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28 February — Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Lang

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commanding the Troops in Camp

Sir

Letter to Coll Lang respecting the Court Martial on Ensign Bunnan.

I have received your Letter of the 25 Instant with the proceedings of the Court Martial held on Ensign Bunnan

As I acquaint you in my Letter the Approval or disapproval of the Sentence Rests Solely with you, but since the Case appears so particular as to require the advice of the Board. This day laid the Proceedings of the said Court Martial with your Letter before the Council and after considering the Same it was their Opinion that the Sentence on Ensign Bunnan is equitable and not more than adequate to the Offence as his conduct towards Mr Underwood appears to have been exceedingly Culpable & very derogatory to that propriety and decorum So Essentially requisite in the Character of an Officer. If the Character of Ensign Bunnan is in other respects such as entitles him to favor you should recommend Mercy to the Board. Nevertheless I must recur to my former Observation that the Approbation or disapprobation of the Sentence belonging only to you from the Authority with which you are invested you will determine therein according to your own Sentiments to

The Board are greatly Surprised to perceive from the proceedings that Ajutant Patterson has acted in a manner

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altogether incompatible with his Public Station in allowing a general Meeting of the Subaltern Officers to be Summon'd at his Tent and in employing his Orderly Man to circulate a Note amongst the Officers relating to a private Quarrel which it was his duty to prevent or at least to have brought to public Notice the Tendency of such Conduct appears so dangerous that it cannot be pass'd over even in Silence you will therefore make them Sensible of his Sense of for those reasons before Assigned It is unnecessary for me here to remark to you that whatever may be your Sentiments of private Resentment for Wrongs in your private Capacities as Individuals, yet in our public Stations it is absolutely requisite to discourage Such practices

Fort St George
28 Febr 1774

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
Alexr Wynch

1 March

Lieut Colonel Bangeer having requested to be relieved from the Command of Saichimopoly & Lieut Colonel Bellingham having been appointed there to the following Letters were this Day wrote and Orders to be dispatched

To Lieut Colonel Bellingham

Sir

Lett. to Coll. Bellingham appointing him to the Command of Saichimopoly

We have appointed you to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Saichimopoly & have directed Colonel Bangeer to deliver over the Same to you together with

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with such Orders & Regulations as he may have receivd relative thereto, you will therefore proceed thither with all convenient Expedition

You have herewith a Warrant to empower you to Cause General Courts Martial to be held at Trichinopoly

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servts
A Wynch
& Council

Fort St George
March 1. 1774

To Lieutenant Colonel Banjour
Commanding at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Colonel Banjour to deliver up the Command of the Garrison of Trichinopoly to Lt Coll. Billingham

You are hereby directed to deliver over the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Trichinopoly to Lieutenant Colonel Billing have together with such Orders & Regulations as you may have receivd thereto

We are Sir
Your most Obt Servts
A Wynch
& Council

Fort St George
1. March 1774

Friday 4 March

At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esq Gov President
George Dawson
Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
John M.t Stone Edward Fraser
Francis Fourdany
Lieut Smith Indisposed

Letter from the Nabob

Read Letter from the Nabob
Bills

The minutes of last consultation read and approved.

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including Bills for Pay: 104.000 as entered in Country Correspondence N°39 Dated 28 Ultimo

Ordered that the Same be acknowledged

Letter from the Nabob recommending the stationing of Troops at Conjeveram

Read also Letter from Nabob dated the 3 Instant as entered in Country Correspondence N°40 recommending that Such Troops as can be spared from the Forts for the field be Stationed at Conjeveram to be in readiness to act against any Enemy Power that may attempt to raise disturbances in the Country, provided, provided Such a measure is not attended with Additional Expence either to Him or the Company

Vide the Marks of the Board thereon

Upon reference to the proceedings on this Subject when a Similar Plan was recommended by Sir Robert Fletcher, it appears that the Sentiments of the Nabob therein were desired in a Letter dated in January 1773 but that till now Nothing further has transpired from the Nabob relative to that Matter. The Utility of such a Plan is universally acknowledged but there being many very material Circumstances connected therewith, as it is requisite to have the Opinion of the Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Expediency of adopting the Nabobs Measure at this Juncture as he is at present Confined by Indisposition it is Agreed to defer coming to a Determination on the Subject till next Monday, when Gen: Smith will probably be present in Consultation

In

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In the mean time the President is order'd to converse with General Smith on the Subject of the Nabobs Letter & to learn from him, if there are sufficient Conveniences at Conjeveram for quartering the Troops, untill Cantonements can be Built, should it be determin'd to Station them there, as they cannot any longer remain in the fields where the daily Expence amounts to a very considerable Sum As it is Obvious that a Body of Troops cannot be cantoon'd at Conjeveram, and kept in readiness for the field, without a very considerable Expence even upon the most Oeconomical Plan the Board think it will be expedient for the President to signify to the Nabob (through Mr Gray) as he seems to insinuate that such a Plan may be carried into Execution without any other Charge than the ordinary Expence of the Troops

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
A Wynch
C Gray

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Monday 7. March. At a Consultation. Present
Alexander Wynch Esq. Vice President
" George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Sam.l Johnson
John. Mc. Stone " Edward. Stracey
Francis Jourdan

General Smith Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approv.d

The President reports to the Board that he has spoke to the Nabob on the Subject of cantoning the Troops agreable to the Minutes of last Consultation & represented to him, that to carry such a Scheme into execution a considerable additional Expence must be expected. That the Nabob desir.d to receive a Letter on the Subject. The President told him that he would order Estimates of the Expence to be made out as soon as possible & then informs the Board that he has directed the Chief Engr to draw out a Plan of Cantonments with a Calculate of the Expence & that as soon as returns can be had from General Smith of the Number of Troops proposed to be cantoned, the Commissary General directed to prepare this Estimate of the Necessary Charges attending the Same

President reports Respecting the Scheme of cantoning the Troops at Conjeveram

Remarks on the Scheme

The President informs the Board that General Smith gives it as his Opinion that Unless Quarters are built for the Troops it is impossible to Station them at Conjeveram. The first object at present is to strike off the Field Charges & as the cantoning

of

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of the Troops will at any rate prove a long Day
Time; it is Agreed that the Nabob be again re-
minded of the expediency of sending them
immediately to their Several Stations, if he
has no Material reason for wishing to keep
them together; and if Necessary they can afterwa-
rds be call'd together, at a very inconsiderable Ex-
pence, when Compar'd with the enormous
Charge of keeping them in the Field.

Mr Andrew Thomson appointed Lt: Fire Work-
er.

The President reports that Ge-
neral Smith & Lieut Col. James have represen-
-ted to him the necessity of filling up the Vacan-
-cy in the Artillery occasion'd by Lieut Hislop
who proceeded to Europe on the Bridgewater for
his health, & strongly urged the necessity of keeping
the Artillery Corps, on which so very Much de-
-pends always compleat with Officers Agreed
both because the Board are convinced of the
Justness of the foregoing representation, & as it
was determined on Consultation the 20th Inst.
-no to fill up the Vacancies of Officers who have
gone to Europe. Mr Andrew Thompson, who, the
Board, are inform'd, he has for a long time
acted in the Capacity of a Conductor to the Artil-
-lery, being Strongly recommended by Lieut
Col. James, is appointed a Lieut Fireworker in
the Room of Lieut Fireworker Douglas promoted to the
Rank of Lieutenant in the room of Lt Hislop.

Mr Andrew Thompson appointed Lieut Fireworker

Lt. Fire Worker Douglas appointed Lieut:

The President informs the
Board that the Intelligence which has been
received for these Some days past, mentions the
March of the Mahrattas towards Seringapatam;

Intelligence that the Mahrattas are on their Return towards Poonah.

that

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that they have already received the Pangodadra & that the Intentions of Raganaut Row are now apparently by Conclusion with all Expedition to Poonah. It is said that Raganaut Row has agreed to restore to Hyder Ally the Countries which were taken from him last War in Consideration of his paying a Sum of Money. Said to be about twenty four Lacks of Rupees

A Wynch

Geo. Darrell
Henry Brooke
Sam.l Johnson
J. Hollond
C. Stanley
Francis Fowke

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At a Consultation Present

Friday 6 March 11

Alexander Wynch Esq. President & Gov
" George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John M. Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

General Smith Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The President reports to the Board that the Letter to the Nabob on the Subject of cantoning the Troops could not be prepared after the last Consultation but that no time might be lost in Settling off the Field carriages he had Some days ago Verbally represented to the Nabob the Sentiments of the Board as contained in the preceding Consultation, in Consequence whereof the Nabob acquiesced in the proposed Distribution & the President reports that the Necessary Orders have been Issued, as mentioned in a Subsequent Diary, for stationing the Troops in their Several Stations

The Troops stationed ordered to their several stations

The President further reports that he has received Intelligence from Negapatnam that between four & five hundred of their Military have been sent back from thence to Ceylon

The Detch Troops sent back from Negapatnam to Ceylon

The Select Committee lay before the Board a Letter which they have received from the Select Committee at Bombay giving an Account of the Naval Strength of the Mahrattas on the Malabar Coast the Situation of

The Select Committee Communicate to the Board the desire of the Bombay Select Committee that some of the Squadron might be sent hither

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of Affairs of Poonah & Signifying their Opinion
that two or three Line of Battle Ships from the
Squadron might be sent Round as they are
of Opinion their being at Bombay during
the present disturbances in the Mahratta
Government might be of Service to the Com-
-pany's Interest the Consequence whereof
the Select Committee inform the Board they
Yesterday transmitted a Copy of the said Letter
to Sir Robert Harland & recommended to
him the request from the Gentlemen at
Bombay but they have as yet received no Answer

The Admiral informd of the same

Read the following Letter
from Major Mitchell with Certificates from
his Commanding Officer to Entitle him to
a Share in the Military Funds & from the
Surgeons of this Establishment of the State of his Health and of the
Necessity of his returning to Europe

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &ca Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Being rendered unca-
-pable of performing any Duty to my Honble
Employers by the frequent Returns of a most
dangerous Disorder, with which I have been
periodically afflicted of late Years as enable to
the enclosed Certificate from the Surgeons
of this Settlement I am under the necessi-
-ty of requesting your Permission to return
to England & that you will be pleased to Order

Letter from Majr Mitchell

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My Circumstances being such as to make it Necessary for me to apply for the Benifit of the Honble Company's Fund for the Maintenance of their disabled & Infirm Military Servants, I therefore inclose the Certificate required for this Purpose from my Commanding Officer which I hope this Honble Board will be pleased to Confirm

I have only further to add that as my belonging to the Corps of Engineers has lost me the Rank of Lieut Colonel to which my Standing in the Honble Company's Service would before now have entitled me, I therefore hope the Board will be pleased to recommend me for the Pension of Lieut Col in Consideration of my Loss of Rank and of the peculiar Circumstances which force me to a precipitate Return to Europe

I have the honor to be with the Respect

Honble Sirs &c Sirs

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Mitchell

Fort George
12. March 1774

Fort St George 12. March

These are to Certify that Major Mitchell has for several Years been During the Hot Season Subject to severe & dangerous Attacks of Bilious Disorders which have injured his Constitution much and as he has been Periodically

Certificate of his Ill health by

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Periodically every Year & Years of Opinion he cannot remain here without Apparent Virgue We therefore give it as Our Advice that He should leave this Country and before the Land Winds set in

Gilbert Pasley
Jas Anderson } Surgeons

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Recommendation to share in the Military Fund—

