon were intended not merely for the Purpose of protecting their new Possessions but for the Assistance of the Rajah. Since it is well known the pretended Grants were not sent to Negapatnam until the Begining of this Month, and that the Troops could not have been sent for and arrived from Colombo in that Time.

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Altho' the Board are unanimously of opinion that it is expedient & Necessary to assist the Nabob in the Recovery of the alienated Districts, Nevertheless they are so averse to any Measures which may produce a prolongation of the War, or embroil Us with the Dutch, that it is agreed to recommend to the Nabob in the Strongest Manner to avoid proceeding to extremi-

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tis, until amicable Measures shall have been found ineffectual, Even to pay off those Sums which the Dutch have actually lent on Mortgage or paid for certain Grants of Territory in the Tanjore Country.

Ordered, that a Letter be wrote to General Smith to make him acquainted with the Nabobs Application, and to desire he will procure the Necessary Intelligence respecting the Force of the Dutch, and his Opinion of the Force which will be necessary to act against them, should they refuse to accede to the Nabobs Offers of accomodation, and that the Troops be kept in readiness to march at the Shortest Notice.

A Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith

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Conformable to the Resolution of this Day's Council the following Letter was dispatched to General Smith.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Letter to General Smith to enquire respecting the Force of the Dutch, & his Opinion of the Force requisite for the present Service.

Sir,

The Nabob having requested the Assistance of the Company's Arms to put him in Possession of certain Districts in the Tanjore Country, which are now occupied by the Dutch on the Pretence of their having been sold to them by the Rajah; we have the Same at present under Consideration, and shall transmit you our ultimate Instructions shortly. In the Mean Time we desire you will loose no Time in procuring certain Intelligence of the Force which the Dutch have at Negapatnam, Nagore and other Parts of the Tanjore Country and transmit as your Opinion of the Force which will be requisite to act against the Dutch, should they refuse to evacuate those Districts amicably on the Requisition of the Nabob. You will also be pleased to obtain and transmit to us the most Circumstantial Information in your Power respecting the Claims by which the Dutch have taken and keep Possession of those Districts, whether any and what Sums have been paid on that Account, and also at what Time the Grants, if any, were made. After allotting such a Force as may seem to you Necessary for the Defence of Tanjore, should the Nabobs Son apply to you for a Garrison of Companys Troops you will be pleased to order the Rest of the Forces under your Command to hold themselves in Readiness to take the Field on the Shortest Notice.

We are Sir,
Your most Obdt. Hble. Servts.
Alexr. Wynch &c. Council

Fort St. George
23d Septemr. 1773.

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At a Consultation Present

Saturday 25th Septemr

Alexander Wynch Esqr Governor, President
John Smith
Charles Smith
John Maxwell Stone
John Whitehill
Edward Stracey

General Smith absent on Service

Mr. Johnson absent.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Letter to the Nabob. General Smith will be ordered to march and assist in putting the Nabob in Possession of the Tanjore Districts

Read and approved Draft of a Letter to the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No. 105 being in reply to his of the 21st Instant, requesting our Assistance to put him in Possession of certain Lands in the Tanjore Country now held by the Dutch. The Nabob is told that General Smith shall be directed to proceed immediately with the Troops under his Command towards the said Lands, and on the Requisition of Madaur Ul. Mulk to assist in the Recovery of them. Recommending to the Nabob at the same Time to avoid coming to Extremities as long as they can be avoided, & to assure the Dutch of being repaid the Money they may have lent on or paid for the said Lands on their relinquishing them amicably to the Circar.

Read the following Letter from Captain George Maule.

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

Captain Maule applies for Leave to go to Europe for his Health.

Honble Sir & Sirs

After a Year's severe Sickness which I now have the Misfortune to labor under, I am induced to take the Liberty of addressing You for Your Permission to return to England

England on the first Ship that Leaves the Coast, until my Health is reestablished. I beg Leave to add also that Family Affairs greatly heighten my Wishes to visit Europe, and will I hope joined to the Circumstance of my having had ill Health so long in the Country incline You to grant my Request. If I am so happy to recover I shall hope to enjoy again my present Station, and I flatter myself you will have found my Conduct such during my Service as not to have merited your Disapprobation; I am therefore led to hope you will add to the Honor of your Permission by recommending me to the Honble Court of Directors that I may return to the Coast, with my Rank in the Service whenever my Health shall be sufficiently restored to allow me.

I beg Leave to enclose Mr. Hinckley's Opinion & am — Honble Sir & Sirs with the greatest Respect

Your most obdt. & very hble Servant
George Maule.
Sub Director of Engineers & Captain

Vellum
21 September 1773

Granted.

Agreed, that Captain Maule be permitted to return to England for the Benefit of his Health — and as the Board have always heard Captain Maule mentioned in a favorable Manner, he will be recommended to the Honble Court, in order to return with his Rank in the Service on the Recovery of his Health.

A Wynch
John Smith
Charles Smith
J. Whitehill
E. Stracey

Fort St. George 26th September 1773

Recieved the following Letter from General Smith.

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith.

I was last Night honored with your Letter of the 20th instant and am much obliged to you for the information you give me respecting the sailing of the Mercury, Latham and Mary Gift.

Our Encampment was beginning to encumber thy by continuing so long in one Place - we have therefore moved Ground to Colly Cumbor on the Trichinopoly Road Six Miles from Tanjour and 5 from Vellum, till the orders of the Board arrive, when I propose taking Leave of Maddaur Dl Muth Chandoo and setting out for the Presidency. - I have at his Desire left him a Guard of 1 Subaltern and 30 Private, with two Field Guns.

As there is now no Occasion to keep up the Depot of two Tappals - I have ordered the one lately established to be discontinued, therefore any Letters You are pleased to honor me with, you will forward by way of Trichinopoly.

Campah Colly Cumboor
23 Septr. 1773

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most obedt. Hble Servt
J. Smith

At a Consultation Present. -

Monday 27th Septr.

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President
John Smith
Charles Smith
John Maxwell Stone
John Whitehill
Edward Stracey

General Smith absent on Service
Mr. Johnson absent.

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The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following

Letter from Mr. Stratton at Vizagapatam.

Vizagapatam 14th Septr. 1773

Sir,

Letter from Mr. Stratton with the Measurement of the Guns which are found Serviceable at this Place and Selmore.

In consequence of my Letter to you under Date the 4th June last I now send you a Measurement of the Guns which are found Serviceable at this Place and Selmore.

I am Sir, Your most obedt. Servt.
Geo. Stratton

Wm. Secretary Petrie.

A Return of Ordnance fit for Service in the Garrisons of Selmore & Vizagapatam.

	Nature of Ordnance	Length of the Ordnance	Circumference round the Trunnions	Circumference round the Breach
Selmore - Iron	9 Pounders	One	8 Feet 5½ Inches	3 Feet 2 Inches	1 Feet 1½ Inches
	9 do.	Four	8 do. 2 do.	3 do. 0 do.	1 do. 4 do. 2 do.
	8 do.	One	8 do. 2 do.	3 do. 0 do.	1 do. 4 do. 2 do.
	6 do.	Four	7 do. 2 do.	2 do. 7 do.	3 do. 1 do. 2 do.
	Brass 6 Pounder	One	9 Feet 2 Inches	2 Feet -	2 Feet 10 Inches
	4½ Inch Mortar	One	" "	" "	" "

NB. Two of the abovementioned 9 Pounders are Spikes

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Nature of Ordnance		Number of Guns	Diameter of the Breach Mouldings		Diameter of the Trunion Mouldings		Length from the Breach to the Center of the Trunnions		Length of the Trunnions
Iron			Feet	Inches	Feet	Inches	Feet	Inches	Inches
Vizagapatam 12 Pounder	No 1	1	1	5½	1	2⅛	3	9	5
9 Do	1	1	1	4½	1	1	4	–	4½
9 Do	2	1	1	4⅛	1	¾	3	7	4½
9 Do	3	1	1	3¾	1	⅛	3	8	4
9 Do	4	1	1	3¾	1	½	3	8	4¼
9 Do	5	1	1	3½	1	1	3	7½	4¼
6 Do	1	1	1	¾	–	10¼	3	–	3½
6 Do	2	1	1	2½	1	–	3	10½	3⅜
6 Do	3	1	1	2¾	..	11¾	3	6	3½
6 Do	4	1	1	3	1	⅛	3	6	3½
6 Do	5	1	1	3⅛	1	–	3	9½	4
6 Do	6	1	1	2¾	----	11¼	3	2¾	4¼
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N.B. The whole wanting new Carriages.

Geo. Stratton

Read the following Letter from General Smith

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

Letter from General Smith Negociations between the Dutch & the Rajah respecting the Purchase of Nagore &c.

I have been honored with your Letters of the 25th and 22d instant, advising amongst other things the Nabobs Desire that the Troops should be sent to take Possession of the Country, said to be sold and Mortgaged by the Rajah to the Dutch.

I have been conversing with a Captain Eloy who came over to us from Hyder in December 1767, was in Tanjore and is now one of the Nabobs Prisoners – He says that about the

1st of June last he went with Narsing Uppah Brother to Gillipilly escorted by 60 Horse and 50 Sepoys to a Village called Chickull 4 Miles from Nagapatam – That after two Days a Counsellor and and Storekeeper came out in a Chariot and conducted them to the Fort, where they were saluted with the Guns of the Town and Citadel, and received with all the Pomp and Parade Possible – That in the Course of a Month (in which Time Messengers were daily passing and repassing to and from Tanjore) the Kings Grant of Nagore &ca to the Dutch arrived. Narsing Uppah then returned to Chickull, where he was again waited on by the Counsellor and Storekeeper, to whom he delivered the Grant in form and returned with them to the Fort, where he was saluted a Second Time, with two Rounds of all the Guns in the Place. The Next Day he set out for Nagore from whence he returned at Night, and soon after conducted the Governor & Council to Nagore – to be present at the Ceremony of hoisting the Dutch Colours which was done on or about the 1st Day of July – The Gentlemen dined there – sat up till 3 o'clock the next Morning rejoicing and then returned to Negapatam, where Captain Eloy says it was then well known that the Board at Madrass had determined on the Expedition against Tanjore.

The Dutch claim by their Grant 12 Miles West – 13 North – and 16 South of Negapatuam, and have at that Place 500 Europeans 300 Mallays and 1,200 Sepoys – They have advanced 100 Mallays & 300 Sepoys to Arkiem Mungalum a Place one Mile East of Trivalore – where Madaur Ul Malk has stationed 300 black Horse, and no Hostilities commenced on either Side.

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The Dutch expect a Reinforcement from Batavia, and are fortifying Nagore, but I believe they have left very

very few Troops on the Island of Ceylon.

The Governor at Negapatnam had Tom Toms sent round the Town ordering all the Elephants &c. belonging to the Rajah to be turned out of the Fort, which I suppose was in Consequence of an Application from Maddaur-Ul-Mulk, who is very busy settling Matters in Tanjore.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Hon'ble Sir, Your most obedt. Servt.

J. Smith

Camp near Tanjore
24th Septemr. 1773

General Smith's Opinion that Tanjore is not safe without an European Garrison

The President informs the Board that he has received a private Letter from General Smith, representing in the strongest Terms his Apprehensions for the Security of Tanjore, if not garrison with Company's Troops, and advising that the Troops should not march towards Tanjore Nagore, until the safety of Tanjore is provided for, by puting an European Garrison in the Place. The President, then Acquaints the Board that previous to the Receipt of the General's Letter he had represented to the Nabob the Expediency of having an European Garrison in Tanjore, as he did not think the Place altogether secure, if garrisoned only by his own Sepoys; That the Nabob had always evaded giving a positive Answer to the President on this Subject, and only said he would soon come and consult with his Friend upon it, meaning the President.

The Board taking the Subject into Consideration, are convinced of the Propriety & Necessity of our taking every Measure in our Power to provide for the Security of the new Conquest, and as it does not appear that this Purpose can be answered any other Way so effectually as by having an European Garrison in the Place, it is resolved that the President be desired to represent to the Nabob the Opinion of General Smith on this Subject, the

the many ill Consequences which may reasonably be apprehended should Tanjore be left without a proper Garrison, and to request his Acquiescence in a Measure which is evidently so much for his own advantage. The President will accordingly call upon the Nabob this Evening & report his Determination to the Board tomorrow Morning when it is agreed to resume the Consideration of the Subject.

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 20th Inst. entered in Country Correspondence No. 106, wherein he promises to use every Endeavor to settle Matters amicably with the Dutch, & even to pay them off the Money advanced by them to the Rajah, & to continue the same Indulgences to them, which they enjoyed under the former Government. The Nabob encloses a Copy of a Letter he proposes for the Dutch Government at Negapatnam, and desires the President to make any Alterations in it he judges proper. The Consideration of the said Letter to the Dutch deferred till Tomorrow, when a Translation of it will be laid before the Board, the Shortness of the Time and the Length of the Letter rendered it impracticable to have the translation ready for todays Council. &c.

A. Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith

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W. Strachey

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President
John Smith — John Whitehill
Charles Smith
John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey

General Smith, absent on Service

Mr. Johnson absent,

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The Board having met pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday, the President reports, that he waited on the Nabob Yesterday Evening, and communicated to him the Sentiments of General Smith, on the Necessity of having an European Garrison in Tanjore, and that he the President, had used every Argument he could devise to prevail upon the Nabob to acquiesce in the Measure, that the Nabob had again called upon him this Morning, and after much Conversation on the Subject his ultimate Determination was to the following Purport — That he was not in the least convinced of the Expediency of having an European Garrison in Tanjore, as he considered the Place perfectly secure in the Possession of his own Troops, and were he at present to make an Application for an European Garrison it would imply a Distrust, which he does by no means entertain of his own Troops — That for the present he has no occasion for the Assistance of the Europeans in Tanjore, when he has he will then apply for them — As another Reason for not adopting the Measure, the Nabob said that he had promised the Inhabitants

The Nabob were not consent to have an European Garrison in Tanjore.

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tants not to admit an Europeans into Tanjore, as they were afraid of their killing Cows, which is forbid by the Tenets of the Intoo Religion — The President further added that the Nabob expressed much uneasiness and appeared to be alarmed at our pressing this Measure so strenuously.

The Board are much concerned at the Nabobs Resolution, as they can by no Means be convinced that Tanjore is altogether secure in the Charge of his Sepoys, ill paid, and consequently disaffected to his Service — without good Discipline or a proper Regard to Military Subordination — But as this Government has discharged its Duty in pointing out the Danger, & urging the Expediency of providing for the safety of Tanjore by having an European Garrison in the Fort, and since the Nabob is determined against the Measure, it remains to be considered what Line we ought to follow, whether, to march the Troops and assist him to recover the Districts from the Dutch, agreeable to our former Resolution, or in Consequence of his refusing to admit an European Garrison as General Smith recommends, that we order the Troops to their respective Stations? But before we enter into a minute Discussion of the Question it is necessary to premise, that as it was thro' Necessity determined to deliver over the Fort and of Tanjore, as soon as subdued, to the Nabob it is optional with him whether to admit an European Garrison or not — We could urge no absolute Obligation on the Nabob to come into our Measure We could only recommend it from its Utility, and point out the Consequences to be apprehended if Tanjore is left with its present Garrison.

We now come to consider, what might probably happen should we refuse to assist the Nabob in recovering the Lands from the Dutch, and to order the Army immediately to their respective Garrisons

minute thereon

Garrisons in Case he should still refuse to admit an European Garrison into Tanjore - Were such a Measure allowable, from the Nature of the System subsisting between the Nabob and Company & could we believe that this Resolution could induce the Nabob to alter his Determination, we should not be averse to make the Experiment, but when there is every Reason to apprehend it would have a quite contrary Effect, & most certainly would produce a violent Disgust in the Nabob - we could not think ourselves justified in adopting a Measure which might be attended with very disagreeable Consequences, it is evident to the whole Board from the Disposition of the Nabob that the more this Measure is urged, the more strenuously will he oppose it - his Fears will be alarmed, & he will readily believe that there is foundation for the Report which went abroad that the Governor and Council wanted to keep Tanjore for the Company - Such a Report circulated in the Settlement during the former Siege and if it found its way to the Durbar, which is not improbable it would operate very Powerfully on the Mind of the Nabob - it must also be considered, that if in the present Case the Safety of Tanjore is the Object in View, it will be equally if not more Secure while the Troops are in the Field, than it would be were we to order the Troops to their Respective Garrisons and leave the Dutch in quiet Possession of their late Acquisitions. For these and many other Reasons which might be produced the Board are Unanimous in their Opinion to adhere to the former Resolution of assisting the Nabob with the Companys Troops in recovering the Lands in the Tanjore Country lately alienated to the Dutch, and in Consequence of this Resolution a Letter is ordered to be prepared to Genl. Smith, directing him to march with the Troops under his Command and carry into Execution the Intentions of the Board contained in the foregoing Minutes.

determine to assist the Nabob -

General Command Contains

Read Translation of the Nabobs Letter

Letter to the Dutch Government at Negapatnam, mentioned in the Consultation of Yesterday, and entered in Country Correspondence No. 106 As the Nabob has desired an Opinion on the Propriety of the said Letter, & as the Board see Nothing improper in what the Nabob has set forth, it is Agreed, that an Answer to this Effect be accordingly returned.

A Lynch
John Smith

Charles Smith

J. Hill
Wm. Stracey

Pursuant to the Determination of Y. Council Yesterday the following Letter was dispatched to General Smith

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Sir,

Letter to General Smith to proceed with the Troops and assist the Nabob.

In our Letter of the 23d instant, we informed You of the Nabobs Application for the Assistance of the Company's Troops under your Command to put him in Possession of certain Villages and Lands, which the Dutch have lately possessed themselves of in the Tanjore Country, & that we had the Same under our Consideration; We are now to inform You that we have come to the Resolution of assisting the Nabob in the Recovery of the Country from the Dutch. You will therefore march with such a Force as you shall deem necessary for the Purpose and proceed towards those Districts by slow Marches, and if the Dutch reject every amicable Proposal which may be made them by Madar Al Mulk Behauder, and absolutely refuse to deliver up the said Lands to the Cirear, you will then upon his Requisition give every Assistance in your Power, even to the making use of the Force under Your Command to put the Nabob in Possession of them.

We have in the strongest Manner recommended it to the Nabob to avoid Hostilities, as long as there is a Probability of being able to come to an amicable Accomodation with the Dutch, and for Your Information, we now transmit You a Copy of our Letter to the Nabob on this Subject.

So far we had wrote before the Receipt of your Letter to the President of the 24th instant, which he has communicated

cated to us. We entirely concur in Opinion with you as to the Necessity of having a Garrison of Companys Troops in Tanjore, and you may easily conceive that no Arguments have been omitted, which we thought would have any weight with the Nabob to induce him to acquiesce in a Measure so essentially Necessary. If we thought that a Refusal to comply with his Requisition unless he consented to what we propose, would be justifiable, or would be attended with any good Consequences we should not be averse to making the Tryal, but we fear the Consequences would be diametrically Opposite to what we wish, add to this the Danger of suffering the Dutch to remain in the quiet Possession of additional Territory, which would enable them to increase their Establishment in such a Manner as might render them formidable Rivals; and what may now with Ease be effected, might if deferred prove a more difficult and arduous Task.

These Considerations rendered it Necessary to prosecute the Measure we have adopted, and we are convinced nothing will be wanting on Your Part for accomplishing the Same.

We are Sir, Your most obdt. Hble Servt.

Alexr. Wynch Pr. Council

Fort St. George
29th Septemr. 1773
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This Day the following Letters were received from

To the Honble Camp Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith respecting the Dutch and their Negociations with the Rajah of Tanjore.

I have been honored with the Commands of the Board of the 23d Instant and your Letter of the 25th. To the former I should have immediately replyed but it has not hitherto been in my Power

Power to give him any certain Account of the Rajahs Transactions with the Dutch. I sent Mr. Readhead, who acts as persian interpreter to Maddaur Ul. Mulk Behauder to get from him all the Information he could, and have now the Honor to inclose You the Answer I received.

I expect Tomorrow Evening another Letter from the Board, and shall make Morning reply to both at the same Time.

I have the Honor to be with Respect,

Camp near Tanjore
27th September 1773

Hon.ble Sir,

Your most obed.t Serv.t
J. Smith

Letter from Mr. Read head to General Smith

Sir,

I have the Mortification to inform you that Lieut.t Morrison with a Party of Sepoys and Peons, in attempting to cross the River Coleroon, was attacked by a Body of Horse and Foot, and after a Resistance of some Time, was obliged to retire with the Loss of 2 Sepoys killed, 1 Peon killed, and 1 Sepoy wounded.

I am Sir,

Your most obed.t Serv.t
J. Readhead

27. 1773.

Camp near Tanjore
27th September 1773

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I am Sir,

Your most obed.t Serv.t
J. Smith

Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Smith with a Journal of the Attack of Tanjore

To the Hon.ble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and Governor &.c &.c &.c of Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir, &.c &.c &.c,

I have the Pleasure to inclose You a Journal of the Attack I had the Honor to carry on against Tanjore, by which it was reduced the 17th inst.t Since that Time the Engineers have been employed in surveying & superintending the Levelling of the Trenches, in clearing away the Passage made over the Ditch

as Ambassadors to the Dutch at Negapatnam, to mortgage Part of his Country, the Dutch accepted the Proposal, but having of General Smith, Maddaur Ul Mulk Behauder, and Hussein Sawn Behauder having left Madrass, the Dutch pleaded the Impracticability of keeping such Lands in Mortgage and pressed the Rajah to sell them; The Rajah on hearing of the Arrival of General Smith &.c at Trichinopoly, determined on selling Naggore, Nellore, Suptra & Tripainda, and sent the Bill of Agreement to his Ambassadors at Negapatnam with whom it remained, as the Dutch did not pay the Money, but used as a Plea the returning of certain Jewels in Lieu of it, which the Rajah had formerly mortgaged. The Rajah wanting immediate Assistance from Money, refused the Jewels, and wrote himself to the Dutch, as also instructed his Ambassadors to acquaint them that if they did not pay the Money or return the Lands, he should consider the Lands as taken by Force.

The Dutch detained the Two Ambassadors from whom the Rajah had not heard till after the Letter the Storm. The Rajah acquaints the Nabob that supposing the Dutch to have paid the Money for the Lands, they certainly cannot be answerable shewing his Receipts for it.

and in erecting a temporary Bridge there for the convenience of repairing the Breach.

The General intends with your Approbation that the Engineers remain here until they have got an accurate Survey of the Fort and its Environs, for a Mile round, as he conceives a perfect Knowledge of a Place of so much Strength an Object of consequence. Captain Maultsile Health making it impossible for him to remain longer in this Part of the Country, he has obtained Leave of the General to proceed to the Coast to solicit your Permission to return to Europe, as his Physicians think it the only Chance left for his Recovery.

I have the Honor to remain most respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs Your most obt. & humble Servt.

Patrick Ross

Camp on the Glacis of Tanjore 27th Septem. 1773.

Octo.r 1st

The following Letter was this Day received from

Genral Smith.

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from General Smith. Intelligence of the Preparations making by the Dutch. recommends a temp.y Garrison in Tanjore and two or three additional Battalions of Sepoys to be raised.

I am honored with your Commands of the 23d Instant, which shall be complied with as far as in my Power. With regard to the Claims of the Dutch, & what has passed between this Government at Negapatnam and the Rajah of Tanjore, it is very difficult to come at the true State of the Matter. It was natural to suppose that Maddanr Dil Musk Behaudur had made Enquirys from the Prisoners of Distinction in his Power relative to these Transactions, and that I might be entitled to some Such Accounts as would be satisfactory, I sent

sent Ensign Rudland, who acts as my Persian Interpreter to Madar Ul Mauk Behaudur to gain all the Information he could on this Head, and last Night I received the Answer I enclose to the Hble President.

The Dutch have received a late reinforcement which my Intelligence this Night confirms, and they have at Negapatam 750 to 800 Europeans 450 Malays and upwards of a Thousand Sepoys. The latter they are recruiting with all Expedition and they report that more Europeans are expected from Ceylon &c.a With this Force it can never be imagined they will trust themselves without the Walls of Negapatam, unless it is at Nagore which 'tis said they are fortifying with Bastions and other works and where they have at present stationed some Europeans & Sepoys, but against the Nabobs Troops alone they might think themselves capable of acting otherwise. If you should determine to put the Nabob in Possession of the Tanjore Districts claimed by the Dutch as ceded to them, I think a Battalion of Europeans 4 Battalions of Sepoys with Field Artillery, and His Highness's two Regiments of Cavalry will be sufficient for that Service, but if Matters are not accomodated, Nagore from its vicinity to Negapatam, and it being an open Place will require a considerable Force to defend it unless it is fortified at least with Temporary Works.

Should Maddanr Dil Musk Behaudur apply for Company's Troops to Garrison Tanjore, One of the Battalions of European, with two Battalions of Sepoys and a Proportionable Artillery under the Command of a good Officer, may be depended on to secure and defend the Place.

Tanjore Fort at present is garrisoned by the Nabobs Sepoys except an Officer and 30 Infantry and 12 Artillery Men of the Company's Troops. I shall order them to join the Corps

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with such a Garrison and the Story of Mulleyvakeel in the Mysore Country confirms my Opinion - Some of the Members now at the Honble Board may probably recollect it, and its Consequences. I hope the Honble Board will forgive me, if I have said too much on a Subject I confess myself anxious about, which is the Preservation of a Place that has cost us Some Lives and is of more Consequence than any other Fort in the Nabobs Possession.

I have always thought our present Establishment of Sepoys insufficient, before there was any Prospect of their Services being wanted for the Defence of the Tanjore Country, and as the Necessity of Augmenting that Corps is much more necessary now than ever, I beg Leave to recommend that you will again urge His Highness to consent that two or three Battalions may be immediately raised on the same Footing of the Carnatick Battalions.