By Lieut Col. Ross commanding the Corps of Engineers on the Establishment of the Coast of Choromandel

Whereas it is ordained by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Lands for the relief and Maintenance of disabled Officers & Soldiers, who, by Wounds, or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India that they produce a Certificate from their Commanding Officer, as One of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the Military Fund

We therefore Certify that Archibald Mitchell, born at Aberdeen in North Britain and about Thirty Eight Years of Age is a Major of Engineers, on this Establishment, and at this Settlement of Helena and is now by repeated attacks of a dangerous Illness, adjudged by the Surgeons of the Settlement incapable of further Service in India, and Obliged to return to England

has served the Honble Company upwards of Nine Years

In justice to Major Mitchell I cannot avoid remarking that he has served with Reputation and Credit, while Under my Command

command and from his Diligence and good Behaviour on all Occasions become Worthy of the Honble Company's Favour

Given under my hand the 11th of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & seventy Four

Patrick Ross

To The Honble the Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchts of England trading to the East Indies

The Board approve of the recommendation of Major Mitchell to share on the Military Funds and order that on his taking the Oaths required by the General Regulations that a Certificate be granted to him

Granted

In consequence of Major Mitchells resignation Captaine Williams Stevens is promoted to the Rank of Major & Lieut Alexr Mitchell to the rank of Captain in the Corps of Engineers

Capt.n Wm Stevens is promoted to a Majority & Lt. Mitchell to the Rank of Captain

Read the following Letter from Ensign John Labbener with a Certificate from the Surgeons recommending a Voyage to Sea for the recovery of his Health

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr President & Governor &ca Council

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

My very bad State of Health obliges Me to make this Application for your Permission to go to the Cape of good Hope in hopes of recovering it Beg your Concurrence and

Letter from Ensign Labbener applies for Leave to proceed on the Marcourt to the Cape for the Recovery of his Health

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and an Order to Capt Paul of the Harcourt
to receive my Baggage on board this favor
will be most gratefully acknowledged

I remain
Honble Sirs Your
With the greatest Respect & Esteem
Your most Obliged
& Obedient Hble Servt
T. Tabbenor
Ensign

Fort St George
March 6th 1774

These are to Certify that Ensign Tabbenor having his Constitution
by a Nervous Fever it is our Opinion he should take
the first Opportunity to proceed
God Hope or even to England as
will be absolutely necessary for
ment of his health

Gibbt Paxley
Ja Anderson.
Surgeons

Granted

Agreed that Ensign Tabbenor be permitted to proceed to the Cape on the Harcourt Capt Paul for the recovery of his health

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter and Memorial from Ensign Charles Tabbenor

To William Petrie Esq
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

Fort St George

I have the honor to Acquaint you that having Commu-

Letter from Mr Tabbenor
Read & Ordered

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Communicate to me what you have wrote him concerning my Bank I now Enclose you a Memorial which I am to request you will be so good as to lay before the Honble Board without Loss of time And I am to beg at the same time that if the contents of the Memorial cannot be complied with at Madrass That it may be sent to the Honble Court of Directors by the Harcourt and you will much Oblige

Sir

Your very humble Servt
Chas Teale Ashby

Palamcotah
27th Febry 1774

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

The Memorial of Charles Teale Ashby
Ensign in the Honble Companys Service
on the Coast of Choromandel

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist left England as a Cadet on the True Britain in April 1770 and Arrivd at Madrass the beginning of June the next Year, His friends in England being late in his Application was for some time Dubious whether he could get your Memorialist appointed but in the meantime a Young Gentleman Nominated by one of the Honble Directors being Unable to Proceed the Voyage on Account of bad health, Your Memorialist at the Recommendation of Captain Cowles was appointed in his Room with the same Rank on the List at

Memorial respecting his Rank

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most humbly submits his Case to the Consideration of the Honble Board being firmly satisfyed that they will do him that Justice that the nature of the Situation requires

And your Memorialist
As in Duty Bound
shall ever pray

Chas Geale Ashby
Ensign & Batt. of Sepoys

Pulicat
27 Febr 1774

Refer'd to the Hon'ble Court

If the Circumstances of Ensign Ashby's case, as he Represents them, the Claims which he now makes for Rank appear very reasonable, but as the most material of these Circumstances can only be known to the Honble the Court of Directors, it is Agreed to refer the Subject of his Memorial to their Consideration

Letter to the Nabob

Draft of a Letter to the Nabob on the Subject of Cantoning the Troops at Conjeveram, having been sent Home & approv'd by the Members of Council, was Yesterday wrote fair & Dispatched Enter'd in Country Correspondence N.o 3

The Nabob in his Letter prevaricates on a Promise he had made to the President previous to the Seige of Sanjore

The President observes to the Board that in a Letter receiv'd from the Nabob dated the 3 Ultimo a very different turn is given to his declaration, reported by the President to the Select Committee previous to the Expedition against Sanjour, which was to the following purport that if Sanjour was conquer'd & the Mahrattas should invade the

Provinces

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Province, he the Nabob would Driven in that are
be enabled to make some Payments to the
Company. The President is Convinced that
the could produce many circumstances in
Support of this representation, which added
to the Authority of the Interpreter M Straay
would clearly shew that the Nabobs meaning
at that Juncture was the same as there ports
to the Select Committee, but as the Point in
dispute is now of very little Consequence
by the Departure of the Mahrattas, and as
disagreable Altercations may arise from a
Correspondence on such a Subject with the
Nabob, which the President thinks should
always in prudence be avoided, when the Dig-
nity of Interest of the Company or their
Government does not suffer, he the President
Submitting to let the matter drop & is of opi-
nion that it will be best to take no Notice
of the Nabobs Letter the Board after considering
the Subject acquiesce in opinion with the
President

W Lynch

Geo Dawson

Henry Brooke

Sam Johnson

J Hollond

M Straay

Fort St George the 11th March 1771

Monday 11th March

At a Consultation Present

George Dawson
Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
John Mayne Stone Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan

General Smith Sandis prest

The Minutes of last Consultation were read & approved

Letter to the Nabob

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 8th Instant in reply to what was wrote to him respecting the Additional Instructions given to Syd Phullah Ally Cawn Mayor Mitchell takes the Oath prescribed by the regulations in order to entitle him to a provision in the Military Fund his Certificate is accordingly approved by the President & Council and delivered to him

A Wynch

Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
A Wynch
Edwd Stracey
Francis Fourdan

Fort St George 15. March 1774

Tuesday 10 Oblockam

At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esq Gov & Presid
" George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

General Smith Indisposed

Read the Draft of the General Letter to the Honble Court by this Dispatch

Approved & Ordered to be wrote fair

Translations of Letters from the Nabob to be sent Home in the Packet

A Letter from the Nabob dated was received last night desiring the Sentiments of the President respecting his paying a Sum of Money to Rajanaut Row in order to Obtain an acquittal for the Chout &c. Translations of the Letter which accompanied it Viz from Morareow Rawjee & Ruthnow are now making out & We hope they will be ready in time for the Packet

6 Oblock P. M.

General Letter to England p Harcourt Read & signed

General Letter read and Signed

Ordered that the Packet be Closed.

A Wynch

Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Edwd Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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16 The following order, referr'd to in Consultation the 4th Instant respecting the Seperation of the Army, were dispatch'd the 8th Instant

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commanding the Troops at Camp
Sir

Letter to Colonel Lang respecting the Seperation of the Troops

As We have determined on returning the Troops to their several Stations Orders have this Day been Sent to the Commissary to discharge all the Unnecessary Draught and Carriage Bullocks, as likewise the Lascars & Cooties who were entertain'd for the Field, and to morrow you will be furnish'd with Instructions respecting the General distribution of y^r Army

I am Sir
Your most Ob^t Servant
Alex^r Wynch

Fort St George
8th March 1774

To Mr William Wynch
Commissary to the Army
Sir

Letter to W^m Wynch the Commissary to the Army to discharge y^e Draught & Carriage Bullocks &c^a &c^a &c^a

I am directed by the Gov^r & Council to desire you will upon the receipt hereof discharge all the draught & carriage Bullocks, the Cooties & Lascars, who have been entertain'd for the Field Service as orders will be dispatch'd tomorrow for the Troops to repair to their several Stations

I am
Sir
Your most Ob^t Hbl^e Serv^t
William Petrie

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To Lieutenant Parry
Commanding two Company's of the Cuyote Battalion of Sepoys
at Condatore

Sir

You are hereby directed to march
Lieut Parry to return with his Party to Cuyot

with the two Company's of Sepoys under your
Command & proceed by the shortest road to join
your Battalion at Cuyote

Fort St George
March 8th 1775

Sam
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
A Wynch

To Captain Tonyn
Commandant of European Cavalry at Pondamalle

Sir

Captain Tonyn to proceed to Cuddalore

Upon the receipt hereof you
will be pleased to march with the Troops under
your Command & proceed with them on
an important Expedition to Cuddalore, where you
will receive your further Orders from the Chief

Fort St George
8 March 1775

Sam
Sir
Your most Obt Serv
A Wynch

The following Order was dispatched the 9th Instant

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commanding the Troops in Camp

Sir

Letter to Colonel Lang with Orders for the distribution of the Troops

The following Distribution of
the Troops under your Command being deter-
mined

determined on, you will be pleased to Issue the necessary orders for carrying the same into Execution

The 3d Company of Artillery under the Command of Captain Mackay, compleated from the detachment of the 2d Company to be sent to Vellore with the 9th & 12th Battalions of Sepoys

Captain Povey with his Battalion to Garrison Amboor

The Grenadier Company & Battalion men of the 1st Reg.t 1st Brig.e with the 1st Company of Artillery & the Field Train to proceed to Tritchinopoly under the Command of Major James Fitzgerald

Captain Hopkins with his Battalion to march to Vellum & relieve the 4th Battalion of Sepoys, late Captain Brown's

The 5th Battalion of Sepoys to proceed to Madura

The 1st Battalion of Europeans 2d Brigade with the remaining men of the Detachment from the 2d Company of Artillery with the 10th Batt.n of Sepoys to proceed to Madrass

The European Grenadiers of the 2d Batt.n 2d Brig.e to be sent to Madrass

The Invalid Artillery in Vellore who were received from Chingleput are Ordered to Tritchinopoly until further Orders & they will accordingly proceed with the other Troops to that place

The Sepoy Grenadiers are to be sent with their respective Battalions

The Grenadier Company of the 2d Batt.n

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1st Brigade to be sent into Vellore until their Battalion arrives there from Madras

The Sick of the 1st Batt 2d Brigade in the Hospital at Vellore, to be incorporated with the 2d Batt of the 1st Brigade in the room of the Sick in this Hospital who will be returned in the 1st Bat 2d Brigade on their arrival at Madras

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servts
A Wynch
& Council

Fort St George
9th March 1774

To Major James Fitzgerald
commanding in Vellore
Sir

Having appointed Colonel Bp Lang to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Vellore You will be pleased to deliver over the Command thereof to him together with such Orders & Regulations as you have received relative thereto & to Colonel Lang will then proceed with the Detachment of Troops to Trichinapoly

Letter to Major Fitzgerald to deliver over the Command of Vellore to Colonel Lang

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servants
A Wynch
& Council

Fort St George
9th March 1774

To Major George Brown
at Vellore
Sir

In Consequence of your promotion

Letter to Major Brown to deliver over the Command of Vellore to Col Wood &c

you

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you are appointed to the 1st Battalion of the 2d Brigade at Madrass. But you are directed to remain in the command of Vellum with the 8th Battalion of Sepoys, until you are relieved by Captain Charles Hopkins, who has Orders to proceed thither. On his Arrival you will deliver over the command of the Fort to him with such Orders & Regulations as You have received relative thereto. You will then join your Corps at Madrass, and the Senior Officer of the 8th Batt. will proceed with the Sepoys under His command to their Station at this Place.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
A. Wynch

Fort St George
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To Capt Charles Hopkins
Commanding the 1st Batt. of Sepoys

Sir

In consequence of the promotion of Major Brown you are appointed to succeed him in the command of Vellum. You are therefore to proceed thither with the 1st Battalion of Sepoys & receive the command of the Fort & Garrison from Major Brown together with such Orders & Regulations & he has received relative thereto.