It is also my Duty to acquaint the Honble Board that we have near 300 Men sick & wounded in the different Garrisons, and since the Siege many more are reported unfit for Duty in Camp. The European Corps are much diminished and the Monsoon breaking in upon Us while in the Field, unprovided with Cantonments or Provisions for such an Event, the Consequences to the Regiments may be highly detrimental, should you have any occasion for their Services early the next Year. Scarce any Rain has fallen in this Country during the whole Season; the weather threatens much, and in all probability the New Moon will bring with it a Deluge and the Tanjore Country in the Rainy Season is a perfect Swamp, and impassable to Troops, being intersected with Many Rivers and Water Courses, that require Boats or some such Means to pass them - In such Circumstances it will be impossible for Us to return to the Southward - but if the Troops are quar-

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that you would march with such a Force as you may judge necessary sufficient for the Purpose. On the Receipt of your abovementioned Letter the President communicated to the Nabob the Force which you proposed to be employed on this Service; He seemed to wish that the whole of the Troops might be sent; but as you are the best judge of the Force necessary, We shall leave the Appointment thereof entirely to you. Should you still judge the whole not necessary, the Remainder of the Troops you will please to put into Garrison at Vellum & Trichinopoly.

We have already given you our Sentiments on the Propriety of having a Garrison of the Company's Troops in Tanjore and the Reasons which prevented our urging the Nabob too far on the Subject.

The repeated and positive Orders we have received from the Honble Court of Directors against making any Addition to our present Establishment will prevent our raising any new Battations of Sepoys unless the Nabob shall apply to us for that Purpose, and from what hath lately passed on the Subject of the Charge of the three additional Battations of Sepoys, we have little Reason to expect he will be prevailed on to consent to any Encrease of the Establishment.

Lieutenant Owen set out Yesterday for Camp you will please to acquaint him that he has our Permission to proceed to Bengal.

Agreeable to your Recommendation We consent to the Appointment of Serjeant Jones to be a Cadet on this Establishment, and to be promoted in his Turn.

We are Sir, Your m. o. h. Servants

Alex^r Wynch Pr Comm^e.

Fort St. George
1th October 1773.

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At a Consultation Present,

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President

Monday October 4th

John Smith — John Whitehill

Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson

John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey

General Smith absent on Service. /

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read, the following Letter from Mr. Saunders at Cuddalore. /

Honble Sir, Cuddalore 1st October 1773

Letter from Mr. Saunders advising of the Arrival of the Sepoy and European Northern Grenadiers. /

Captain Bridges with the European & Sepoy Grenadiers arrived here this Morning.

I am with great Respect

Honble Sir, Your very obedt. & most hble Servant

Edward Saunders

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

President & Governor of Fort St. George.

The President informs the Board that he applied to Sir Robert Harland for a Ship to transport the Company of European Grenadiers to Masulipatam, that Sir Robert Harland made an Offer of the Hawke Sloop of War, but on Enquiry it was found She could not carry more than fifty Men without their Baggage. This being the Case and Seeing no probability of an Opportunity by Sea of sending the Europeans to Masulipatam before the Rains. It is resolved to cant on them at Chingleput during the Monsoon and to order the Sepoy Grenadiers under the Command of Lt. Francis

Knox

Knox to proceed over Land to their Stations in the Circars. In Consequence of which orders will be sent to Mr. Saunders to direct Captain Bridges to proceed hither with the European and Sepoy Grenadiers and to recommend it to him to keep at a considerable Distance from Pondicherry for fear any of the Europeans should be tempted to desert to the French.

A Packet having been received from Anjengo enclosing a Letter from the President & Council of Bombay to advise Us of a Revolution which had taken Place in the Maharatta Government at Poonah, and transmiting us a Copy of a Letter they had received from Mr. Mostyn the Resident at the Maharatta Court, the Same are now read in Consultation & entered as follows.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &ca Council at Madras
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Chief & Council at Anjengo

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last Address under the 16th July. The accompanying Packet was received late last Night from the Presidency by the Honble Company's Ship Resolution, which agreeable to the Directions of our Superiors we now forward to your Honor &ca with all possible Expedition Via Palamcotah. The Resolution sailed directly after landing the Packet for Bengal.

We remain with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs, Your most obedt. Servt. Wrb. Sevt.
P. E. Wrench
Arthur King
Jno. Errard
Jno. Hutchinson

Anjengo
19th September 1773.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &ca Council at
Fort St. George.

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Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Letter from the Governor & Council at Bombay advising of the Revolution at Poonah

A Revolution having very lately taken place in the Maharatta Government by the Murder of Naron Row, We esteem it very essential requisite that Your Honor &c. should receive the earliest Intelligence in our Power to give You of so important an Event, We therefore enclose an attested Copy of a Letter We received Yesterday from upon this Subject from our Resident at that Durbar which contains every Information that has yet come to our Knowledge respecting it. We are with Esteem

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Bombay Castle
7th September 1773

Your most obedt. hble. Servants
Wm. Hornby
D. Draper
W. Jervis
Nathl. Stackhouse
Jno. Watson
B. Fletcher
W. Taylor
Robert Gansin

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

Letter from Mr. Mostyn Narrain Row assassinated at Poonah & his Uncle Ragonaut Row succeeds &c.

My last Address waited on You the 19th and this is purposely to advise You of an unexpected Revolution that happened at the Durbar Yesterday Afternoon. About one o'clock two Subedars (Mahomet Esdof & Summersing) of the Foot Guards marched with their People about 500, to the Durbar, under Pretence of going to muster, rushed Bodily in at two of the Gates and put the Chokeys to the Sword, the greatest Part then mounted the Walls and kept every Body from approaching the Palace, while a few went to Narrain Rows Apartments He was at this Time asleep, but being awaked

awaked by a Servant, and hearing a Disturbance was making the best of his way to Ragobah, who was at the Same Time running down Stairs, He immediately ran into Ragobah's Arms, and beged him to Save his Life and take the Government for he had then received a Cut in his Back; five or Six Sepoys followed him Close, and told Ragobah, if he did not let him go, they would cut them both down. when Ragobah pushed him from him He was instantly killed, with a Servant who fell upon his Body to Save him. Mahomet Esoof then led Ragobah to the Durbar, where he issued his Orders for his being proclaimed about Town, & the whole was over in a little Time, without Noise or much Bloodshed.

There has at different Times been Reports of Schemes being formed for Ragobah's Releasement, but they either never had being or were discovered before they were put into Execution, but this from all I can learn and indeed from the Manner it was effected must have been carried on with the utmost Secrecy as Nothing transpired until the firing from the Durbar made it known, and what is more Extraordinary, and quite unusual not a Minister or hardly a Servant was in the Palace at the Time.

What Alterations this Event may make in the Ministry, or with Respect to us, is yet uncertain, but as Soon as I can form any certain Judgement thereon will advise You and at the Same Time acquaint the Gentlemen at Madras and Bengal. At present there is the Appearance of a Considerable Change as Chokeys are placed on Some of the Ministers Houses, particularly Nanna Furnace and Hurry Punt, both of whom 'tis reported are fled.

As it will now become absolutely necessary to make Ragobah a Handsome Present, having never been permitted to visit him, I request Your Orders thereon, but Should

they not arrive before it is necessary for me to go to the Durbar, I shall venture to make one, taking Care to be as frugal as the Occasion will admit.

I am very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. hble Servant

Thomas Mostyn

Poonah
31st August 1773.

a true Copy
Geo Skipp Secy.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Wood.

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Wood has put a Stop to the Proceedings in the Mayors Court.

I did myself the Honor to address you, under Date the 16th of last Month, in Consequence of the Receipt of an Extract of the General Letter of Amount enclosed to me by your Secretary. I then took the earliest Opportunity of putting a Stop to all Proceedings in the Mayors Court on my Part relative to the Suit, and thus beg Leave to inform You of my having done So.

As I have already assured Your Honor &c. of my Willingness to acquiesce in any Mode of Decision you may be pleased to esteem most equitable, I have only to add that I am very respectfully

Fort St. George
4th October 1773

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obdt. hble Servt.

John Wood

The Subject of the Law Suits between Colonel Wood and the Company is now before the Board, and as Soon as their Attention is disengaged from the Matters of Importance which require immediate Discussion, they will take the Same into Consideration

deration and endeavour to fall upon Some Mode for bringing this Business to a Conclusion,

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Subaltern Officers in the Battalion of Europeans in this Garrison to Captain James Galbraith, Senior Officer in the said Battalion, touching the Conduct of Ensign Moody & refusing to rank with him, until he shall have cleared up his Character, & also the following Declaration of the said Officers, to a variety of Instances of improper & Ungentlemanlike Behaviour in the said Ensign Moody.—

To Captain Galbraith commanding the 2d Battalion of the 1st Brigade

Sir,

Letter from the Subaltern Officers of the Battn in Garrison to Capt. Galbraith.—

The Behaviour of Ensign Moody has been such as to render him unworthy his Commission. Therefore We the underwritten Officers, now doing Duty here, cannot with any Propriety rank with him Till such Time as his Conduct is publickly Enquired into, as a Reflection, will justly be cast on our Characters.

We are, Sir, with all due Respect

Your obedient & hble Servants

Fort St. George
11th Sept.r 1773.

James Jenkins Ens.n
John Wade Ens.n
Peter Wright Ens.n

Robt. Chattress Lieut.
W. Johnson Lieut.
Fr.s O'Donnell Lieut.
Jno. Catridge Ensign
Jas. Trail Ensign
Henry Parry Lieut.

The Gentlemen who Signed the Remonstrance against Ensign Moody on the 4th of September 1773 having met according to the Orders of Yesterday relative to what they know of Ensign Moodys Behaviour—

Declaration of the Said Officers respecting Ensign Moody

Declare

1st

Lieut. Chattress, that he was informed from Lt.

Harding who is now present, that he had seen a Soldier by Name Parry often come out of Mr. Moody's Quarters, on his asking him what he wanted, answered he went to see Mr. Moody as his Friend & Companion— And Lieut. Harding further said that he saw Mr. Moody drunk at the Punch House at the Time he was reported Sick.

2d— Lieutenant Johnson, that he saw a Chit from Ensign Moody to Lieut. Parry requesting to speak with him— the said Lieut. Parry went to him in Company with one Mr. Barber where he found him Drunk with a Portuguese Woman and Some Sailors— and has likewise heard Mr. Barber say the Same.—

3d— Lieut. Parry, one Evening he was walking out in Company with Mr. Barber, was met by a sailor who delivered him a Chit from Mr. Moody requesting to speak with him— that the Bearer would show him the House he was then ill in— he went to the House which was near the Kings Hospital and found Mr. Moody in Company with several Portuguese Men and Women and Sailors— He desired him to come out of the House and tell him his Business with him— After Lieut. Parry returned to his Quarters he went to Lieut. Colonel Bellingham to make a Complaint of the Same— But found he was not at home.—

4th— Ensign Trail, that Ensign Moody for some time in his back Room— during his stay there he often saw People pass & repass his Room of a very mean Appearance— and particular one Man who staid in his Room during his illness who by Dress appeared to be a Seaman— But in what Character or Station he cannot pretend to say— but his Dress was an old blue Jacket and sometimes Trowsers— Some Days after Lieut. Parry came to his Quarters— informed him he had in the Evening received a Chit from Ensign Moody from the Hands of a Seaman— Not having any Business with the said Ensign Moody he expressed some surprise

But the Man acquainted him Ensign Moody was sick. he went to know his Business with him; he therefore said Lieut Parry informed him he found Ensign Moody at a Portuguese House, near the Kings Hospital in Company with Sailors and Portuguese People, having seemingly been drinking by Mr. Moody being at that Time in Liquor

5th

Ensign Wade, that he was walking in the black Town near the Kings Hospital about half past Seven o'Clock at Night, where he met Mr. Moody in Company with a Serjeant and three or four Private Men of the Regiment. Both Mr. Moody and they were drunk. they wanted to perswade Mr. Moody to go Home to his Barracks. Mr. Moody swore damn his Eyes he would not and said he would go and have another Bowl first. He took one of the Private Men under his Arm and went towards Mrs. Geary's Ensign Wade saw him no more after he passed him.

6th

Ensign Oatridge corroborates the first Part of Ensign Wades Deposition and further says he has often seen him in Company scarcely fit for a Private Man.

7th

Ensign Wright, that he has frequently met Mr. Moody in Company with People that upon Enquiry into their Characters he found were unworthy the Company of private Soldiers, much more with an Officer one Day in particular he was taking a Walk in Company with a Gentleman belonging to the Navy and happened to meet Mr. Moody in his uniform in Company with a Man of a very dirty mean Appearance. the Gentleman that was with him expressed his great Surprize to see an Officer in such Company.