The 8th Battalion of Sepoys is Ordered to Madrass on the arrival of your Batt. at Vellore

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I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
A Wynch & Council

Letter to Capt Hopkins appointing him to the command of Vellum

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Sir

Inclosed I send you Orders from the Governor and Council of this Province, which you will please to Communicate to the Officers under your Command, and Cause the same to be Complied with.

I am Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

To Lieutenant John Shelton
Commanding at Sugar Loaf

Fort George
11th March 1775

Sir

Governor and Council
of Virginia

Sir

Inclosed I send you Orders from the Governor and Council of this Province, which you will please to Communicate to the Officers under your Command, and Cause the same to be Complied with.

I am Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

To Lieutenant Shelton
Commanding at Sugar Loaf

Fort George
March 11th 1775

Sir

Governor and Council
of Virginia

Sir

Inclosed I send you Orders from the Governor and Council of this Province, which you will please to Communicate to the Officers under your Command, and Cause the same to be Complied with.

I am Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

To Lieutenant Shelton
Commanding at Sugar Loaf

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in the Posture of Affairs, you are therefore directed to repair to Madras after delivering over the Command of the Fort & Garrison to Sergeant Bagshaw together with the Stores now under your Charge

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
A Wynch

Fort St George
March 16. 1774

The following Letter to Mr Lathom at Cuddalore was dispatched on the 17 Instant

To Richard Lathom Esqr
Chief of Cuddalore

Sir

Letter to Mr Lathom with directions regarding Capt Tonyn's Troop

Captain Tonyn has received Orders to proceed with his Troop & put himself under your Orders at Cuddalore, You are therefore hereby directed to give the necessary directions on their Arrival, for their being Stationed in the same place as before, and as the Officers in the Troops are supplied with Companys Tents, you are further directed to cause the monthly allowance to them for Tents to be stopped as soon as the Business of the dispatches now you will receive Instructions respecting the Contract with Capt Tonyn

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
A Wynch

Fort St George
16. March 1774

Fort St George 18. March 1774

At a Consultation Present

Friday 18. March

Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr & President
Henry Brooke " George Dawson
John Mr Stone " Samuel Johnson
" Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

General Smith Indisposd

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approvd

Letter from the Nabob

Read Letter from the Nabob dated the 9th Instant as entered in Country Correspondence N 58 in reply to the Objections made to the additional Instructions given to Syd Pullahally Cawn relative to an offensive & Defensive alliance with Hyder Ally Cawn

answer thereto

Read likewise Draft of an answer proposd to the foregoing setting forth the reasons which Caused the delay in making the Objections to the additional Instructions given Syd Phullah Ally Cawn

Approvd, ordered to be wrote fair & dispatchd & Entered in Country Correspondence N 58

Letter from the Nabob

Read also Letter from the Nabob Dated 12th Instant C.C. N 45 with translates of Letters from the Mahratta Chiefs respecting the Payment of a Sum of Money to obtain a general acquittal from the Chout &c. Copies of which were Sent by the Marquess to the Court of Directors

An Answer having been prepard to the foregoing is now read & perused & ordered

1774 by Lieutenant Colonel Edward James.

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Sentence
The Sentences of a General Court Martial on Lt. Fire Worker Jones accused of Plundering at Tanjour on Wm. Bayman Corporal & John Brigant Bombardier suspected of Intentions to Desert & approved by the Prest. & Council

ordered to be recorded fair

Read Proceedings of a General Court Martial held in this Garrison

Crime

Lieutenant Fire Worker Jones of the Artillery ordered under Arrest the 7th March on Complaint of Lieut Henry Shagan for plundering a House formerly Fort at Tanjaur, when on duty

Sentence

The Court are clearly of opinion that Lieut Fire worker Jones of the Artillery is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge & they do therefore sentence him honorably to be acquitted

Approved

by the President & Council

Crime

William Shaman Corporal & John Bryant Bombardier of the 2 Company of Artillery confined the 5th March 1774 by order of Lt. Col. Pearse Superintending the Honble Companys Service & directing a Court Martial to try the same.

Sentence

William Shaman Corporal found Guilty of the first part of the Charge exhibited & against him, is adjudged & to be reduced & to the degree of a Private Matross & to receive 800 Lashes with a Cat of nine Tails, to be laid on by the Drummers of the Garrison on the usual Parade, but as he has hitherto borne a good Character & seems not to have entered into the Plan of Desertion immediately but when intoxicated with Liquor the Court beg leave to recommend him to the mercy of

Approved

by the President & Council, but in consideration of the Recommendation of the Court the Sentence on William Shaman is remitted.

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of the President & Council & Johns
Bryan Barnbadier being found
Guiltless of the Crime Exhibited
against him is acquitted

Read the following Letter from Colonel Lang
To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Govr & Cn council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Dare to acquaint you that
I have approved the Sentence of the General
Court Martial by which Ensign Burman is suspen-
ded the Service for the Space of twelve Months
& that he is suspended accordingly from the 2
Instant

At the same time I think
it my duty to inform you that the Major and
other Officers of the Corps have joint[illegible] addressed
me in his behalf & represented his former
Conduct as perfectly consistent with the cha-
racter of an Officer & a gentleman

I therefore beg leave to
recommend Ensign Burman to your favor &
request You will be pleased to order the
Suspension to be taken off

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

Letter from Colt. Lang recommending Ensign Burman to favor

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Agreed that the same do lie upon the Table until Genl Smith shall be present in Council

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your honourable commands dated the 21st January & 23d Ultimo and beg leave to assure you that the Accounts we have transmitted at different times are the most authentick that have come to our Knowledge respecting the Massacre of Foreign Weavers as well as the cause of Guggiputdoos Revolt and We fear it will be out of our power to gain any further Information, we shall however use our endeavours, and as Captain Matthews may probably know of circumstances which We do not, the Chief has wrote to him for as circumstancial an Account of the above as he can give, and soon as we have received his Answer it shall be forwarded to your Honour &c.a

Letter from Vizagapatam. Juggannaudoo ordered to Vizagapatam

On the receipt of your Letter of the 21st January the Chief wrote to Jagannaudoo to repair hither, and we are in daily expectation of his Arrival the only troubles that have happened at Rummendy since We had last the honor of addressing you have been occasioned by the Sirringa Nain who has given protection to Guggiputdoo & has assisted him with

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with the same Troops which on attempting to enter the Kimmedy Country have been repulsed by our Sepoys stationed there, We have learnt that Gugge-pauldoo has quarrelled with Poolapratidoo Swam-Do to have him taken Prisoner, but the learning his Intentions seized on the Person sent by Gugge-pauldoo for this purpose, and leaving Corringa went through the Chickatee Pass to Mohiree

Mr Stratton has wrote the above particulars to the Chief of Ganjam

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Geo Stratton

Perring

Wm Williams

Vizagapatam
5 March 1774

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Stratton with the following Copies of Letters from Captain Matthews & Candler

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr

President & Governor

of Fort St George

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr Stratton on the Subject of removing the Sepoys from Tellicherry

I have the Honor to forward to you Copys of Letters from Captains Matthews & Candler respecting the Utility of removing the five Companys belonging to the 2 Bengal Battalion from Tellicherry to Nagaracoil & Cuddalore. As their reasons for such removal are very full, I have scarce any thing to add, but to recommend the same being certain it will greatly tend to answer the good purposes set forth by them. I should

this

this removal meet with your approbation, I shall give the necessary orders to the Paymaster to build Barracks for the Officers & Sepoys, in doing of which every Oeconomy shall be observed, and such materials removed from Jellinore as can be procured on the Spot.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Geo. Stratton

Vizagapatam
9. March 1775

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief of Vizagapatam
Sir

Copies of Letters from Capt.ns Matthews and Candler recommending that the Sepoys be removed from Jellinore

When I had the pleasure of seeing you at Vizagapatam, I represented & verbally the necessity of removing the Troops from Jellinore but as you require it in Writing I now with this send you Capt.n Candlers reasons & have only to add that a Situation near Immundalum will have the greater Security of the Rimmedy Country by being 7. Miles nearer Rimmedy and the road in general open only one Mile of Wood whereas from Jellinore to Rimmedy for 16. Miles is a narrow road thro Wood thick & Hilly on each Side so that it might be easily defended by a small number of Men. Whereas the one mile of Wood near Immundalum is thin & I have opened the Wood sufficient for a Grand Division to pass. The Removal will be attended with but little Expence being only 10 Miles from Jellinore

Materials

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Materials for Building Barracks which may be of Thatch can be had for a mere trifle, and are close at hand & the Sepoys would willingly cut & carry y^e Wood to have the Benefit of free Air & good water

I am
Sir
Your most Obed^t Hble Serv^t
Rich^d Matthews

Chicacole
March 5. 1774

(A true Copy)

To Capt^n Matthews
Commanding at Chicacole

Sir

I cannot point out to you any stronger reasons for the removal of the Company than what you as well as the Chief already know of and what indeed is apparent to every Soul in the district. To wit, its unhealthy situation lying remarkably low, close to the Hills and almost encircled with Jungles & Paddy Grounds, the former prevents a free circulation of Air, & the latter for many Months in the Year becomes a compleat Stagnate & Swamp; and from hence arise those Noxious Vapours & Violent Fogs which upon mine is the Cause of those Putrid & Tumors & Agues that prove so general & fatal to both Men & Officers in the wet Season the rains are so violent that the Country round is entirely overflowed which for 4 Months cuts off the Communication with Chicacole, the Dry weather then comes on so suddenly that altho' it is now only Feb^y the Villages are Obliged to drive their Cattle upwards of 2 Coss to water on the River Vizeziapa

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to be removed too. I must not omit to observe another cause of its Unhealthiness. The Banks & Waters Courses Round them are all lined with a Tree called the Nux Vomica a Deadly Poison. I've seen them in these Rivers upon which my Boats have Sail'd and -cands of them Nuts floating in the Water. A Proof of it, the Horses who drink it are equally as Sickly as the People. In short Sir I am so much the Reverse to the place I have mentioned for a Removal, that I can only lament the ruining done the Service by the Person who first Stationed Troops there, in preference to the Banks of a fine River only three small Course from hence & every way superior both as to Climate, & for the Security of the Country the above are my Motives for wishing to change Situations. If I am happy enough to Succeed I shall feel a constant pleasure in thinking that by it, the Life of many a good Man will be saved

I am
Sir
Your most Ob.t Servant
T. Sandlot.

(A true Copy)

Directions of the Board thereon

Has appears to the Board that the reasons set forth in the foregoing Letter for removing Letter for removing the Sepoys from Jellamcherry are well founded, & that the Objections to their remaining on that Station are very material But before the measure is ordered to be carried into Execution it will be necessary not only to ascertain

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ascertain the Expence of building Quarters for the Sepoys at the Place to which they may be removed, but likewise to obtain the fullest Information respecting the importance of Tellicherry, and whether it may not be advisable to demolish the said Fort to prevent any of the Country Powers taking Possession of it, on the Company's Sepoys being ordered away

Ordered that a Letter be prepared accordingly to the Chief at Vizagapatam

Wynch

Geo. Darrell
Henry Brooke
Sam.l Johnson
Wynch
Gracey
James Jordan

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Pursuant to the resolution of last Consultation the following Letter was this Day dispatched to Vizagapatam

To George Stratton Esqr.
Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

Letter to Vizagapatam on the subject of removing the Sepoys from Tellmore

The President has laid before us your Letter of the 9th Instant with Copies of Letters from Captains Matthews & Chandler respecting the withdrawing the Sepoys from Tellmore

The reasons set forth for this for this Measure appear to us well founded that we are very willing to adopt it, provided the removal can take place at an inconsiderable Expence, which We suppose may be done as Capt. Matthews in his Letter to you says, that the Sepoys will willingly procure a part of the Materials for Building the Barracks

But as the Fort of Tellmore when abandoned by our People may by falling into other hands, prove detrimental to the Honble Companys Interest in the Circar, we desire to receive your Sentiments, founded on the best Information you can receive, whether it will not be advisable to demolish the said Fort, on our Sepoys being Order'd away, & if so at what Expence it can be done

You will also acquaint us what will be the amount of the Charges of Building the proposed Barracks

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Wynch & Council

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At a Consultation Present

Friday the 25 March

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r President Governor
George Dawson Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson John Max.l Stone
Edward Stracey Francis Fourdan

General Smith's Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Lt. Hamilton Dies

The President reports the Death of Lieutenant Sampson Hamilton on the Malabar Coast having been permitted to proceed to Sea for the Benefit of his health, In Consequence of which Ensign William Dunkin is promoted to the Vacant Lieutenancy

Ensign Dunkin promoted to Lt.

Read the following Letter from the President and Council at Fort William

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President &.c Council
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Fort William

We have been favored with your Letter dated the 12 Ultimo, acquainting us with the Motions of the Maharattas but We are in Hopes that the prudent and timely Precautions you have taken will induce them to drop every hostile design which they may have entertained against the Carnatic

We have however extremely concurred that our Situation does not permit us to afford you

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you the Aid which by you desire & it would not be in our Power to supply you either with Bills or Specie without adding to our Debt at Interest which is already accumulated to a Amount beyond our Abilities to Support

We are concerned to disappoint your Expectations from Us, on this Occasion desirous as we are at all times to afford you that assistance which the two Presidencies have been ever mutually inclined to yield each other but We conceive it to be a point of Duty to obviate your engaging in any measures which may draw distress upon your Affairs from the Reliance on your receiving Supplies from Us by declaring absolutely that We cannot accept your Drafts on Us beyond the Extent of the 3 Lacks which We have already engaged to remit you for the Service of y.r Presidency of Bombay

We have ordered 200 Barrels of Gunpowder to be freighted to you by the first Conveyances which offer & if this Supply should not prove sufficient we shall endeavour to find Means to furnish you with a further Quantity

We are with Esteem
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
William Aldersey
P M Dacres
James Dawsell

Fort William
Feb.y 18.th 1774

H. Goodwin
J. Graham
Geo Vansittart

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Observations thereon

The Board cannot help remarking that the Gentlemen at Fort William seem to have misconceived understood the Sense of their Letter of the 18th January, to which the foregoing is a reply. That never the intention of this Board to engage in any Measures which could draw distress on the Company's Affairs, had they even been certain of receiving the most ample Assistance from Bengal. This Board as will appear from their records repeatedly declared that nothing but an Attack upon the Company's or the Nabobs Possession, should force them into a War with the Mahrattas, & had such an Event happened, this Board cannot entertain a Doubt but the Gentlemen at Bengal would have wanted every Sense of their Government to have espoused a Cause which so nearly concerned the Company's Interest in India.

Ordered that an Answer be accordingly returned to the foregoing

Military Paymaster Generals Minute

The Military Paymaster lays before the Board an account of Stoppages received by him from the late Paymaster, whereby it appears that Until the End of April 1773 he has paid on that account Pags 8 6 4 4 . 31 . 10 more than he received, On Examination it appears that there is on the Genual Books a Credit of 19787 . 5 . 66 under this Head, which is the Amount of Stoppages made at Madrass Masulipatam & the other Subordinates. To adjust this ordered that the Amount be issued to Paymaster out of Cash & carried to the Debit of Sepoy Stoppages Ordered also that the Paymaster at the Subordinate Settlements do in future transmit to the Mil.y Pay.r Monthly an Acct of Sepoy Stoppages made by them

Orders in Consequence

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Military Department

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Ac-

Report from the Committee of Accounts

counts of the following Out Garrisons
Vellore
Ambore
Trichinopoly
Vellum
Madura
Palamcotah
Cingole
Wonny under the Command of
Colonel Lang
Detachment under ye Command
of Lt. Lyttleton of Calicoil

for December

and have no remarks to make thereon but on the Accounts of Cuddalore & Masulipatam

the following We have

Orders thereon

Report Cuddalore

Orders thereon

Under the Head of Charges Garrison for Decr. the Paymaster has charged the Pay of a Sarcar Comiss[ary] seperately thought to have been included in the Pay Roll of the Sarcars. The Paymaster has also charged under this Head the Allowances to Amaldie Subidars Jemindars & Sepoys. By the 2 Articles of

To be carefully observed in future

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of Sepoy Allowance (Folio)
(31) there should have been
drawn for under the Head
of Invalid Sepoys

Under the
Head of Cavalry the Paymas-
ter has paid for Tent Allow-
ance in Dec.r & January
each Month Rs.s 4 Male 3 Fe
31..40 in December for 16 Can-
dles. The Allowance for Tents
was intended to enable the
Officers to provide their own
Tents but as We understand
the Company's Tents were
issued to them during the
late Expedition against
Tanjore, We take leave to
offer to Your Consideration
whether it would not be
expedient to furnish the
Officers with Tents when
Requisite than to contin-
-ue this Allowance.
The Charge for Candles
appears to Us Irregular per
Masulipatam
Under the Head
of Charges General in the
Commissary's Accounts M.r
Thomas Batta as Chaplain
of Ware is charged at Pa.s 30
Pay instead of 25 Pa.s
which

The Charge of Candles to be
explained and the Allowance
for Tents to be struck off and
if there are any at present
with the Cavalry belonging to
the Company's Stores ordered
that they be returned into
the Companys Stores, and
as the Board perceive that
Notwithstanding the Allo-
-wance paid Monthly for
Supplying the Cavalry
with Tents, that they have
always drawn them from
the Stores Ordered that the
said Monthly allowance
be discontinued & the Cavad-
-ry be furnished hereafter
in like manner as the
other Troops

To be rejected.

which makes a difference
from 9th March to 1st November
of Pags 26. 40. 6 to overpaid
Among the Cre-
dits of the Paymaster allow
is the Sum of Pags 431. 12. 10
for Batta to Several Sepoys
as p Account, the Commis-
sary should cause the par- Ordered Accordingly
ticulars of so considerable
a Sum to be entered, trans-
mitted the Commissary's Accounts
to the Committees of Ma-
sulipatam & Madras
to judge of the Propriety of
the several Charges.
The Pay & Allow-
ances of an Ajutant to Sepoys
cannot determined by the
Pay of the Colour men dis-
missed, it remains then
with your Honors &c to Stationary not allowed
determine whether they
are entitled to any other
Allowance, the Ajutant
of the Circar Battalion
having Charged for Stati-
onary 1/2 Pag p Month
The Charges for
Repairs of Quarters &c in
the Forts in the Circars in Ordered that the Paymaster
November are much too be directed to send a parti-
considerable a Sum as Pags cular account of the Charges
incurred by the Repairs
733. 13. 42

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753. 13.12 We are of opinion that the particulars of these Charges should be inserted to enable the Committee to judge of their Propriety

For the Garrison of Masulipatam 50 Watermen are charged which appear to Us a considerable Number as the Sepoys being allowed Bullocks are not entitled to any, We take leave to recommend that the Paymaster and Commanding Officer of the Garrison be directed to consider of the proper Number of Watermen to transport the Same & that the Chief & Council be directed on that Report to fix the Number of Watermen to the number of Europeans to be supplied with Water and as the Rule ought then to be general any Deviation from it ought to be remarked in the Acct. with the Cause

Ordered Accordingly

We are

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We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Geo Dawson
Fran.s Sourdan
Geo. Vansittart
And.w Anderson
John Benton

Employ of Paymaster & Storekeeper
at Vellore being Vacant by the departure of Mr Light
for Europe Mr Edward Wood, recommended by the
Honble Court to be provided for the first opportunity
after his Arrival, is appointed thereto

Were Entered Letter from Mr Whitehill dated 13th March

Read the following Letter from Mr Whitehill

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & c.a Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Whitehill his apprehensions from the French & Bazalet Jung, recommending Measures to be pursued in consequence

I have hitherto avoided troubling You with my apprehensions of the French Influence with Bazalet Jung from an Opinion that however sanguine their Wishes & Expectations may be, their arrangements & circumstances were a sufficient Security against their attempting any thing like a regular establishment in this Country for the present The enclosed papers of Intelligence which are Confirmations of News transmitted some days ago to the President shew however that they

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they have now some Object of Importance in View and as Bazalet Jungs Affairs will not admit of His lavishing favors of such Value as the Villages of Mootapillee &c. I think it may be apprehended that this Grant has been made in Consequence of some concerted Plan between them, in which the French may have bound themselves to give Him as Military assistance and force and this Supposition some credit may be given to the Report of Ships & of Troops coming from Pondichery And when We consider the intriguing Disposition of the French and of Bazalet Jung, the extreme distress of the former, and the great Advantages which each may expect to derive from a Revolution in the Decan That Bazalet Jung Actually aspires to at the Dearnee of the Decan, and that on many Occasions he has discovered an Inclination to Supplant His brother in the Government I think however unequal their United means may appear to such an Undertaking We cannot too early take measures to frustrate their Intentions — And this in any opinion may be done either by Stationing the small Ships of the Squadron off Mootapillee or by ordering the Battalion at Ongole to be held in readiness to take post at the Village of Vuntapollam belonging to the Company, on the appearance of any French Vessels in that Road, that Village lying in the Direct road from Mootapillee to Guntoor, By either of these means I think We may disconcert any Plans they may have

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have laid, And another by the Landing of Troops, the appearance of Ships with them in the Road of Mootapillee, or by the French actually beginning to build a Fort, a sufficient discovery would be made of the Intentions of the French & Bazalet Jung. I think in either case immediate We should have good cause to take possession of the Guntoor Circar, For this neither may come within the Letter of the Treaty of 1768 which continues that Circar to Bazalet Jung on condition of his not encouraging any enemies of the Company Yet the Granting any part of it or even giving a fixed Establishment in it to another European Power are so much a Breach of the Spirit of the Article that I think we should be sufficiently justified in taking it from him, and in withholding from the Subah the Tribute for those Circars till We were paid in the Possession of it. More especially as neither paid any regard to the representations which were made in consequence of the great Diversion of our Troops to Bon Enfant, A circumstance which in itself may be considered as a breach of the treaty

But Should neither of these Circumstances happen, I think the kind of Establishment the French have already formed at Mootapillee is sufficient consequence to engage our attention & may warrant our withholding the Tribute from the Subah, till an representation of the consequences We should Oblige Bazalet Jung to recall His Grant, For besides the

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the immediate Effect which the Situation of the French at Mootapillie will in any degree have on our Investment, I think it may reasonably be apprehended, that at some time or other advantage may be taken of that Port to introduce Troops into the Country. I beg to be favored with Your Instructions and am with Respect

Rajamundry
13 March 1774

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
Jno Whitehill

Intelligence received from a Hircar that came from Muttapillie 8th March 1774

Hircars Intelligence of Monsieur Hornots transaction at Muttapillee

Many Years ago Wasireddy Badda Ramalinguda built a Fort at Muttapillie which Coja Bauddull afterwards destroyed, there was a Church & a Well in that Fort, the said Fort was 1/2 Cos distant from the Sea, the Village of Mutapillie is between it & the Sea, there is a River called Condore on the West side of the Fort Monsieur Hornot has made marks for to make a new Fort at 2½ Yards distance round the old Fort

Mons. Hornot will not let the Vellapeteen Inhabitants cut Wood nor the Cattle feed in Mootapillie Wood which they have always before been accustomed to do

Mons. Hornot keeps a Centry at Volalapotam River to prevent any Things from being Exported there & causes Every Thing &c.