8th

Lieutenant Cambell, one Evening lately standing at his own Door in Arminian Street, he saw Ensign Moody in Company with a Mean looking Man whom he afterwards understood to be the under Scavenger, and they walked together at [illegible] footing

Mr. Moody at the same Time wore the Regimentals of the first Brigade

Robert Chattress Lt.
Jno. Oatridge Ens. W. Johnston Lt.
Peter Wright Ens. Hy. Parry Lt.
John Campbell Lt. Jas. Trait Ensign

Ordered, that Colonel Lang the Commanding Officer in Garrison, be directed to send for Mr. Moody, and after making him acquainted with the Charges on his Character, to leave it to his Option, whether he will stand a Court or decline a Trial by a General Court Martial. /

A. Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

J. H. Mills
W. Stracey

Fort St. George 4th October 1773

Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Saunders at Cuddalore —

To Mr. Edward Saunders

Commercial Resident Cuddalore —

Sir,

Upon the Receipt hereof you will be pleased to give Orders to Captain Bridges to proceed hither with the Sergeant & Sixty Grenadiers under his Command and you will furnish him with the necessary Assistance for his March. As it might be a Temptation for the Men to desert, were Captain Bridges to pass near Conchiderry, You must recommend it to him not to march too near the French Bounds, but to keep a good way to the West, and to take the necessary precautions for preventing the Men Europeans from going off —

Letter to Mr Saunders

I am Sir Your most obed.t Servants
Alex.r Wynch —

Fort St George
4th October 1773 —
5th

The following Letter was approved and dispatched to General Smith.

To Joseph Smith Esq.r
Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast —

Sir,

Letter to Genl Smith

The President has communicated to us the Purport of your Letter to him of the 2d Instant.

You will be pleased to order one of the Two Battalions of Sepoys at Vellum, to proceed immediately to Vellore to relieve the Six Companys of the Angole Battalion; Government having occasion for the Pantam and Detach. under it necessary to send back these Sepoys to their Station with all convenient Expedition —

I am, Sir,
Your most obed.t Servants
Alex.r Wynch & Council this

Fort St George
3d Oct.r 1773

Fort St. George 6th October 1773

This Day came in the following Letters —

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Governor & Councils of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Letter from Genl Smith —

Your Letters of the 29th Ult.o and 1st inst.

I have been honored with, and this Morning I marched to Madura. Marina about 4 Miles to the Eastward of Tanjore on the Nagore Road, with that Part of the Army I proposed taking with me. I waited on Maddanur Ul Mulk Behauder in Tanjore, to make known to him the Instructions I had received from the Honble Board, and to learn when he intended to join the Army. At the same Time mentioned the near approach of the rainy Season and that no Time should be lost in finishing the Campaign. He told me there were not Provisions in Camp to enable the Army to move, and that it will require Three or four Days for Cattle & Ships to come from Trichinopoly. Beside he had several Matters to settle in the Fort before he could attend the Army. I represented the Inconvenience that must arise from Delay, and that some Consideration should be had for the Europeans. He said it was true, but they could not provide Till a Months Provisions was in Readiness, which will necessarily detain us some Days, and I think it certain that the Monsoon will break ere we reach any Place where the Troops can be cantoned. This being the Case I have wrote to Maddanur Ul Mulk Behauder my Sentiments and informed him, that in Place of taking the European Corps with us, the Four Battalions of Sepoys and the Six Companies, will be quite sufficient to put him in Possession of those Places he so much desires, and the Europeans may be either sent home in Tanjore or else where immediately after the Rains are over. I cannot conceive why the Nabob wishes at this Juncture in Particular to take such a Body of Troops through the Tanjore Country

Country, what is a Sumpson of Paddy Fields, and only the Villages and high Roads that Troops can incamp in - The Low Part of the Country is so swampy that Travellers are up above their Knees every Step. Sown I am concerned that the Rabob should settle his Affairs so late in the Year take up your Troops on Foot, especially when much Opposition cannot be expected, even when the Season becomes so favorable as to admit the Troops taking the Fields.

If the Dutch do not judge it necessary to submit to the Rabobs Demands, and are not amicably inclined, they never will with the Force they now have oppose His Entering to Negapatnam, and there Chuse Sides they are in no Condition to act against Us with a probability of Success. In the former Case you cannot hurt them, without attacking their Forts and driving them out of it, and in the latter Time must discover what is to happen.

The Rabobs Son does not mean to take any of His Highness's Troops with him, but the Royal Cavalry & Six Company's of Sepoys - The latter is not sufficient to protect Negore and the Several Districts now in Question. It is evident therefore that he means to apply for your Troops for that Purpose. With regard to your Troops garrisoning Tanjore, that neither the Father nor Son ever intend to solicit for them I verily believe - Time will compell by necessity and then as at every other Time when Danger is near the Company's Troops must defend and support their Honor.

The Rabob has lately obtained no Acquisitions that will require an Addition of Troops to defend them, especially if he leaves five Battalions in Tanjore, in this Case what is to become of the Marrawar and Madura Country from which the most of them have been withdrawn - To what End does he make their Conquests if they are not maintained and the Inhabitants encouraged

encouraged and Protected, this will require his Consideration and I hope for his own Interest he will be perswaded that raising Sepoys is a Measure which ought to be adopted immediately - and that they should be under the Governor & Councils Orders and Direction.

After leaving Part of the Artillery and Captain Brown's Detachment at Vellum, I shall order the Remainder of the Detachment to proceed to Trichinopoly.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obed^t Servant

Joseph Smith.

Camp near Tanjore
3^d October 1773

To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esqr

President & Governor &^c of Fort St. George

Letter from Captain Duncan.

Honble Sir,

I had the Honor Yesterday to receive Yours of the 11th Inst. 29th In Obedience to which Two of my Companies of my Battalion under the Command of Lt. Cadogan, will proceed this Evening for the Pallmaid.

I hope you will excuse my taking the Liberty of observing to You that I shall now be left with a single Company of Sepoys, and not able to muster above one half of the Men that used to compose the ordinary Guards of this Garrison - and that the slightest Duty which can possibly be done by us must unparalleled very soon disgust those few exceedingly. I have the Honor to be with the most profound Esteem & Regard.

Honble Sir

Your very devoted Humble obed^t Servt

Alex^r Duncan

Engole
3^d October 1773

Received the following Letter from Genl Smith.

To the Honble Alex^r Wynch Esqr

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

Honble

Letter from General Smith delivered over the Spare Carriage Bullocks to the Nabobs Son.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor to address you yesterday, and now send you inclosed a Journal of the Operations of the Army and the Orders for last Month to which is annexed a Return of the killed and wounded during the Siege.

As the Service on which the Heavy Guns were employed is over. The 24 & 18 Pounders with Mortars are gone to Trichinopoly, and the 12 Pounders to Vellum, I shall be glad to know if the Draught Bullocks belonging to them may be discharged the Service. The spare Carriage Bullocks are delivered over to Maddaur Ul Mulk Behauder as he wanted them to transport Grain with the Troops.

We have had Showers of Rain for some Days past, and this Afternoon it came on with great Violence, & continued longer than usual.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. Servt.

J. Smith

Camp at Mariama Coil
4th October 1773

The following Answer was dispatched the Same Day to General Smith.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Letter to General Smith desiring his Opinion respecting the Distribution of the Troops.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 3d. and 4th inst.

As you do not think it necessary to take the European Battalion with you, judging four Battalions of Sepoys with Six Field Pieces a sufficient Force for the Service you are to be employed on We desire to be informed in what Manner You would recommend the Remainder of the Army to be disposed of.

Whether

Whether to cantonat Vellum or any more convenient Station in the Neighbourhood of Tanjore, till the present Service is over or to return to their respective Garrisons.

As it is a difficult Matter to reassemble draught Bullocks after they have been discharged the Service & as there is a probability of a greater Number being required than the exact Compliment to the Guns, we recommend it to you for the Present to keep one Hundred Spare ones in the Service, & that all unnecessary People and Cooleys be discharged. /

We are Sir Your most Obedt. Hble Servt.

Alex. Wynch &c. Counl.

Fort St. George
7th October 1773

The following Letters were this Day received by the Swallow Sloop of War from Bengal.

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.

President &c. Council at Fort St. George

Sevt. Departt.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Favor of the 17th Ult.o from the Military Department.

Letter from Fort William

As you have judged it proper to comply with the Nabobs Requisition for undertaking an Expedition agt. the Rajah of Tanjore, We have only to wish that the Operations of your Army may be attended with a speedy & effectual Success. We are obliged by your Promise of early Information in Case anything should occur to effect us from the Steps of the Marattas if they should take any Part in the Present Difference.

We are with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most obdt. & hble Servants

W. Aldersey
P. M. Dawes
H. Goodwin

J. Graham

Fort William
16th August 1773.

To

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

Surat Dep.

Your Favor of the 30th Ult. is this Day come to hand.

Letter from the Presidt. &c. of Fort William. The Mercury will take out the Letter & Packet from the Board all enquiries to be made in the River.

We have not Place on a Cover for the Dispatch of the Mercury, as the President has not yet concluded his Negotiations with the Vizier Sujah Ul Dowlah, but that Despatch is held in Readiness and will be sent away as soon as we receive the necessary Information from him, We will order the Captain to touch at your Port, & will give us an Opportunity to hear of the Progress made in the Siege against Tanjore, and the Success we have met with therein, so that we hope you will be able by the Mercury to give the Courts of Directors agreeable News of the Surrender of that Fort.

You will be regularly informed by this Opportunity from our Bengal Department of the unfortunate Loss of three Ships, & that the Packet which we dispatched from Bengal and Surat from the Wreck now waits upon You with that for England, which the Mercury will afford Conveyance for, for which you be disappointed of that from the Admiral which is pointed out in the above Letter.

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obd. hble Servts
W Aldersey
H Goodwin
J Graham

Fort William
13. Septm. 1773.

At a Consultation Present.
Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President
John Smith — John Whitehill
Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey

Monday 11th October

General Smith absenting himself

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Mr. Cotsford having returned to the Presidency from Ganjam this Day takes his Seat at the Board.

Read the following Letter from General Smith.

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

General Smith applies for Leave to return to the Presidency.

I entered Phirauthy to join you on the 9th of the Army with a Detachment of Officers for the Month of September.

I marched the Troops this Morning from Manamakoil to Arma Palaiam till Mid-way on Nagapatam Road where I shall halt till Maddanur Dil Mulk Behauder Sipahdar Ummeer Dil Umrah join me for that new Tribute is published at Tanjore this Morning, and commanded to aid the Country round by the Guns and Musquetry of the Garrison.

If the Monsoon shall not break upon us while we are here, and it threatens much, the Men can be secured against the Weather in the Village Pagodas Houses for their Tents are by no means proof against the Rains.

The Regiments of Cavalry, I am obliged to march the least, and as they will keep pace with the Army I have recommended to Ummeer Dil Umrah Behauder, that they

may be sent, where Grain and Grass can be had, and their Pruns are more wanted, except a Troop or two which he may take to attend his Person as a Guard. I hope he will join the Army Tomorrow and not give us any further delay as no Time is to be lost.

My Presence can now be no longer of use with the Army, and as my Health and private Concerns call me to the Presidency I request you will mention to the Honble Board my Desire returning thither, before the Monsoon breaks and that the Command may be delivered over to Lt. Colonel Vaughan an Officer who may be depended on and is very capable of executing any Orders Your Honors &c. may give him.

Mr. Salmon says he is not able to undertake a Journey to Madrass on Horseback - at Present he is booking out for Palankeen Bays & as soon as he is provided with them he will obey your Orders and return to his Duty at the Presidency.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Camp at Arma Pettah
6th Octr. 1773.

Honble Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
Joseph Smith

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

Letter from Genl. Smith

Honble Sir,

I have received your Two Letters with one from the Board of the 5th Inst. and shall very shortly reply to the latter.

Captain Powerys Battalion of Sipoys belong to Vellore and as the Distance to that Place from hence is much the same as from Trichinopoly, to save Time I shall order him to proceed immediately and receive the Six Companys of the Angole Battalion.

Ummeer Ul Omrah with the Two Regiments of

Cavalry joined the Army Yesterday Evening notwithstanding which I could not march to Day, as he sent me a Message last Night that neither himself nor his People were in a Condition to move I shall proceed tomorrow to the Eastward as far as the River about four Miles from Camp, but our Provisions and Baggage cannot cross it on Bullocks. The Elephants lately taken may be of Use to Us on this Occasion.

If the Europeans are well Supplied with good Mutton, which is better for them than Beef they will readily give up the latter, but our People cannot stand the Monsoon, and should it break on us, before Matters are accomodated with the Dutch the Troops as you desire shall be put under Cover or at least such Part of them as can be accomodated at Trivature. The Remainder must be cantoned in the Villages most Convenient.

I have acquainted Mr. Salmon with your Orders he says he has not yet been able to procure Palankeen Bays & that he cannot travel without them. The Returns for Prize Money I shall have the Honor to transmit to you tomorrow. I am with Respect. Honble Sir

Your most Obedt. Servt.
J. Smith

Camp at Arma Pettah
8th October 1773.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob has expressed a Desire that the General Smith may remain with the Army until Matters are Settled with the Dutch in Consequence of which it is resolved that General Smith be Directed to remain, if his Health does not require his immediate

return

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return to the Presidency.