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to be Reported at Mutsapillie

Mons.r Mons.r Hornot setout from Vincondah having an Agreement with the Tank Diggers for to make a Fort at Mutsapillie & has lately sent a Peon to call them which Tank Diggers say that they are employed at Present in the Draining Water of Chattrapauk after it is finished they will come to Mutsapillie, I think they will be at Mutsapillie within 4 or 5 Days

Mons.r Hornot has paid the Inhabitants of the said Mutsapillie half Share of the Harvest & his own Share he has buried under Ground in Granaries at Naidpillie, he keeps 20 Sepoys at this Fort and is making ready Wood at Naidpillie for to build a House at a little place called Gogi Every day Letters are passing between Chinnaya & Mons.r Hornot

People say that a French Ship will come to Mutsapillie Mons.r Hornot often looks out with a Glass for the Ship

Translate of a Letter to Jugga Pillay from a Brammany at Cudaloore the 8.th March 1774

Mons.r Hornot is now at Naidpillie with a Padre 2 Dubashes for Conveyance, 1 Brammany & 50 Sepoys Chinna Jaggue &.c are making ready for to make Fort at Mutsapillie, they have not yet begun the Fort, Tammalloo Paddy &.c Grain belonging to

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to Mutapillie Rawoor & Naidpillie are
lying in Granaries at Naidpillie

Boats &c are made ready
and Blue Lights burnt at night near the
Sea waiting for a Ships, Ships not Arrived
on 3 March, soon I find the Ship Esthallonite
you

Further Intelligence received from the
Brahmins

Three French Ships are
Expected at Mutapillie with Guns Ammunition
Firelocks, Chunam, Jaggree & some European
Soldiers for which Mons. Hornot keeps Ready
all the Boats belonging to the Different Rivers
to bring down the Things Before the Sun Rise
as soon as the Ships arrive I will write You

He is reported by them that before
these Things are landed Three hundred Sepoys
will come to Mutapillie from Gontoor to
Build a Fort

About 200 People belonging
to Mutapillie Used before at the Salt Pans
at Cadacodroo these people Mons. Hornot
now detains to carry the Things which are
expected from the Ships

Mons. Hornot wrote to
the Parala Inhabitants that he had given
Orders that no Wood should be cut at Muta-
pillie or Naidpillie you must therefore
Put Sentinels in your Pettah that no Sepoys
Persons shall go to the said Woods, if any
Sepoys find that your Inhabitants carry

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carry'd Wood from the said Woods Shall Order them to seize them & if they run away to fire at them, & any Sepoys being any such of your Inhabitants I will give them 50 Hoys & shall take 5 Pagodas forfeit so that you must take care that your Inhabitants do not go into these Woods

The President acquaints the Board that he has wrote to Mr Palmer Provincial Chief at Masulipatam in the Absence of Mr Whitehill to send Mr Boileau to Mootapilly to Observe the Preparations said to be making there by Mons Mornet

Mr Boileau ordered to enquire at Mutapillee into the truth of the above Intelligence

Resolved that the foregoing Letter from Mr Whitehill do lie on the Table till Mr Boileau's Report is received

Wynch

Geo Dawson

Henry Brooke

Saml Johnston

Lt Wm

Chas Stracey

Francis Fowke

Fort St George 26th March 1774

Letter to Fort the Presidt & Council at Fort William

Pursuant to the Minutes in Yesterday's Consultation the following Letter was this Day dispatched to Fort William

26th

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received duplicate of your Letter of the 16th Ultimo The Original has not yet come to hand

You may be well assured that nothing but absolute necessity & the principle of Self defence could have made us engage in any measures at this Juncture for tho' in their most distant Consequences could involve the Company in a War but had We been so situated as to have rendered such Measures indispensibly requisite We make no doubt but you would have received every Assistance of your Government to have assisted us Happily the Storm which threatened the Carnatic is dispelled & for this Season at least We think we have nothing to apprehend from the Mahrattas

We are with the Utmost
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Alex Wynch
& Council

Fort St George
26 March 1774

CwH

Fort St George 1st April 1774

At a Consultation Present

Friday 1 April

Alexr Wynch Esq President Govr
George Dawson " Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson " Jno Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey " Francis Sourdan

Gent. Cogitly Indispos'd

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The Prest. Report a proposal by Mr. Whitehill for delaying the Payment of the Subah's Tributes

The President reports to the Board that he sometime ago received a Letter from Mr Whitehill, recommending a plan for withholding the Tribute to the Subah & that he the President has received another Letter from Mr Whitehill signifying that he intended to delay the payment of the Tribute to the Subah, until the Reviews an Answer to his former Letter

Disapproved by the Board

The Board having on Cause to complain of the Subahs Conduct and being convinced that an attempt to delay the Payment of this Tribute, would in all probability give rise to Consequences prejudicial to the Company Interest Resolved that Mr Whitehill be immediately directed to pay the Tribute now due

Read the following Letter from Robert Haviland

To Alexr Wynch Esqr
Governor of Fort St George

Sir

Letter from Robert Haviland reasons why he Can't Spare the Dolphin or Swallow

Tranquebar August 1773

Date desiring that I will spare either the Dolphin or the Swallow to transport a Company of

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of Europeans to Masulipatam, I am to acquaint You that before either of those Ships could leave this Place consistently with other Services that are required of them, it will become time to send them off the Coast on Account of the Petty Monsoon, I must therefore beg to be excused complying with your Request I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

R. Maitland

Fort St George
30 March 1774

The President informs the Board that the foregoing Letter is in Consequence of an Application he made to the Admiral upon the arrival of the Swallow for that Vessell or the Dolphin to transport the Grenadiers of the 1st Battalion to Masulipatam

The following Letter from Mr Whitehill and Mr Palmer respecting the Preparations of the French at Mostapha having been received, are now laid before the Board

To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esqr

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr Palmer
has sent Mr Bourdeaux
Launch to Mostapha

I had the Honor of addressing you last the 26 Instant, Yesterday having received the Enclosed Notices of Intelligence from Mostapha relating to the French I thought it proper agreable to your directions of the 26 Instant immediately to dispatch Mr Bourdeaux to the Spot to enquire and advise me of the Truth of the Facts the Intelligence treats of

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of which as soon as Received I will be Carefull to trans-
mit to your Honor.

I remain with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Arch.d Palmer

Masulipatam
19th March 1774

To Translate of a Letter to Juggapah from the Bra-
mins at Cuddalore

This Day arrived a Boat at
Pada Ganjam belonging to the Vadapallam Merchants
with Betle Nut &c. which Mons.r Hermit hearing
of, came to Pada Ganjam in a Boat, after which Mons.r
Hermit took the Anchor from the said Merchants
Boat and carried her to Mootapilly by Force & took
one Bale of Cloth & then Sail from the Boat

Mons.r Hermit has sent
for 30 Tamb Doggies & has given them presents & ex-
cited them to bring a Thousand more Tamb Doggies

Letter from Mr.
White dd 31

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq
Dear Sir

The Enclosed is a Translate of
a Letter from Mons.r Hermit at Mutapilly to Mr
Palmer, as I wish to have your Instructions before
I do anything in this Business, I have desired
Mr Palmer to answer him that as the French com-
pany have no Settlement at Mutapilly and
as he is ignorant by what Authority or in what
Character he acts & does not [illegible] him till he informs
him

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him in that Point he cannot prevent his complaints come

I have ordered Timmaya to confine himself to protecting the people in the Company's Villages, But in case of Hornets invading any Sepoys or Peons to disturb or molest them to prevent it by force if necessary

I am with Respect
Dear Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Whitehill

Rajahmundry
23. March 1774

W.m Palmer
In the interim Governor
at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter from W.m Hornet to W.m Palmer

I have resided in Silence for some time different Causes of complaint which the People of your Village have given me not being willing to trouble you with Such trifling Circumstances But to day I find myself Obliged to have recourse to your authority Sir to request that you would give me redress for the Insult that I have received from your Tanadar of Bauspatta who this morning came to me with a threatning air for which I could have done myself Justice on the Spot If I had not been persuaded that it was contrary to your Instructions and without your aswal that this man proceeded such lengths and that you would punish him exemplarily as he deserves it, He has even dared to draw up his Sepoys and made them Load their Arms in my presence I am the less do not think that your Govern-

ment

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Government authorizes such Acts of Violence, above all after the Success I made them of speaking to your Judgement the matter of our dispute, you must own I think ought to be sufficient by respectable Boat Man of their Sort to induce them to Consent And Heaven that notwithstanding this He persists in his design of Violence & that he has written for a Reinforcement of Sepoys

The Grounds of our dispute are that these persons a Tindal of a Boat that came last from Mootapilly where she unloaded and traded with my Consent, As he departed without my permission Seized the Boat in the Territory of the Nabob Bazalet Jung, and I stopped the said Tindal & Demanded Satisfaction before I Release Him, Had I not a right to Stop the Man and is your Tanadar authorized to make use of Force to Set Him at Liberty, If I have the right on my Side can I not Demand Satisfaction, And by your Tanadar come hither this private Authority, come and Insult & threaten me, I make you Sir Judge in this Cause assuring you that I will abide by your decision being fully persuaded that it must be in my favor. And that you will also in doing me justice for the Insults which your Tanadar has given me, Give Orders in all the Villages that hence forward your people will not proceed to such Excess Exact nothing from them but to Leave them peaceably the Dominion that Belongs to me

I am with Respect
Sir
Your most Obed & most Ob Servt
Stevens

Vizapatty
17 March 1774

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Until an Authentic Information is received from Mr Barham at Moodapilly the Board cannot take any further Steps on the Subject of the forgoing Letters

A Wynch

Geo Dawson

Henry Brooke

Sam. Johnson

E Ward

C Stracey

Jonath Boucher

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4 April Dispatched the following Letter to Mr Whitehill

To John Whitehill Esqr
at Rajahmundry
Sir

Letter to Mr Whitehill directing him to pay the Soubahs Tribute when it becomes due

The President having reported to Us that he has received a Letter from you informing him that you proposed withholding the Tribute from the Soubah until you should receive our Answer to your Letter of the 13 March, We are now to acquaint you that as We have no cause of Complaint whatever against the Soubah, it is our pleasure that the Tribute be immediately paid

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

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4 Delivered the following Instructions to Mr Edwd Frowd