A Recommendation of Black Officers for Promotion in the 2d Battalion of Sepoys laid before the Board and approved.

Wynch
John Smith

Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

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Stracey
Edward Cotsford

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Wrote the following Letter to General Smith.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Sir,

Letter to General Smith Signifying the Desire of the Bd. for him to remain with the Army

The President has communicated to us your Desire to be relieved from the Command of the Army, as you imagine your Services on the Present occasion are not requisite.

As we are of Opinion that your presence with the Army may be the Means of more Speedily and effectually accomodating Matters with the Dutch and as the Nabob expresses a Desire that you should remain with the Troops, until the Service on which you they are now employed is executed, we request you will for the Present defer your Return to the Presidency unless your Health and private Affairs under it indispensably Necessary. We are Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant.
Alexr. Wynch &c. Council

Fort St. George
12th October 1773
13th

Received the following Letter from the Governor of Tranquebar.

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from Tranquebar

The Gentlemen who will have the Honor to present you this Messrs. Bie (member of the Council) & John Gotting Commanding Captain of the Garrison of this Place, are depated to his Highness the Sabah Mahomed Ally Cawn to transact & settle some Business of Money lent to the former Rajah of Tanjore; Should they in their said Transaction have occasion to apply to You and seek your good Advice & Council, then do

I kindly beg your good and benevolent Assistance thereto
having the Honor to be with a most perfect Esteem.

Honble Sir Your most obed.t & most hble Servt.

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Fort Dandsberg
4th October 1773

14.-

Came in the following Letter from Camp

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith's Secretary advising of the Arrivae of the Army at Trivatore.

I have the Honor to acquaint You that the Army arrived here to Day and the Europeans, Artillery & Infantry, were put under Cover in a large Choultry belonging to the Pagoda, which was very lucky not only by their escaping receiving many Rains that fell this Evening, but their getting here at so critical a Time for Tomorrow the Road will be impassable.

Golam Ali Khan the Young Rabob's Ambassador to the Dutch has not yet had his Answer from them Yesterday very likely he may return to Camp Tomorrow.

You will please to forward your Letters to the Army by Cuddalore or Sutore as I have placed Peppals from thence to Camp, and intend to strike off the Lake Peppal as established from Tanjore to Madras the 1st Letter received from you by the South route. I would do it now but your Letters by the Tanjore Road would be stopped for want of Horses &c.

What I now write is for your private Satisfaction, lest you should be anxious to know what we are about. The General is very much fatigued and not very well tonight but Tomorrow he intends to address the Board. This Letter will go by the way of Trivitore and Cuddalore.

I have

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect

Honble Sir, Your obed.t Servt.

Thomas Parkerson

14th October 1773
Trivatore 14 Miles from Nagapatnam

We have for 4 Days past marched but 6 & 7 Miles a Day Our Provisions & Stores with much Difficulty brought up. The Dutch have Stationed 6 Small Guards between us and them the nearest 3 Miles from us.

15.- Wrote the following Letter to Major Fitzgerald at Vellore.

To Major James Fitzgerald
Commanding at Vellore.

Sir,

Letter to Major Fitzgerald.

Captain Dewar's Battalion of Sepoys being ordered to Vellore, on their Arrival you will be pleased to order the Six Companys of Captain Damian's Battalion at Trivatore at Angolo. I am Sir Your most obed.t Servt.

Alex.r Wynch

Fort St. George
15th October 1773
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This Day the following Letter was received from Captain Damian at Angolo.

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

Honble Sir,

Letter from Captain Damian a Detachment from his Battalion employed in quelling Disturbances in the Pallamand District

I have Accounts of the Arrival of Lieut. Parry & Smith his Detachment in the Pallamand, and that those People who threatened to molest that Country have once fled, after an Attempt upon one of the Villages in which Lieut.

they were wrested, some of them killed and others taken Prisoners, & that everything is now quiet.

The Nabobs Vakeel informs me, that as soon as he is joined by some Troops which are now on their March for that Purpose, he intends to go against the Zemindar of Bullapilly & Cuttolcherroo - about Ten Coss Distance from the Tellmand. the former belongs to Cummaul & the other to Caddapa. These Zemindars have afforded Assistance & Protection to Viraputtroo: He is now with them, and they refuse to give him up. As I am uncertain how far you may judge it proper for the Company's Troops to act offensively out of this Country, I beg to be favored with what Instructions I ought to send Lieut Lavy for his Conduct. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Hon.ble Sir

Your very devoted and most Obed.t Serv.t

Alexander Duncan

Ongole 12 Octo.r 1773

P.S. Three Companys of the Nabobs Sepoys arrived here this Morning in their way to the Tellmand. As I imagine Hassan ad Doun Khan will begin his Operations upon their joining him, I hope to be honored with Orders for Brit.r Lavy as soon as Possible.

At a Consultation Present.

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Governor President

John Smith — Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson — John Maxwell Stone

Edward Straay

Monday 17 October

General Smith absent on Service.

Mr Lotsford absent.

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

approved.

Read the following Letter from Major Fitzgerald at Vellore.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President & Governor of Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

Your favor of the 15th Inst.o I rec.d last Night and shall order the Detachment of Captain Duncans Battalion of Sepoys to proceed to Ongole as soon as Captain Covery's Battalion arrives - Please to let me know if you approve of Capt.n Covery with a Detachment of his Battalion to command Commoor. and how many Companys are to Garison that Place.

I am Honble Sir

Your most obed.t & most obed.t Serv.t

Jas. Fitzgerald.

Vellour the 17 Octo.r 1773

Letter from Major Fitzgerald.

At the Ongole Sepoys are represented to be in want of Arms and Accoutrements - Ordered, that they are such further in order to be supplied therewith, before they proceed on their Station to Ongole. The Board approve of Captain Coverys being appointed to the Command of Amboor at present, to which Place he is to be directed to proceed on his Arrival at Vellore with five Companys of his Battalion. Ordered that a Letter to the foregoing Purport be wrote to Major Fitzgerald.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Ensign Richard Mosby to Lieut.t Colonel Lang.

Sir

At the Board have been agreeable to Charges

Letter from Ensign Mosby to Lieut. Long desiring a Court Martial

to my Chance to stand a General Court Martial. I humbly Submit myself to their Mercy rather than stand a Court Martial. I have the Honor to Subscribe myself your most hble Servt.

15th October 1773. To Col. Ross Lang

Richd. Moody.

Ensign Moody having by the foregoing Letter declined standing a Trial at a General Court Martial and having submitted himself to the Mercy of the Board, the Subject is accordingly taken into Consideration, and it appearing that the general Tenour of his Conduct has been so notoriously Bad, and to intirely incompatible with the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman that he is no longer worthy to hold a Commission - he is therefore dismissed the Honble Company's Service.

Read several Letters from the Nabob dated and Numbered as follows - dated 7th inst. as entered in Country Correspondence No. 112 inclosing Copies of Letters of Congratulations from the Governors of Pondicherry Tranquebar & Negapatnam and Arrazdashts from the dispossessed Rajah & his Mother

Country Correspondce. No. 112.

No. 113.

No. 113 dated 8th Inst. with Copy of a Letter from his Son Madaur Ul Mulk to the Governor of Negapatnam

No. 114 - Translation of a Letter from the Govr. of Negapatnam to Narsingara Gada Manager to the Rajah of Tanjore.

No. 115 dated 1st Inst. with Pagodas 2000 on Acct of the Poonamale Kist.

No. 116 dated 13th Inst. with a Copy of his a Letter from his Vackeels at Negapatnam to his Son Madaur Ul Mulk

No. 118 dated 15th Inst. with the Copy of a Letter from

from his Vackeels at Negapatnam.

Read Letter from Ragonaut Row No. 120 with an Acct of the Assassination of Narrain Row at Poonah

account

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 17th No. 125 inclosing Copies of several Letters respecting his Negociations with the Dutch at Negapatnam, and likewise Draft of two Letters which he proposes to write to his Son & to the Governor of Negapatnam on the Same Business.

Resolved that the Nabob be made acquainted with the orders which have been sent to General Smith - directing him to assist with the Companys Troops for the Recovery of the Districts in the Tanjore Country, possessed by the Dutch, to the Nabobs Government, and that he be informed at the same Time that we understand Preparations are making at Negapatnam for the Dispatch of certain Deputies from their Government empowered to treat with Madaur Ul Mulk and that we hope matters will be settled amicably between him and the Dutch.

Read the following Letter from General Smith

× To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &c. of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir.

Letter from General Smith with a Return of the Troops intitled to Prize Money

Inclosed I have the Honor to send you a Return of the Companys Troops intitled to Prize Money for the Capture of Tanjore, with a List of Officers. I hope you have not given the Nabob a Copy of that sent you by Captain Cosby, as I suppose it was no more than a Return of the Army for last Month and of Course not only the Lascars, but many of the Officers may be left out.

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I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most obedt. Servt.

J. Smith

Cantonments at Trivalure 14th Octo. 1773.

The Nabob having agreed with the Companys Troops for a certain Sum to each Rank, in consideration of their giving up their Right to Plunder that might fall into their Hands on the Capture of Tanjore by Storm, and having desired a Return of the Companys Troops for that Purpose, the President applied to the General for the Same, which he accordingly transmitted in the foregoing Letter. Ordered that the said Return be delivered to the Nabob.

The President informs the Board that Lieut. Fireworker Jones having been put under Arrest by his Commanding Officer in Camp for Plundering, signified his intention of resigning the Service, in the following Note to Lieut. Colonel James, to avoid a Court Martial. In Consequence of which he had Leave to proceed to Madrass.

Sir,

I find I have to many Enemies about me & wanting to get me out of the Service. I am willing to resign the Honble Companys Service with the greatest Pleasure. therefore hope you'll speak to the General to bring it to a hearing as soon as Possible or let me Proceed to Madrass for that Purpose.

I am Sir

Your most obedt. Servt.

R. Jones.

2d Septemr. 1773.

The President adds that since the Arrival of Mr. Jones at Madrass, he has demanded a Court Martial. It is therefore Ordered that General Smith be desired to

Transmit

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transmit the Particular Circumstances of the Offence for which Mr. Jones was put under arrest, that the Board may be able to determine what Measures to take with him.

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John Smith

Charles Smith

Saml. Johnson

[illegible]

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The Secretary was this Day directed to write the following Letter to General Smith.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Sir,

Letter to General Smith

Lieut. Fireworker Jones who had your Permission to proceed to the Presidency in order to resign his Commission having Demanded a General Court Martial the President & Council have directed me to apply to you for the Particulars of Mr. Jones's bad Conduct, for which he was some Time under arrest in Camp - You will therefore be pleased to transmit them with all convenient Expedition. I am very respectfully

Sir

Your most obedt. Hble Servant

W. Petrie Secy.

Fort St. George
19th October 1773

The following Letters were this Day dispatched

To Major James Fitz Gerald

Commanding at Vellore.

Sir

You will be pleased to order the Ongole Sepoys to march by this Place that they may be supplied with Accoutrements of which I understand they are greatly in want.

Captain Povery with five Companys of his Battalion will proceed to Amboor and remain there until further Orders. I am Sir

Your most obedt. Servant

A. Wynch

Fort St. George
19th October 1773

To Captain Alexander Duncan

Commanding at Ongole.

Letter to Captain Duncan the Company's Sepoys not to pass the Limits of the Palnaud

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 12th &c

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would have answered it sooner, but I had not till this Morning an Opportunity of speaking to the Nabob on the Subject.

You will be pleased to direct Lieut. Pavey to cooperate with the Nabobs Troops as far as the Limits of the Palnaud but not to proceed further with the Company's Sepoys under his Command - If the Nabobs Phauzdar finds it necessary to act against those Zemindars who have afforded Assistance to Vira Badrae, in their own Country, it must be with his own Troops as we cannot permit the Company's to invade their Territorys - Nevertheless should any of the Zemindars act in a Hostile Manner within the Nabobs Districts Lieut. Pavey must be directed to proceed against them and pursue them as far as the said Districts extend. I am Sir Your most obedt. Servant

A. Wynch

Fort St. George
19th Octr. 1773

At a Consultation Present

Thursday Octr. 21st

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor, President

John Smith — Charles Smith

Samuel Johnson — John Maxwell Stone

Edward Stracey — Edward Cotsford

General Smith absent on Service -

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Mr. Brooke having returned from Masulipatam takes his Seat at the Board.

Messrs. Brooke & Cotsford not having been at the Board during the Proceedings regarding the Dutch at Negapatam the Minutes of Consultation and the other

Papers

Papers on that Subject are now read for their Information.

Read the following Letter from General Smith with one to the General wrote by order of Madaar Ul Mulck.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &ca. of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Letter from General Smith the Dutch refuse to send Ambassadors to treat with the Nabobs Son in Camp.