To Mr Edward Frowd
Sir

Letter to Mr Frowd appointing him Paymaster of Vellum

We have appointed you Paymaster & Storekeeper to the Garrison of Vellum, you will therefore proceed thither and take upon you the Charge of those Employs, conforming to the Orders & Regulations given to your predecessor Mr Light & for your Guidance a Copy of the said Orders & Regulations are now given you

You have likewise herewith a Book of Military Regulations for your general Observance in the Business of your Employs, We are

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Your affectionate Friends

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 11th April

Alexr. Wynch Esqr. Govr. President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John. Mackett Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

The President lays before the Board the following Letters from Mr. Boileau to Mr. Palmer at Masulipatam, advising of the Observations he had been able to make at Mootapilla

To Archale Palmer Esqr.
Provisional Chief
at Masulipatam

Sir

Letters from Mr. Boileau to Mr. Palmer executes his Instructions and returns to Masulipatam

In compliance with your Instructions to me of 18th Instant I arrived here this forenoon which is the first Place that I could expect to receive any information, regarding the Business of my Commission yet the People seem to know little more than, that Mons. Amaud is now at Naid Pillie with between 20 or 30 Boats belonging to him, and that the Inhabitants of the Village of Vantapallam complain loudly against him for attempting to exact from them larger Customs than what they had always paid to the former Renter of that Country — The Tinnemajee Tonadar is absent. I think it improper to make much Enquiry here, but should [illegible] Suspicion of the Duty, &c. I am come upon

I purpose leaving this tonight so as to be at Mootapilla a little before the Morning in the Hope of Satisfying myself in these most

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most Essential Circumstance pointed out to me
Whether Mons. Arnaud has really begun to erect
a Fort or not the Month of which I flatter myself
I shall be able to acquaint You with by the ensuing
Packet

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
John Peter Boileau

Bpurnpettah
20 March 1774

To Archibald Palmer Esqr
Provisional Chief
of Masulipatam

Sir

This Morning I arrived about
Sun Rise at Moottapillie thinking to see the
remains of an Old Fort there, as my information
had given me reason to Expect, but no traces of any
such Remains appeared. I there proceeded with
only my Havildar & Sheristeh for having sent on
my Baggage to this Place by another Road to the Sea
Coast, as that part where they usually Ship off the
Goods that are brought to Moottapillie & Pagaim
thought to See some Works carrying on for the Erec-
ting of a New Fort, but there was no appearance of any
thing of the Kind being intended hereabouts, I
took the advantage of a very high Sand Hill, which
commanded ~~him~~ the whole Country round, but
could not discover any thing. Yet I am still Suspicious
my Havildar was ignorant of the Exact Place he should
have Carried me to, as this Village is well Situated in
the

the neighbourhood. Shall we Vouch of Searching quite the
bottom of that Report, & hope by tomorrow to give you a
better Account of it.

After I had Dispatched my Letter
to you of Yesterday from Baumpettah the Sowdar
of that Village arrived & I had from him the following
Account Relative to the Seizing of the Goods from the
Vessels Consigned to the Vanderpollam Merchants
from the Southward

That Mons.r Sallie has succeeded
Mons.r Bonfont in the Command of the Party of
Europeans in the Service of Bazalet Jung, & that Bazalet
Jung has bestowed upon him Personally, so long as
he shall be in the Command, a Sagbine, the same
as was enjoyed by Mons.r Bonfont namely the
Villages of Naidpettah, Moolapettah, and Bayour Pettah
amounting in all to P.M. 4000 Pagodas and
that Mons.r Bonaid who has been sometime in
the Camp in a Private Capacity the friend & follower
of Mons.r Sallie, has been sent by him as Manager
into those Districts

The Merchants of Vanderpollam
have yearly one or two Vessels from Madras
with Piece Goods, Allyaboo, and Turbuth which furnishes
a Red Dye, Cundaloo, Tamarind, Mannoochie &c.
That about 6 Weeks ago a Vessel did arrive and land-
ed her Cargo at Moolapettah, but having to receive
her Returns in Piece Goods from Vanderpollam &
the Merchants of that Village wanting to have
them by Moolapettah to the Sea, for which they
usually paid at the Rate of P.M. 2½ & P.M. 3 P.
Bullock Load to Mons.r Bonaid who in lieu

to

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to let him go without opening the Bales, Valuing the Goods & Beginning a Custom of 5 ℘Cent thereon which the Merchants refused to pay them alledging that it was unreasonable & unaccustomary. This however availed them nothing, for we would not bend & they in Consequence Ordered the Vessell to Espraspatam a Village on the Sea Side about a League distant to the Northward of Masulapatam and belonging to the Guntoor Circar (for there are two or three tracks of Land of this Kind the Nizampatam Circar down to the Sea, so that Goods Landed either at Masulapatam or Espraspatam can be Carried to Guntoor without being carried over any part of the Companys Country, and now held by a Zemindar of Bezaha Pungi by name Cancala Sirtanah Manoowar. With this Man they Entered into Agreement to Send their Returns for Mast &c to Burmah and to pay for Imports the Usual Duty of 3 ℘Cent. Mons. Law and hearing of this Dispatched a Boat with Sepoys in Order to Board the Vessell at Espraspatam but the People on board seeing the Boat coming from the Shore, got under Way & Stood in for Patchamungalee a Village 2 Cos to the Northward of Espraspatam and in the same Latitude with Baumpittalah and part of the Nizampatam Circar. The Boat however pursued got up with her & took out the Tindal and one Sailor & this Tindal was Carried to Mons. Law and at Masulapatam & put under Confinement. The Masulipatam Merchants displeased with Mons. Law's Conduct and Suspecting another Vessell from the Southward, sent Directions that She might be Ordered to go to Patchamungalee for

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finding
hearing their Intentions of carrying on their Business
at Pooroopollam frustrated, they agreed with Timmajus
Tonnajar at Baumpettallah to transact it at Patch-
annigalee, on the same terms as Venkatakistnah
Manoor was had consented to. Mons.r Arnaud having
rec.d this Intelligence was constantly on the
Watch for the 2 Vessells to arrive and accordingly about
8 Days Expired he saw them she was off Padalajanjam River
She then took Boat, went on board her & took out 2 Bags
of Bettlenut, One Bag of Oyhaloo and 10 Mamootties
Rice from on the Vanta Pollam Merchants wrote to Tim-
majus Tonadar at Baumpettallah telling him what
they had done how willing they were to Carry on their
Business with him & how how they had been
prevented by this late Accident That in consequence
hereof the Tonadar Collected all the English Sepoys
from Baumpettallah Vantipollam & Cara-
Coudrah in all making together 8 Nags & 9 Sepoys and went
with them to Mons.r Arnaud at Naidpettie Repre-
sented to him, how unjustifiable & unprecedented this
Manner of Acting was, requesting him to give
up both the Tindal & Sail belonging to the Vessell
and the Goods which he had taken from the Vessell
That Mons.r Arnaud after keeping them two Days
in an uncertainty at length told them, that might
Ransom the Tindal for 1 Pag 100 or if he could not
do this, that he must Enter into a Written Obli-
gation to produce Authority from the Chief
of Masulipatam for his Conduct, or Subject
himself to the Penalty required and that Accor-
dingly he did give this Written Obligation and
that the Tindal was released in Consequence and
the

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The Sail & Goods delivered up

How far this Ware may be read
found to truth in all Parts of this Story it is hard to Say
but I cautioned him against either Exaggerating or
Diminishing it, and as he was an Acting Person
in the Transaction, I think it gives it an Air of
Probability at least

I doe have been tedious in my Re-
lation of it, but it really required Prolixity to be Clear

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
John: Peter: Bailiee

Cara Coudrake
21 March 1774

To Archale Palmer Esqr
Provincial Chief
of Masulipatam
Sir

Yesterday between 5 & 6 in the
Afternoon I went from this Place to the Fort of Mota-
Pilley it is Situated between this Village & Vanti-
patam nearly Midway, & lying to the Eastward
of both I was much Surprised to find it in the Ruinous
Condition it is now in, it is indeed so Mouldered away
Decayed & fallen to the Ground that a Carriage may
be run over all Parts of it there is more remains than
Sufficient to tell that once there Stood there a small
Square Fort, with a Tower in each of its Angles

I could not perceive the least
preparations for rebuilding it, There was not any
Cheramma, no Signs of Materials whatever

No

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No Intrenchment for Enlarging it as was reported. No trenches that could afford Earth for forming the Walls nor any heaps of Earth, or Stones, as if brought from other Places for that Purpose, yet all these Circumstances were communicated to me by the Tonadar &c as matter of Intelligence. There is nothing in it but the Ruins of a small Stone Chouttry & a Well. I rode about the Country round but could not discover any Piece of Ground that had the Appearance of being intended to Erect a New Fort upon. So that whatever Mons. Armands Designs may be of raising a Fortification I will Venture to affirm, that as Yet he has not begun upon any thing of the Kind in this Part of the Country.

What gave rise to these Suspicions, was, this one Day coming to the Old Fort with Some of his Sepoys & taking the Measurements of it, as the Tonadar him Says, tho' He acknowledged to me that Since Mons. Armand has Resided at Naid Billee he never went near it and it is but a Cos Distant. Some Days afterwards he hoisted a Blue light at Motapillee but this did but once, & Collected the 3 Masoolah Boats that Since there and at Chinny Gunjam, and this was but for a Day. So that I am rather inclined to believe, as I have found things turn out, That these have been Pieces of Mons. Armands, set a Foot to Alarm the People of the Country, & in the hope of Intimidating the Vantipallam Merchants into Payment of the Extraordinary Customs he wanted to Exact upon them.

The Natives in these Parts

Concluded

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Concluded also from these Circumstances, that Monr Sanard, expected a Repl with the Military Stores to Arrive, & Think he Shall not Incur no Censure in Plan for Landing as Moota Pallee, where Boats are Obliged to Land upon the Beach, for the Surf was very favorable & I am told is in general so, A Large Piece of level Ground where Banks alls might be built & the Village of Moota Pallee so near, that Stores could be Conveyed into it unperceived that the Sand Hills lodged there, until proper Opportunities offered for Carrying them further into the Country

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servt
John: P. Boileau

Carabouidah
22 March 1774

To Archdale Palmer Esqr
Provisional Chief
of Masulipatam

Since my address to You of the 22 I have from my Enquiries, made myself acquainted with the Subject of the Grievances complained of by the Inhabitants of the Villages of Vantipellam & Mordoomully They are in Substance as follows

The Inhabitants of these Villages are prevented from Cutting Wood from the Moota Pallee Woods, both for the Use of Fire wood & Building & Repairing their Habitations

They are not allowed to carry Straw from the Fields, neither of that sort for Covering their Houses or of any kind for other Purposes

They

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They are not even permitted to take Brattly from the Fields, This is another Article of Trade with the Natives, & supplied as a Substitute when firewood is not to be had

And their Cattle having been twice or three times driven off of the Mootapillie Sands where they were used to Graze, They are Obliged to send them at the Distance of a Cose, or more, into the Pittoor Samatoo District, there to fodder, the Zemindar of that Country having Granted them Permission

Their being now deprived of these Privileges which stems out of Mirad, they had enjoyed in the fullest Extent, and under every Government must no doubt throw great Distress upon the People & become real hardships, They are Necessaries Essential to life without which they Cannot indeed will Subsist And after much Examination, I can find no Cause why these new Laws are imposed on them, More than the Will & Pleasure of the Managers