Inclosed I have the Honor to send You a Letter received from this Moment from Ummeer Ul Omrah's Secretary advising that the Dutch had refused to send Ambassadors here as the third in Council and another Gentleman were gone to Madras to treat with the Nabob. From this it appears they either mean to protract Time or oblige His Highness to make use of Force against them, and if assisted by our Troops, I understand they are prepared to protest formally against the Company for recovering of the Lands that may be taken from them, or perhaps only with a View of making our Honble Masters answerable for the Money.

I can foresee it will be very difficult for me to come at a certainty as to the Proposals that have been made to the Dutch, have far amicable and what has past on their Part in Consequence, but as the Honble Board may inform themselves of these Matters from the Ambassadors gone to Madrass. I request to know from Your Honor &ca. when I am to render the Nabob the Assistance of the Companys Troops to put him in Possession of the Lands in Question if they should find it necessary &c.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Your most Obedt. Servant

J. Smith

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17th October 1773
Letter to General Smith wrote by order of Madaar Ul Mulck

Honble Sir,

Sir,

His Highness Omeer Ul Omrah desires me to present

present his Compliments to General Smith and acquaint him that last Night he received the Ambassador Answer from his Ambassador at Negapatnam, in consequence of what the General & his Highness consulted on two Nights ago — that they have held a Consultation the Result of which was that as they had already sent the third in Council with another Gentleman as Ambassadors to the Nabob at Madrass they thought there was no occasion to send an Embassy here — and if his Highness Ambassadors wanted to leave Negapatnam in pursuance of the Order he had received to that Purpose he might set out whenever he pleased. —

His Highness begs General Smith will consider and give him his Opinion what he thinks best to be done from the Instructions he knows his Highness has received from his Father the Nabob. The Ambassador sets out from Negapatnam this Morning. & I am Sir Your most Obedt. & very Hble Servt.

Michl. Bruce Secy.

Trevaloore
17th October 1773

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No. — representing the willful Delays used by the Dutch, that they are not sincere in their Intentions of accomodating Matters with him; the Danger of Sent Delays and desiring that orders may be sent to General Smith to march without delay & assist his Son in taking Possession of the Lands usurped by the Dutch; the Nabob encloses a Letter from the Governor of Negapatnam entered in Country Correspondence after No.

From the evasive & ambiguous Manner in which the Letter from the Governor of Negapatam is wrote as well as from General Smiths Letter of the 17th. It should seem

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the Dutch have at present no other Object in View than to procrastinate and amuse the Nabob with Negotiations, until they can receive Directions from their Superiors at Batavia or their Employers at Home. In the mean Time it is certain they are in hourly Expectations of receiving further Reinforcements of Troops from their other Settlements. The Board taking all these Circumstances into Consideration unanimously determine that General Smith be directed to march immediately with the Troops under his Command on the Requisition of the Nabobs Son and to put him in Possession of those Districts possessed by the Dutch if they should refuse to evacuate them in an amicable Manner on the Approach of the Army.

In Consequence of the foregoing Resolution the following Letter was accordingly dispatched to General Smith.

To Joseph Smith Esqr.

Brigadier General and Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast.

Sir

The President has communicated to us your Letter to him of the 17th Inst.

Letter to General Smith to procure an immediate Rupture with the Dutch occasioned by the Dutch.

The Nabob hath represented to us, that it is evident from the Delays used by the Dutch in their Negotiations with him, that if they have no other Design than to gain Time, he hath expressed an earnest Desire to bring this Matter to a speedy Conclusion. In Consequence of which he has desired that the Troops under your Command on the Requisition of his Son Ummer Ul Umrah Behander, may without Delay proceed and assist him in taking Possession of Nagore and the Country lately occupied by the Dutch belonging to the Tanjore Country. We desire that

that You will accordingly on the Requisition of the Nabobs Son Ummer Ul Omrah Behander march immediately with the Troops under your Command & assist him in taking Possession of Nagore and the abovementioned Districts in Case the Dutch should not on Your approach evacuate the said Districts We do hereby authorize You and direct that you assist the Nabobs Son in taking Possession of the same by Force, which done We desire you will appoint such a Force as you may judge necessary to assist the Nabob in keeping Possession of the same and we shall be glad of your Sentiments with Regard to the Disposition of the Remainder of the Army.

We are

Sir,

Your most obedt. humble Servts.

Alexr. Wynch &c. Council

Fort St George
25th October 1773

Read Copy of a Letter from the Nabob to the Deputies from Nagapatnam, who are upon the Road to this Place, with a View as they say to treat with him respecting their Claims on the Tanjore Country. (Country Correspondence No 129)

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John Smith
Charles Sinclair
Sam. Johnston
Wm Hay
Edward Ross J.

Came in the following Letter from General Smith.

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &ca Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from General Smith. Vackals returned to Camp. The Dutch refusing to give up the Districts or to treat with the Nabobs Son.

I have been honored with your Commands of the 5th, 7th & 12th Instant. In obedience to the former a Battalion of Sepoys was ordered to proceed to Vellour without loss of Time and in Consequence of your Instructions of the 7th a Hundred of the best Draught Cattle with the heavy Guns were kept. The Remainder as well as all the unnecessary People belonging to the Army the Commissary was directed to discharge except a Hundred Lascars in the Chief Engineers Service Department that I have ordered to be continued in the Service till we see what turn Affairs in this Neighbourhood may take.

Tho I don't hold the Force the Dutch have at present in a very respectable Light. Yet as I found I could secure the Regiments from the Weather. I had continued my Route with them and the Seapoys, and nearly reached this Place before your Letter of the 7th arrived. the Europeans were lodged in a Choultry, which is sufficiently large for the whole. The Sepoy Corps are not so well off, and the Officers Quarters very indifferent. however they are satisfied to dispense with them

I have the honor to acquaint You that Golam Ali Khan, and Shadi Khan two Vackels who had been to treat with the sent from hence to Negapatnam to treat with the Dutch are returned, and that this Morning in order to know what passed. I had a meeting with Ummeer Ul Omrah Behauder & Cagee Houss in Khan the Nabobs Duan.

The Vackels said they had laid the Powers granted

granted to Ummeer Ul Omrah before the Governor Van Vlessingen required his delivering up to the Nabob the Districts the Dutch had lately taken possession of belonging to the Tanjore Country and proposed to settle the Mode of reimbursing him the Money he had advanced to the Rajah. In reply the Governor said he would consult his Council and after they had met, he not only refused to give up the Districts on Payment of the Money, but also to treat with Ummeer Ul Omrah, alledging that he intended to send two of his Council to the Nabob at Fort St. George to treat with him. The Vackels urged there was no necessity, as his Son & representative had full Power to negociate the Business. The Governor's Answer was that he had acquainted the Nabob of his Intentions to send Ambassadors to Madrass and could not depart from his Purpose.

The Vackels complain they have been treated with great Disrespect by the Dutch and are of Opinion they do not mean to give up the Lands claimed by the Nabob on any Terms but that their sending Ambassadors to Madrass is intended to gain Time. That they have refused to treat with Ummeer Ul Omrah, I can now have no Doubt of as the Governor has wrote him a Letter of Apology telling him Ambassadors were gone to his Father and therefore he could not enter into any Negociations here.

The Governor Van Vlessingen having rejected every Proposal made to him by Ummeer Ul Omrah or even to treat with him and referred this Business to Madrass. he may not refer to Batavia and from thence to Europe therefore should Ummeer Ul Omrah make a requisition of the Company's Troops from me to assist to put him

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in Possession of the Lands in Question, agreeable to your Instructions of the 29th of Septemr. I shall give him every Assistance in my Power for that Purpose.

The Dutch have mounted their Guns on the Walls of Negapatnam and in the Pettah. Upwards of two Thousand People are employed clearing the Esplanade, and repairing the Glacis. They are also taking every other Measure for Defence, and as they expect a further Reinforcement of Europeans from Colombo a constant look out is kept at the Flag Staff Head and by my Intelligence this Afternoon Same Vessells were in Sight which gave great Spirits to the People of Negapatnam.

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Head Quarters Trivalore 18th October 1773

Honble Sir Sir Your most Obedt. Servt.

Joseph Smith

Delivered the following Orders to Lt. Francis Knox commanding the Northern Sepoy Grenadiers

To Lieut. Francis Knox

Sir,

You are hereby directed to march with the Six Companys of Circar Sepoys under your Command to the River Kistnah, and as soon as you have crossed the Same you will order the Sepoys belonging to Masulipatam to their Station there, and proceed with the rest to Elore, where you will receive further Orders from the Officer commanding that Garrison. You will be particularly careful that the Sepoys commit no irregularities upon the march.

Fort St. George 21st Octr. 1773

I am Sir Your most obedt. Servt.

Alexr. Wynch

This

22d. This Day the following Letter to the President was received from the Governor of Negapatnam

Fort St. George

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

Governor and President for the Honble English East India Company

Honble Sir,

Letter from Governor of Negapatnam

Having sent Ambassadors for the Dutch East India Company to the Souba of Carnatica Mhamet Aly Chawn in order to settle some Affairs concerning the Kingdom of Tanjore, I have the Pleasure to inform you by this thereof and as they shall reside in or about your Presidency, be so kind to assist them in Case it should be necessary, and with this Hope I flatter myself in Consideration of the Friendship which exists between both Nations, and which makes me also be assured that the Sincerity of your generous Proceedings will have no other End, but the continuation of Friendship which is and must be the Observation of the Treaties of Peace and Alliance made and Contracted by both our Sovereigns that holy must be accomplished; but notwithstanding this my Hope, I must and am obliged to assure You that it is with Some Concern that I have heard that Brigadier General Joseph Smith commander in Chief of the English Troops on this Coast is in the Army of the Soubah, who threatened us with altar, and this not only but also that he has joined and is come down to Trivalour, though I am not of Opinion that he will act or do anything which can give Occasion to any difference between both Powers. I am with Esteem

Honble Sir Your most obedt. Servant

(Signed) Van Vlissingen

Fort at Nagapatnam 17 Octr. 1773

The following is an Extract of a private Letter from General Smith to the President.

Extract of a private Letter from General Smith to the Governor dated 21st October 1773.

Extract of a Letter from General Smith to the Governor

In Consequence of what I wrote to the Board on the 13th Inst. this Morning Ummur Ul Amrah with two Troops of Cavalry 8 Companys of his own Sepoys and some light Gns attended by his own Officers and followed by his Irregulars of Mogul Cavalry, marched from Trivalore and entered the Countries possessed by the Dutch at their first Fort three Miles from Trivalore, I am were stationed some Malays & Sepoys to guard a Post & a Flag in a Tree — Mr. Mc Allester who has this Detachment, told the Cipkle to leave the Fort quietly, and if they made no Resistance they should not be molested, accordingly they marched off and the Rabob struck the Flag, this Detachment of Dutch moved to another Party on the high Road commanded by a Captain & amounting to upwards of 100 Men; when the Rabobs Officer approached this Fort they got into the Fort and for some Time appeared them praising, making their Salaams and putting on an Appearance of Distance, however after some Talking & Scuffling they thought it prudent to retire and join their main Body stationed at their 6th Limits consisting of 300 Men and 4 Guns of Cannon; the young Rabob continued his Route towards Nagore, and on entering a Plain near the Town, the Dutch Detachment commanded by a Captain & in Force about 70 Europeans as many Sepoys and some Topasses took to Arms & formed near the Village of Nagore, the Young Rabob halted and formed his Troops, & marched

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forward to them; the Dutch Captain seeing this in order for the Rabob & General, as he supposed the latter to be there, but on being told there was no English Troops with the Detachment he desired to see Ummur Ul Amrah and then delivered him a formal Orders, from the Dutch Government and told him his orders were to retire and not make any Opposition, this he was permitted to do and from the Hour that the Company's Troops moved they neither saw Dutchmen Mallays Sepoys, or any other Person in Arms, or even a Flag except Fagueirs when they arrived at Nagore the Rabobs Flag was hoisted and he in possession of the Place & Countries — The Dutch Governor and his Council have protested in Form against me, as the Leader of your Troops. I've enclosed Copies of both their Protests to this Honble Board — Yesterday they received 70 Europeans from Ceylon in Boats — They are gathering together from all Quarters what Troops they can, and I am afraid by a very considerable Merchant, they never meant to restore those Countries only to controul me Matters, with the Rabob on the Londrary they sent word of his said Letters to the Maratta's waiting for their Assistance to recover Tanjore for their Rajah, and I think if the Rabob does not conclude this Affair with them in a Satisfactory Manner to both Parties, that they will give him some uneasiness yet, and this Government the Share of the Insurance — The People of England are now always so disposed to receive every unfavorable Impression with regard to the Conduct of the Company's Servants abroad that even tho them have Right on their Side, yet they will be condemned for every Act where Rabobs are concerned

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at the Motives which have gone to their Support or distression are always construed as rapacious and from mere selfish Views. The Nabob is now in Possession of all the Tanjore Country, what is next to be done with your Troops, who is to take Care of Nagore and where are we to refresh for the next Campaigns, as I look on this as a certain Fact, that the Reduction of Tanjore and his Dispute with the Dutch, will keep your Troops afoot at least for another Year. You have a great Deal to restitch on. the State of your Europeans. Your Blacks. the Lunatick, and the Situation the most of our Garisons are in. Madras without Walls. Hyders formidable Army and which his over exerting with Horse & Foot with all the Vigor in his Power. The Death of Ramah Raw. Rajahs Hatred to Europeans. his Displeasure at the Rajahs Reduction and what Sums may be spun early in the next year. The scattered State of your Forces. the Cash Dust. & in Short a Thousand things, that will readily occur to you Sirs, all these require your very serious Attention

At a Consultation Present

Monday Octobr 25th

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor Presidt
John Smith — Henry Brooke
Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone — Edward Stracey
Edward Ledsford

General Smith absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The President laying before the Board a Letter which was this day received from General Smith, inclosing Copy of a Letter

Letter from Genl Smith, acquainting of the march of the Army and taking Possession of Nagore and the other Places occupied by the Dutch in the Tanjore Country

Letter from Lieut. Cammer Del Amrah, his Reply & a Protest against him as Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces &c. &c. &c. to the Governor & Council of Negapatnam.