The Story of the People having been beat at Vantipollam & has been related to mean the following Manner

Mons. Armand having issued Orders, that all Persons coming to Cast Wood from the Vanti Pollam & Dundoconilly Villages should be prevented, did also Direct that the People of Mootapillie & Nundipilly should not carry any to those Places for Sale Some few in the Hope of a larger Profit, did in Contradiction to this Order carry firewood to Vantipollam, but being perceived by some Sepoys, were followed, the firewood taken from them & the Sepoys gave

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gave them several Blows, the Tondar represented this matter to Mons.r Arnaud who called them before him, & told them, that whoever was his Intention that they Should behave so harshly, Except within the Limits of his own Jurisdiction

The Tondar of Vantipollam confidently Asserts that Mons.r Arnaud had about 20 Days ago thirty or more Sank Diggers with him that he gave them Presents of a Fanam each and then Sent them into the Country, as they believe to bring down more of their last What Employment he intends putting these People to if they return in great or Numbers but it is impossible to say All the Tondars are filled with Suspicions but none can fix anything determinately & it must Remain a Mystery until they are Absolutely set at Work

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient and
humble Servant
John Peter Baileau

Pyarapettah
the 22.d March 1774

To Archdale Palmer Esq.r
Provisional Chief
at Masulipatam

Sir

I am this Moment favored with your Letter Dated Yesterday, and as I cannot Effect any thing more than I have already Done with Respect to the Matter of Enquiry into Mons.r Hermets Sent Arnaud as I have the Honor by your Letter even

Hono.r

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mentioned here / Intentions I shall availmyself of the Permission you have given me & without upon my Return early to morrow Morning

I become necessary to Observe to You, that there are Villages in the very heart of the Nizampatam Circar, which are possessed by the Zemindars of other Countries, Chinny Chundah, Panda Chowattah & Pandoola Pillu as pertain to the Ongole Zemindary, Moota pillu. Naid pillu Cepasoopattam &c. to the Guntoor Zemindary & Timmia Sammodrum & Surana to the Polygar of the Vencatta Gerry Country, This will be better declared in a Draft of my Route which I shall lay before You on my Arrival at Masulipatam

As it was apparent that the Inhabitants of these Places could only draw their Resources from the Adjacent Country, as well as possible to Secure to them this Right, there were particular Privileges granted in Order to fix a proper Equality between them & the People of the Neighbouring Towns One Example which is most pertinent to this Subject I must beg leave to acquaint You with, The Village of Vamdi Pollam belonging to the Company is almost Environed with the Lands of the Guntoor Circar, and the Inhabitants from its primitive Establishment, have been entitled to cut Wood from the Moota Pillu Woods & to carry Straw &c from the Fields but as it was considered, that hereafter a Manager might come who would dispute these Claims, The Cutting of the High Grounds behind these Villages, so as to let the Waters which Annually come down from the Hills pass through & flow over the Moota Pillu Country to prepare it

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of Subsistence was Solely invested in the Vanti Pollam Inhabitants so that by a sort of reciprocal dependance each enjoyed their Several Conveniencies however during the Vanti pollam Prospect might be in their Present Situation to obtain redress by profiting of this Advantage; the Circumstance of the Marathas put out of their Power, so that their means of retaliation, they are at this time totally deprived of

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
John: Peter: Bailli

Nizampatam
2d March 1774
8 in the Evening

Mr Whitehills Information respecting Mr Hornet & the French without Foundation

As it is Evident from the foregoing Letter, that the Information Some time received of the preparations of the French at Mootapilly was Vague & ill founded, & that We have at present Nothing to fear from them in that Quarter, it is necessary to take into Consideration the Expediency of those measures recommended by Mr Whitehill in his private Letter of the 13th Ultimo. Ordered that Mr Whitehill be advised accordingly

The Secretary lays before the Board a recommendation for the Promotion of Black officers in the 12 Battalion of Sepoys

As there are several Black Officers supernumerary on the Establishment at present, that when any Vacancies happen in the Carnatic Battalions, that they be appointed thereto in Rotation

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Respective Ranks & until they are so provided for, that no other Promotions in the said Battalions do take place

Recommendation for Promotion in the 2d Battalion of Sepoys Approved

Read the following Letter from Lieut George Davis

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr President & Govr of Fort St George & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Davis applies to be Invalided

I have for these Seven Years past laboured under the Misfortune of having a bad Leg on which Account, at my Return from the Northward, about Three Years ago I was Ordered to do Duty at Cuddalore & I remained there till lately, when I was by the General Order Removed to this Place into the Second Company of Artillery & to do Garrison Duty, but as the Disorder in my Leg is greatly Increased I am thereby Rendered incapable of going through the Fatigues which Duty may require I therefore most humbly Solicit this Honble Board to take my Case into Consideration by Invaliding & removing me into an Invalid Garrison

I am With great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedt & very humble Servant G Davis Lieut Artillery

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In the Opinion of the Board the Services of Lieutenant Davis do not Entitle him to the Indulgence he applies for, they therefore cannot Agree to burthen this Establishment, with the Appointment of another Officer to do his Duty, & to permit him to retire into an Invalid Garison If Lieutenant Davis is incapable of Duty, he may apply for a Provision in the Militia and if deserving, this Commanding Officer will Recommend him for the Same

Not Granted

Read the following Letter from General Smith

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr
President & Govr. &c. Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from General Smith the Nabob proposes to pay one fourth of the Prize Money for Tanjore immediately

I had the Honor to address you on the 3 of August last, the Day the Troops marched on the late Expedition against Tanjore & then transmitted to You a translate of the Nabobs proposals to the Army on the Subject of Prize Money. I was honored with your answer Dated the 16 of that Month, acquainting me you had expressed your Sentiments very fully on that Subject in your Letter of the 7th of November 1770 and that it was unnecessary to say more than to confirm the Opinion therein given, but as it becomes my Duty to acquaint Your Honor &c. with every material transaction that passes in the Army I have now the Honor to inform you that by a Letter I received from his Highness I understand it is not convenient

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convenient for him to pay the Ransom Money to the Army at one payment & Agreeable to his first intentions He therefore proposes to pay one fourth as soon as the Muster Rolls & Returns are Delivered in, One fourth to be paid the 30 of September another the 31st of Decr & the Remainder the 17th May of March One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Five

Chaultry Plain
18 April 1774

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Servant
Joseph Smith

General Smith Delivers in the following Minute

General Smith Minute Recommending that the Plan for Surveying the Carnatick & Establishing a Company of Guides formerly approved may be carried into Execution

General Smith begs leave to remind the Hon Board that in May 1773. he had the Honor to lay before them an Address in which was recommended to their Consideration a Plan for Surveying the Roads and Passes in the Carnatick and the Establishing a Company of Guides

The Hon Board at that time seemed to be of Opinion such a measure would contribute to the publick Service, and then resolved as Genl Smith imagined to have it carried into Execution whenever the tranquility of the Country would admit of Such an undertaking a more favorable opportunity than the present can may not soon happen again, as it is not probable that the Country will be disturbed during the Course of this Year & great progress may be made in the Work before next January

General Smith begs leave to add

that

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that he formerly Recommended Captain Montaror to the Board for this Employ but as he is since Dead the General takes the Liberty to mention in this Stead St Guis an Officer of merit & Abilities & sufficiently qualified to conduct this Business to the Satisfaction of his Superiours St Guis did the Duty of D.A.G. Master General at the last Seige of Tanjore, but without any warrent from the H. Board, the Obtaining of which might be of great use to him in his future Prospects, while in the Company's Service & attended with no Expence except when the Army is in the field if therefore the H. Board could with propriety grant St Guis this indulgence (who is very deserving) of recurring their favour it may be the means of the Post to him, when any new Arrangements do take place in the Military Establishment, & this certainly will happen as there can be no doubt but the three Presidencies will be put on the same footing, & one Plan be adopted for the Whole. However shall Submit this matter entirely to the H. Boards Determination and as they have ever found them ready to reward the Deserving so do the hope to meet their concurrence herein

I. Smith

11 April

The Board in Consultation of 17th May last Year approved of the Scheme delivered in by Gen.l Smith for obtaining an accurate Survey of the Carnatick & likewise of the appointment of a Company of Guides & Determined to carry it into Execution, but the Seige of Tanjor being soon after undertaken, & the various Matters of Importance which have since that Period been constantly occurring, Oblige the

Board

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Board to drop all thoughts of the Survey until a favorable opportunity should offer — The Country being at present in Tranquility & no appearance of trouble for some time, to consider so useful an Undertaking

Survey ordered to be undertaken immediately

it is Resolved that the Survey be commenced with all possible Expedition & that the Necessary orders be issued for Collecting the Company of Guides at Vellore from the Several Topaz Carnatic Battalions Lieutenant Gibb being Strongly Recommended by General Smith and the Board entertaining a good Opinion of his Merit they are well Pleased with this Opportunity of Serving him Resolved accordingly that Lieutenant Gibb be appointed to the Command of the Company of Guides and to execute the Survey, conformable to the Instructions which will be delivered to him — Should the appointment of a Deputy P. M. General hereafter take place upon this Establishment General Smith the Recommendation of Lieutenant Gibb to that Office will be paid proper attention to, More especially as he is at this time the Senior Quarter M. on the Coast and acted as Dy P. M. General during the late Siege of Tanjore much to the Satisfaction of his Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Gibb to make the Survey & be Command.t Company of Guides

Read the following Letter from Ensign Lind

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Co.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to lay before you the following Representation of his circumstances which I flatter myself will induce your Honor & Co.a to think

Lt.e Lind from Ensign

(my)

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my last Drawing of Consideration

In the Month of Dec. 1772 I was ap-
pointed I was appointed to act as Ajutant at Pon-
amalee which Duty I performed till the Month
of June 1773 when I was appointed Ajutant to the
Sepoys at Cuddalore & received a Warrant to act
as such. I then flattered myself with the hopes
of receiving the full pay of an Ajutant to a Batta-
lion of Sepoys. But to my great disappointment
I was only allowed the Pay of a Lieutenant, thus
Situated I am deprived of doing any Duty on the
Field as well as the Chance of being appointed
to a half Batta Garrison, which would make my
Pay much more than I now Receive.

The Sepoy Allowance I received
for three Months, but was Obliged to Refund all
out of one Months Pay which Distressed me much
I must beg leave to Observe that I am the only Offi-
cer on the Coast doing Duty with Sepoys without it

I have thus Humbly Sir & Sirs
laid before You the hardships of my present Si-
tuation and from your Justice I have reason to
expect that your Consideration will be engaged
in for having Discharged every part of the Duty
of an Ajutant for upwards of Six teen Months
without deriving any Advantage from the Ap-
pointment

I have the honor to be with much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
Morris Alex. Lind
Lieut.