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

I had the Honor to address you on the 19th inst. advising that the Dutch not only rejected very amicable Proposals made to them by Cammer Del Amrah Bekaudar, but refused to treat with him on any Terms whatever. On the 19th Cammer Del Amrah having then halted 8 Days, within three Miles of the Country lately belonging to the Rajah of Tanjore and now claimed by the Dutch Finding also the Dutch not sincere but Back and that they absolutely refused to deliver up the Lands or to settle Matters with him, he made a formal Requisition of the Company's Troops from me to assist him to put him in Possession of those Districts. A Translation of which I have the Honor to send you inclosed, with my Reply thereto.

I am very sensible how disagreeable it must be to your Honor &c. &c. to assist his Highness against an European Power with the Company's Troops, even in the Support of his Just Claims in the present Instance, yet I found myself under the Necessity of rendering his Highness the Assistance he required, as all modes of settling Matters between him and the Dutch by Treaty were refused. The necessary Orders were therefore issued me in Consequence of your Instructions of the 29th Ult. The Troops marched next Morning and encamped at Nagore.

The several Guards belonging to the Dutch retired from their Stations to the Villages of Thilawelam &

Tondore

Boundary. At Rayore were posted about Twenty Europeans and near a Hundred Mallays, Topasies and Sepoys. Ummur Al Omrah had advanced at the Head of a Party of his Fathers Troops - consisting of Two Troops of Black Grenadiers, eight Companys of Sepoys, and some Light Field Piece. The Two Regiments of Black Cavalry followed in the Rear. He advanced towards the Dutch - on which their Commandant went up to him - delivered him a Protest - and returned with the Party to Nagapatnam. Ummur Al Omrah then marched into Rayore took down the Dutch Colours and hoisted his Fathers - at this Time I was a long way behind with the Company's Troops, but in a little time came up a considerable Time after. The Rabobs Troops were in Possession of the Place. His Colours flying. and the Dutch had return to Nagapatnam without a Shot being fired on either Side.

The Governor Van Vlissingen and his Council have thought proper to send me a Protest in Dutch and English - I have now the Honor to send you a Copy of the latter as well as it can be made out, the Original being scarce legible. A Copy of the former shall be sent to your Honor Vz. Tomorrow.

Two Gentlemen from the Fort are come to Camp to wait on Ummur Al Omrah - Such Matters may yet be unsettled. tho' I am perswaded the Dutch wants to take leave given up these Districts on any Terms but the enemy remained at Tore orature.

It is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Troops that they should be cantoned immediately without Loss of Time, and your Order on that Head will be necessary by return of the Tappal. If they are to remain here - Cantonments must be built for the Europeans, which will not be a great Expence as there is abundance of Materials on the Spot.

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I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir Sirs Your most obedt. Servant

Joseph Smith

Camp near Rayore
25th Octo.r 1773.

Translation of a Letter from Ummur Al Omrah Behaudur
To Brigadier General Smith dated Shaaban 2d Hidgery 1187
October 19th 1773.

Ever since the Commencement of the Tanjore War, every Information & Intimation respecting the Assistance given by the Dutch to the Rajah in supplying him with Military Stores, Money &c. & filling him with Hopes of a Supply of Troops as also taking into their Possession Nagore and several Pettahs the most fruitful of any in the Tanjore Country I always communicated to You, nay you yourself was so sensible of the Assistance given by the Dutch to the Rajah that you not only mentioned it to me but also wrote to the Nabob to put a Stop to it by writing in a friendly Manner to the Dutch - Upon which the H. Nabob dispatched a Letter Seraur Khan Behaudur on Board one of the Kings Ships with a friendly Letter to the Governor of Nagapatnam desiring him not to assist the Rajah, for that he was tributary to him. The Governor in his Answer of the 8th Ramadan sent the Nabob that they shall never deviate from the friendly Footing they were always upon or Sammikan desired that we might return the Troops of the Carnatic. With your Leave I observe they assisted the Rajah and which assistance they never ceased till Tanjore fell, or also taking my part in all Troubles the Rajahs Country who without the Nabobs knowledge has not the Power of Settling it, For it is Sovereign not only of him but of his Country besides

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this they have never yet fulfilled even one of the Conditions by which they held the Lands. The Arrival of the Dutch Ships in so short a Time from Colombo, filled with Soldiers, and Mallays demonstrate in a very plain Manner that had Tanjore held out fifteen Days longer, they would have sent Soldiers to the Rajahs Assistance. Upon the Conquest of Tanjore the Nabob received as is usual, the Congratulations of the French and Danes, but the Dutch never wrote him till 20 Days after may not till they heard that the Army was marching towards them. They have also during and after the Siege given Protection to different People of the Rajah, not only them but their Goods and Families. All these Circumstances are well known to every Body. The Nabob who thro' Providence is Soubahdar of the Carnatic has ever found it necessary for the Sake of Peace in this Country as well as for the Support of his own Authority & Good Name, that for the Execution of every Business for the Peace and Tranquility of the Carnatick to lay it before the Governor & Council at Madras and from which he has never deviated. The Business of the Dutch now before us he has also wrote them and you in Consequence have received orders to give me Assistance in settling this Matter, and putting me in Possession of such Lands as formerly belonged to the Rajah now in the Hands of the Dutch. I have received orders from the Nabob to march with you, to put the Dutch in the same State they have formerly have been, taking from them the Lands of the late Rajah now in their Possession. Before we marched from Tanjore I told you word for word the Letter of the Nabob to the Governor of Negapatam, which I sent accompanied by a Letter of my own with the Ambassadors of the Cirkaar Gulleram Alli Khan and Mahomed Shady to Negapatnam, and every Intelligence Received from them (from the Time they left this) inspecting the

Treaty

Treaty with the Dutch I from Time to Time communicated it to You, and which you have also heard from their own Mouths since their Return. The Nabob has been pleased to fix upon me for the Settling of the Business with the Dutch. this You know from his Letter to the Governor of Negapatnam, whom you must be sensible has behaved to me with disrespect, by not attending to the Ambassadors sent by me to declare my Authority, and to settle the Business between the Dutch and the Nabob, and indeed the Governor might have considered the Ambassadors as immediately from the Nabob since he must have known my Authority, as well from the Letter wrote him by the Nabob as my being here with you and so considerable an Army. Finding things thus Situated I wrote the Governor of Negapatnam to send two Ambassadors to me, this was the Measure you approved and which you thought the most proper to bring the Business to a crisis, but instead of this, four Days after the Arrival of my Ambassadors at Negapatnam the Dutch sent two of their own Ambassadors to the Nabob. During the Stay of my Ambassadors at Negapatnam, the Governor put off the Business from Time to Time, differing one Day from what he had said the Day before, and wishing to retard Matters by Loss of Time, yet at the same Time shewing (by putting the Fort of Negapatnam in a State of Defence, clearing the Plain about it, receiving daily supplies of Soldiers Mallays and Military Stores, the Inhabitants leaving the Place and still continuing to refuse to settle with my Ambassadors inspecting their lawfull Demands of the Lands and those of the Dutch for Money given to the Rajah, to effect which I was sent here by the Nabob) that he did not mean to settle the Business amicably these Circumstances induced me to recall my Ambassadors and

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from whom you have heard these circumstances since their Return
- You and myself who are now here with a large Army at a very
considerable Expence, and at a season of the Year when the ap-
proaching Rains threaten us very Near and shall to them come
must intirely put a Stop to the Business; since such is our Situ-
ation I must beg Leave to request and I am inclined to think
my Request full of Propriety, that you will without Loss of
Time give me that Assistance which the Governor Council
have wrote you by putting the main Question of the Lands now
in Question, and now in the Hands of the Dutch since I find
from the different Interviews my Ambassadors have had with
the Governor of Pegapatnam, as also from his Letter to me, which
you are acquainted with, that Matters are not likely to be
settled amicably - What can I say more.

a true Translation - John Readhead
Cort Interpr.

Translation of a Letter from Brigadier General Smith
to Ameer Ul Omrah Bahadur date Shaabar 2d Hidgerry
1187 - 19th October 1773.

I have received your Letter on the Subject
of the Business with the Dutch, and in which you request that
Assistance from the Company's Troops ordered you by the Gover-
nor Council - It was my particular Wish to see this Bu-
siness settled amicably on Both Sides and indeed I think it
would have been much better - however since you think there
is no possibility of it - I am ready to give You that Assistance
you require - Upon receiving your Letter inputing the Reasons
and as you suppose the Discharging of them at this Time may

be attended with bad Consequences from their being entertained by the
Dutch - I shall not discharge them - What can I say more.

a true Translation - John Readhead
Cort Interpr.

Rutger Van Vlissingen, Governor & Director on Behalf of
the General United Netherlands East India Company at the
Coast Commandt together with the Council at Negapatnam.

To
General Joseph Smith Esqr Brigadier General and Com-
mander in Chief of the Troops of the United East India Compa-
ny of England at the Coast of Coromandel.

Whereas the Sovereign of these Carnatick Low
Countrys His Highness the Soubah Mahomed Aly Khan and
his Second Son, and his Excellency Amir Ul Omrah Madaw
Ul Mulk Hafyiz Machamade Moore Warcham, who you
have assisted with your Troops in Behalf of the East India
Company of England, and being allied with him, in Conquering
the Kingdom of Tanjore to his greatest Prejudice of all other Euro-
pean Nations who of late time have peaceably resided in the
Kingdom and particularly of the Dutch East India Com-
pany, who at minded us by their Letter delivered June, by their
Embassador, Rahiman Ali Khan and Sadeckan on Pondar
Siem of the most unreasonable and ungrounded Pretensions unto
a formal War, and notwithstanding all our just Demonstrations
and Representations against it and the Deputation of three
Ambassadors to Madras in Behalf of the Netherland Compa-
ny with His Highness the Soubah himself, have never-
theless Hostilities commenced by the Troops of His Highness
Excellency

Enemy Madame De Mosik, in the Company's Possessions as well by pulling Down by Force the Company's Flag in the Village Adiamangalore tho' it was strown Down afterwards by night Time in the Company's Bounds and consequently brought back, and as by disarming the Forces and Seizing of said Possessions in different other Places resorting under the Netherlands East India Company together with your remaining in Person with your Troops in their Neighbourhood commanded by his Excellency Madame De Mosik, which is encamped at Trivalore and consequently in our Neighbourhood ported near our Bounds and ready to invade the Company's Possessions, where the Force of the Subah as well as your own are daily reinforcing with Troops Guns & other Ammunition not only but where everything is brought on what may favour a real Siege of a Fortification, whereby they are consequently really assisted by you in their intended Hostility against the Dutch Company, as this joining their Neighbourhood and the Daylay reinforcing your Troops, though the Instruction be not really to assist them what we are ignorant of may however be looked upon as, and would Nothing else but to assist them in their unjust Pretensions on the Netherlands Company, and to constrain us if possible have unjust power to consent to them. not to mention that it is generally known and undeniable a Matter that they can get no Guns or other Ammunition but what they have from your Nation. all which doings are immediately impugning with the late Friendship and Alliance Subsisting between his Britich Majesty & the high

high and mighty the Lords the States General of the Free united Provinces, against all Rules of war, contrary to the Contents of the Treaties and Covenants sumptiously contracted by the two Nations and particularly against the Secret Article dated 19th February 1674 agreed on at Westminster and ratified the 6th February 1675 regarding in General and relative to the present Subject as follows Viz.:

"None of the said Parties shall be allowed, that their Subjects or Inhabitants give any Assistance or Council or grant any Favor directly or indirectly either by Sea Land or Fresh Water. it will neither be allowed that their People Vessels &c. shall assist the Enemy with Ships, Soldiers Provisions, Money Ammunition, or any other Things what may serve as Wars forbidding expressly in particular all Assistance whatever to the Enemy of both Covenants, as it shants now usually be taken notice of here as both Nations ought to have Respect to the important and principal Point of Human Life and Manners. Viz. the Care and undefiled Religion, and one of them if the Dutch be attacked by a Mahomedan Power, by which doing and in your own Person or in those who might have authorized you hurt the whole Nation distroy and annihilate the aforesaid Treaties and by assisting the Mahomedans in the like Manner in those Countries commence a publick War which the aforesaid Sovereigns in Europe enjoy perfect Peace and Tranquillity and Sorrow nothing else but the sacred observance of the aforesaid Covenants. this implore that we who represent in these Countries the Body of the Government in the Name and on behalf of the high and Mighty Lords the States Principal

of the free United Provinces of Netherland, the Honble Directors of our Company the Honble high Regency at Batavia protest in the most earnest Manner against those Doings leaving all Losses, Damages, and other Prejudices already resulted and which may in future result from them, with the Consequences and particulars accessory to them directly and indirectly to your Charge and Account or of those who might have authorized you hereto, and on their Persons as being the only and real Cause thereof to the Charge and Account of the whole Nation for we hold ourselves and in our Persons the whole Nation entirely out of fault and we have given not the least Occasion to it but much more to assist us in a Case as this with Respect to which by Virtue of the aforesaid Covenants, we reserve them to ourselves as yet the Power of Summons, and in the Mean Time we shall not omit to represent these Doings to our Sovereigns.

Given in the Fort of Negapatnam on the Coast of Cormandel in the East Indies the 20th October 1773.

a True Copy
Thos. Parkison Jun.

Translated by Jacob Ado Dumont

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No. 125 with a Copy of a Letter from the Dutch Deputy on his Road to this Place from Negapatnam.

Read likewise a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No. 129 with a Copy of a Letter from his Son Omeer Ul Omrah giving an Account of the March of the Army, and the taking Possession of Nagore and the other Districts also a Copy of a Letter from Mahomed Umaum Hyder Ally's

date 23d

Ally's Vackal.

The President reports that untit Matters are finally adjusted with the Dutch at Negapatnam the Nabob has requested that the Troops may be cantoned at Nagore, and that he will send Orders to his Son to provide proper Accomodations for the Officers and Men during the Rains. Ordered that the Troops be kept together for the present in Consequence of the Nabob's Request, and that the necessary Directions be immediately Sent to General Smith. As the Board wish to obtain the Sentiments of General Smith on the Distribution of the Troops after the Rains it is Agreed that he be desired to repair to the Presidency if his Presence with the Army can be dispensed with.

The following Letter is accordingly dispatched to General Smith.

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

Letter to General Smith to canton the Troops at Nagore & proceed to the Presy.

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 21st from Nagore, and are well pleased to hear the Nabobs Son has taken possession of that Place and the other Districts, lately occupied by Dutch in the Territories of Tanjore without Loss and without being compelled to proceed to Hostilities.

The Nabob having requested that the Troops may be all kept together at Nagore, untit his Affairs with the Dutch are finally settled & adjusted, you will be pleased to canton them there, and the Nabob has wrote to his Son to can

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supply the Necessary Materials for erecting such Pandals as you shall think requisite for accommodating the Troops and to allot Houses for quartering the Officers.

If your Presence is not necessary to the Southward, we shall be glad to see you at the Presidency, in order to have your Sentiments on the Distribution of the Troops leaving the Command of the Army with the next Officer in Rank.

As we suppose Captain Manoury's Attendance with the Army can now be dispensed with, we request he may be sent here, to take Charge of the Stores on the Departure of Major Green who will set out off in a few Days after his Arrival for Bengal.

We are

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servants

Alexander Wynch & Co. Council

Fort St. George
25th October 1773

The President reports the Death of Captain Pultney George Colins at Vellum the 15th Instt.

The Promotions in Consequence of Captain Colins Death deferred till the Arrival of General Smith.

Captain John Macdougal is appointed to the Command of the 4th Battalion of Sepoys vacant by the Death of Captain Colins.

Read the following Report from the Committee of Accounts.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr. Military Department
President & Governor &ca. Council of Fort St. George

Honble

Honble Sir & Sirs

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

Report from the Committee of Accounts

Trichinopoly	July
Army before Tanjore	July
Vellore	August
Ambore	August
Madura	August
Palamcotah	August
Vellum	August
Ongole	August
Detachmt. under the Command of Lieut. Lyttleton	August

and have nothing to remark. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. hble Servants

John Renton — John Smith
Jos. Oakes — John Hollond
Andrew Majendie

Fort St. George
25th October 1773

Read Letter from the Nabob. Country Correspondence No. 131 enclosing Copy of one he has wrote to the General of Batavia complaining of the Conduct of the Dutch Government at Negapatnam.

A. Wynch
John Smith
Henry Brooke
Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

A. Wynch
Edward Cotsford

9th Fort St. George 26th October 1773

Read the following Letter from Major Fitz-Gerald at Vellore.

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

Honble Sir

This Morning Captain Coury with his Battalion of Sepoys arrived here - I have ordered him, with five Companys to march to Amboor, and take upon him the Command of that Fort and Detach till further orders - As soon as they Companys of Sepoys belonging to Captain Dumeans Battalion arrive from Amboor, they with the Companies here will proceed to Madras agreable to your Orders.

Letter from Major Fitz Gerald - Capt. Coury's Battalion arrived at Vellore

I received Intelligence last Night from towards Tirumonally that about 400 Horse with two Brinjarries was on their way from the Mysore Country to his Highness the Nabab.

Captain Coury also informs me he had the same Report from the Country People near Arnee.

I am with much Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obed.t & most Hble Servt.
Jn.o Fitz Gerald

Vellore
26th Octr. 1773

At a Consultation Present

Wednesday
Octo. 27th

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor President
John Smith — Henry Brooke
Charles Smith — Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone — Edward Gracey
Edward Cotsford — General

9th Fort St. George 27th Octo. 1773

General Smith absent on Service

The Board having assembled this Day in order to read the Draft of a Letter to the Honble Court of Directors to be sent by the Mercury Packet on the Supposition of her calling here on her way to Europe from Bengal, the same is accordingly read approved and ordered to be translated fair.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Bailey Surgeon

Honble Sir & Sirs Fort St. George 27th Octo. 1773

I beg leave to represent to Your Honours &c.a that Mr. Pringle and Mr. Binny have been several Years in the Service and are at present only acting Surgeons in Chuttahs - If Your Honble Board be pleased to nominate them full Surgeons I am perswaded Your Honours &c.a that both of them are qualified for Promotion as to Character, Education and Experience - Their Appointment will not increase the present Establishment of Serviceable Surgeons as Mr. Bowen and Mr. Peter on Account of Ill Health and other Considerations are rendered unfit for any Sea Coast Duty of their Profession - I would just mention here for one to insinuate more as none at this Board are ignorant of their Character so far as to put the Service and Duty of their Profession

Your Honor &c.a may perhaps not think it unnecessary to observe that the Appointment of Mr. Pringle & Mr. Binny will be no additional Expence to the Honble Company as Surgeons of Battalions acting with Detachments or in Garrison in Station and Capacity of Surgeons have ever had Surgeons Allowances - This has been an invariable and authorized Custom in the Service - I have experienced it myself and have known it in many Instances

Letter from Mr. Bailey recommending the Promotion of Mr. Pringle & Mr. Binny to Surgeons

Fort St. George 2d Octo. 1773

I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obed. & most obliged Servt.

Gilb. Paisley.

The Board consent to the Appointment of Messrs. Pringle & Bunny as Surgeons in consideration of the circumstances set forth in the foregoing Letter from Mr. Paisley

The President informs the Board that Ensign Ananda Tenier has applied to resign his Commission in the Military and to be admitted on the List of Surgeons Assistants

Ensign Tenier to have Leave to resign the Service and to be admitted on the List of Surgeons Assistants.

Agreed that Ensign Teniers Request be granted & that the Commanding Officer of the Troops at Nagore be directed to give him Permission to repair to the Presidency and as the Number of Surgeons Assistants on the Coast falls short of what the Establishment requires

Agreed in the mean time Address to the Honble Court to request that Gentlemen properly qualified may be sent from England in this Capacity.

Read Letter from the Rebel dated 2d Instt. inclosing Copy of a Letter from him dated the 30th ulto. objecting to the Terms of his entered in Sundry Consultations and to the Amount and returns the Books to the End of June last he owes to the three Established Battalions as a Present for the Company and from the 1st July last Compliat Battalions are to be regularly carried to the Debit of his Account

W Wynch
John Smith
Henry Brooke
Charles Smith
Jean Jacques Sicard
Alex. Champion

980 Fort St. George 28th Octo. 1773.

Came in the following Letter from General Smith

To the Honble Alexr Champion Esqr.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honored with your Letter of the 21st Inst. inclosing from Genl. with &c. a Copy of the Orders sent from the Governor & Council of Fort St. George directing that on the Requisition of the Rajah's Son Ummer Ul Omrah Behauder I should immediately march with the Troops under my Command and assist him in taking Possession of Nagore and the Country lately dependent on Tanjore, but now claimed by the Rajah

From what I learned on the Return of Ummer Ul Omrah's Vackeel to Camp from Nagapatnam I had no Reason to expect your wishes to settle Matters amicably could be brought about and as there was no longer any Pretence for opposing Ummer Ul Omrah with the Company's Troops to put him in Possession of those Districts I marched on the 25th with the Army and encamped near Nagore.

I also did myself the Honor to address You with an Account of the Disposition of that Days Transactions, to which you will please to be referred.

I do do myself the Honor to send you a Copy of the Orders I received from the Governor & Council of Fort St. George & Nagapatnam wrote in Persian. Consulting which may assist you in forming your Claims and as it is unaccompanied with any Address I must therefore wait for its more particularly explaining your Pretensions & Demands upon me. I shall take no further Notice of it but in Obedience to the Orders of my Superiors.

I am Sirs &c. &c. &c.

Board.

On the 22d Instant the Camaul of Nagapatnam waited on Ummer Ul Omrah Behauder with a present of one Thousand Pagodas, and after Declarations of Friendship have passed on both Sides, it was agreed they should go into their Districts on the 24th when they proceeded to Camp and I am informed, that whatever Terms Employers at Home may think their Representatives in India to be on

friendly Terms with the Nabob, and now seem disposed to settle Ma-
ters amicably with him - they are however very Busy putting the Fort
in a State of Defence - several Batteries towards the Sea are erect-
ing, & the necessary Cautions taking respecting Provisions, which
from their Declarations does not seem to be necessary.

It is impossible for me to say what Number
of Troops would be proper to leave here. The Dutch are constantly
bringing Supplies of Men from Ceylon &c. to Negapatnam - Seven-
ty Europeans arrived there the Day we came here - further Rein-
forcements may be expected - I find also from Ummeer Ul Omrah
that he does not wish to part with a Man till his Negociations are
finished, which may take up some Time, and as the Season of the
Year is so far advanced If the Monsoon Breaks I fear the Compa-
ny's Troops now here must remain till the Rains are over.

As there is little probability of any Service
going on till the Monsoon is over Lieut. Colonel Vaughan has had
my Leave to proceed to Madras in order to solicit the Honble
Board for their Permission to return to England, on Account of Wounds
that he formerly received in this Country, (which prevents his continue-
ing in an active Life) One in particular through his Body at Conje-
veram, from which at Times he suffers greatly. I know him to be
a brave and gallant Officer. he has given me very sufficient Tes-
timonies thereof on many Occasions when employed under my
Command, and in Justice I cannot avoid recommending him to
the Notice of the Honble Board - Should he apply for the Provi-
sion made by the Military Fund, for the Relief of Officers who
by their Wounds are rendered incapable of Service in India as
he is obliged on that Account to retire, I hope your Honor &c.
will reward his Merit and grant his Petition.

I beg Leave to recommend - an Officer may
be

be appointed to the Command of the 4th Battalion of Sepoys now
vacant - and Captain Cosby for the Appointment of my Aid Du-
Camp.

I have many Reasons that Press me to be at
the Presidency and when the Troops are cantoned, I hope the Hble
Board will indulge me with their Liberty to return thither

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Camp near Nagore
25th October 1773.

Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedt. Servant
J. Smith

The following Letter from the President &
Council of Fort William was this Day received by the Mercury Pack-
et.

Secret Department

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

Letter from Fort William advising of the Result of the Negociations of the Vizier

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letter of the 20th
Ult. by the Dolphin, and beg Leave to congratulate You on the Sue-
cess of the Expedition against Tanjore - An Event that must
serve greatly to advance the Reputation of the Company's Arms
in India, and we trust will in its Consequences tend to the solid
Advantage of our Honble Masters as well as to the Credit of
their Servants under whose Authority this Measure was so
happily conducted, and attended with such complete Success.

The Packet you transmitted by the Dolphin
will be forwarded by the Latham which will be the first Conveyance
from hence for Europe directly.

We now dispatch the Mercury with important
Advices to our Honble Masters, and altho we have Cause from the Season
of the Year to apprehend that ordering her to call at your Presidency
may occasion a considerable Retardment in her Voyage, Yet as You
have repeated Your Request to that Effect by the very Conveyance
which brought us your Packett for the Court of Directors, and as
the