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The Board cannot make Ensign Lind any other Allowance for his having acted as Ajutant to the Sepoys at Cuddalore, than the amount of the Pay of the Lieutenancy, who were Struck off to make a provision for the Ajutants of Sepoys, but as they are of opinion that Mr Lind, having discharged that Duty for so long a time upon such inconsiderable Advantages, entitles him to Notice it is Agreed that he be appointed to the first Vacant Adjutancy in a Battalion of Sepoys

cannot make him the Allowance but is to be appointed to the first Vacant Ajutancy

Read the following Letter from Captain Varillas

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Cause of my taking the Liberty to address you is this

Captain Varillas Petition for House Rent

At the time that the Sepoy Pay of House Rent was instituted I received it in like manner with the other Officers But when for some reasons the Payment of it had been Stopt and on it being restored, that is now, I once have never been paid it, therefore I hope you the Honble Gentlemen of the Board will Consider the Case, and give an Order for my receiving it in like Sort as the other Officers in the Honble Comps Service and remaining without Quarters do now actually receive it and of which Justice being done me, I can have no Doubt, knowing the Impartiality of the Honble Gentlemen composing this Board

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
with all Respect
Your very Obedient humble Servant
De Varelle
Captain

Madras
April 11. 1774

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Ordered that the Secretary do advise them accordingly

cannot be allowed

Resolved that the Board are of Opinion that as Captain Vansittart has no Authority for granting any allowance for Horse Rent, nor any Sufficient Provision for him for the Company, they cannot consent to make him any allowance for Horse Rent,

Lt. Day dies at Trichinopoly Ensign Crawford appointed Lt. in his Room

The President reports the Death of Lieutenant Day at Trichinopoly the 7th Instant, in consequence of which Mr Arthur Crawford is appointed a Lieutenant in his Room

Letter from the Nabob

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No 53. Dated 20th March last. a Copy of a Letter of Congratulation to him on the Conquest of Tanjore from Shaw Allum

The President lays before the Board the following Letter which he has received from Mr Sulivan with a translate of a Letter to him from Mozi Beg as entered hereafter.

Sir

Letter from Mr Sulivan representing that the Rajah of Tanjore Country cannot be managed without Jaggarnaudoo

I have had the honour of your Letter Dated the 18th & cannot find Words to express the Concern I felt from the Boards disapproval of the Plan I had Projected respecting the Tanjore Country for I must beg leave again to assure you that should this Mode be changed it will undoubtedly bring on Troubles thereon which the Force in this Circar cannot prevent & at the same time Secure the Revenues to the Company the Success of which being well communicated of this Intention with great anticipation as in expectation of many Orders to settle with Jaggarnaudoo in the best manner we could as recommended in the Publick Letter from hence Dated 23 January which has never been answered

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& this Letter having been received at Madras after you had Sent Orders to recall Jagganaudoss we hoped the reasons therein urged would have convinced the Board that this Country could never be managed on the Companys Acct way on having being well assured of this and that neither Auzeby nor any other person would take this task upon them, determined us to continue them there without giving him the least hint but that Jagganaudoss would soon return to them notwithstanding which Reports have gone forth Since his Arrival there which Spat will again bring on troubles, & I cannot give you a more convincing proof of the Nabobs Auzebys intentions than by enclosing you Translate of a Letter I have just received from him There was not a man in this Circar who I could repose a dependance on than Auzeby & I am confident that he knows his Interest so well that if there was a possibility of his taking the Management without Jagganaudoss he would do it, for he would thereby acquire to himself a greater name & more profit than in acting as a Manager under another. I must declare to you Sir upon my honor that no Man upon earth has taken more pains & trouble than I have done in getting a Person to manage this Country on the Companys Account & the I have ask'd counsel & assumed them of my Countenance & protection I cannot succeed by which I am convinced that it cannot be done & that the reasons already urged from hence can be depended on having thus given you my Opinion on this subject let me hope you will allow us to wait for the Boards further Orders, & if they are resolved to make another trial, notwithstanding all that has been said, it is my Duty to Obey & I would in this case propose that one of the Council from hence be sent up

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—ers there with Such Persons as he might think proper to take with him, not but I must beg leave to suggest that Should the Board adopt this Plan it is my firm opinion that every bad consequence must be expected from it

I have the honor to remain
With Respect
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Geo Stratton

Vizagapatam
29 March 1774
To
The Honble Alex Wynch Esq.

From Arzeby to Mr Stratton dated 27th March

Extract of a Letter from Arzeby to Mr Stratton

In consequence of this Letter received

I am to inform you to vindicate my Master Jagannaut Das to you, I have ever been in Obedience to your Orders sent him, notwithstanding the troubles that still prevail here I must needs complain to you with what has happened him since the Arrival of Jagannaut Das. Kittar my dear Son & Guddy Dora, with some Armed Men came to Nunguru Moota & having plundered two Villages there in burnt them, also came Paddy who they found in many places contiguous to them Laid waste Putalas with 500 People came to Muntasa & is now there & I find that Kinnedy is beginning again to be in troubles in all Quarters Somebody or other has been spreading reports here in consequence of which the Inhabitants have promised that Jagannaut Das being sent for to Vizagapatam is never again to return to them, but that the Country is shortly to be given to Guzzapundoo, & some of the Farmers

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who lately came to Settle in these parts are departing to places more remote In Order to expel these People Sapeptied to Mr Graves the Officers to Assistance with same Troops but he will not grieve any Shave often wrote you that as yet Doorbuing situated at Senega gives him an Opportunity of creating troubles in this Country, He as well as the Senega Man should be drove away, but you only tell me in answer that you have wrote to Madrass to procure leave for this purpose & Seem to delay coming to any resolution, On this head the people of the Country speak in such a manner, that I cannot avoid thinking that if you intend to giveing the Country to my Master tis well, if not let me know as in this Case I cannot Stay any longer here, You are sensible that without the Assistance of any Master I cannot have any Authority that is worth a Straw nor can the best Man in this Country, the People is now under Subjection are now not to be controuled but are looking out in expectation of Some change Beg of you to Send me an answer Soon

The Board differ in opinion from A. Stratton

Notwithstanding what is said in the foregoing Letter in favor of giving the Management of the Kimmendy Country to Juggan and Doo & the representations of Mr Stratton that no other Person will undertake it, the Board are still clearly of Opinion that it is more for the Company's Advantage that the Revenues should be collected for them, than that the Management of Kimmendy should be given to Juggan and Doo They cannot allow the justness of Mr Strattons Petition, that unless their Man is employed

all

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All the Force in the Country will not be sufficient to secure Tranquility to the Country, & to secure the Collection of the Revenues, on the contrary they are convinced that if Vigorous & Judicious Measures are pursued this Force in the Circarsies or Three Sufficient to suppress the Troubles in those Parts, & to carry into Execution the Instructions of the Board, more especially if Mr Stratton is at Points to circulate the strongest assurances to the Inhabitants, that they Shall Enjoy all their Ancient & Just Privileges under the Company's Government. That they will be Politically to procure Forgiveness & protection the Followers of Guzzi pundoo, provided they will lay down their Arms & return quietly to their Habitations. Resolved that a Letter be accordingly wrote to Mr Stratton conformable to the foregoing Minute and that he be directed, upon the Zemindar's Refusal to deliver up Guzzi pundoo & his Chief Polygar, to Send a Party of Troops into the Country of the said Zemindar with Orders to Seize upon them wherever they can find them, & it is further Resolved a Letter be likewise wrote to Mr Charles Smith that Gov.r gave directing him to afford Mr Stratton any assistance towards carrying their Order into Execution

Their Resolutions in Consequence

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Bonjour, President of the Committee for inspecting the Military Disbursements

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Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Bonjour President of the Committee of Fortifications requesting that certain

To

The Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

President & Governor &.c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Orders may be issued for remitting the Amount of the Military Stoppages more Speedily to Madras.

A Committee of Officers Assembled to Settle Military Accounts & to divide the Ballance of Effects among, but were prevented doing any Business or adjusting any Accounts from the Military Stoppages of Several Subordinaries not having been remitted Agreable to ye Minute of Consultation regarding them the 26 October 1772

In a Letter which the Committee addressed to the Honble Board last Year requesting that your Honor &c would be pleased to remedy the inconveniency the Settling the Military Accounts are Subject to, by directing all Military and Artillery Stoppages to be paid at the Presidency every three Months regularly. Annual Abstracts of the whole to be Sent to the Military Secretary in January of the Succeeding Year and the different Paymasters to advise him quarterly of the Amount of Stoppages Paid into the Honble Company's Cash at the Subordinaries every three Months, that they may be received in Madras without the Difficulties that they have hitherto arisen from Neglect or Delays.

If the Honble Board are pleased to Order a Strict Compliance with the above Mode of Collecting together the Effects among, nothing can prevent the Military Accounts from being made up nor the different Shares from being paid by the Latter end of March

We have the Honor to be with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obt & most humble Servant

Bonjour Colonel

President

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Resolved that Orders be accordingly
ordered accordingly
sent to the several Subordinancies for their Crediting
Fort St George Presidency every third Month on their Books
for the Amount of their Military Stores &c so that the
Same may be drawn from the Company's Cash quar-
terly by the Agent, & that Abstracts of the whole be
transmitted Annually to the Office of the Military
Secretary

W Brooke

Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
[illegible]
[illegible]
Thomas Bourdon

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This Day the two following Letters were dispatchd to Mr Whitehill

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to Mr Whitehill on the Subject of his information respecting the French & Bazalet Jung

We recvd your Letter of the 13th Instant March communicating to Us what you apprehended from the Designs of the French and Bazalet Jung, and the Papers you laid before us your Letter to him of the 23 Ultimo

We have hitherto deferrd replying to your said Letters, in expectation of receiving authentic & particular information of these Matters, Mr Palmer having been directed for that purpose to Send Mr Berkeley to Moda Pilla. From Mr Berkeley's Correspondence it does not appear that We have any thing to apprehend at present from the French at Moda-pilla, it therefore becomes unnecessary to take into Consideration the Expediency of those Measures which you proposed in your Letter of the 13 Ultimo

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
& Servants
Wynch & Council

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To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to Mr Whitehill advising of the Embarkation of the Company for Masulipatam

You will receive this from Capt Bridges who embarks with his Company on the Eliza for Masulipatam, in order to Join the European Battalion at Ellore

Enclosed you will receive with this a Return of the Provisions Shipped on the Eliza for Victualling

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Victualling the Men & pay Bonam, on their Arrival
you will be pleased to Demand the Same of Capt Nimmo
I have likewise enclosed you a Return
of the Company

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
A Wynch Gov

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13th Pursuant to the Minutes of Yesterdays Consultation
the following Letter was this Day wrote

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

The President has laid before
yours Letter to him of the 29th Ultimo inclosing a
Copy of a Letter which you had received from Ingle
representing his incapacity to Manage the Affairs
in the Kimmedy District without the assistance of
a Guard &c

We observe what You Say on this Subject & have considered your Arguments for giving the Management of the Country to Juggannaut &c, but We are Still convinced that there are many weighty objections to that Measure, & that proper Steps may be taken to Restore the Country to a State of Tranquility & to Secure the Revenues to the Company without employing Juggannaut &c, we must adhere to our former Determination, & if Ozzie Brig persists in declaring himself incapable of accomplishing those Objects We expect that you will make choice of

Letter to G Stratton with Directions for Settling the Affairs in the Kimmedy District & Demand Guzzapattee from the Sirung admindar & on his Refusal to Send a Party of Troops into his Country

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pursue to collect the Revenues for the Company;
and We Entertain not the least Doubt, but that if Vigorous
measures are pursued, the present unhappy Disorder will
soon put an End to the troubles in the Nizamut
Districts, more Especially if you are at pains to Circu-
late the Strongest Assurances to the Inhabitants,
that their ancient & just Priviledges shall be invio-
lably preserved under the Company's Government It
may likewise tend to a good purpose to promise par-
ticular Favour and protection to the Followers of Guzzi Pundoo
provided they will lay down their Arms & return quietly
to their Habitations

Having thus fully Communicated
to You our Resolutions, We shall be Curious, with
the most Zealous attention on your Part for Carrying
them into Execution

If you find that the Serinagar Zemindar
affords protection to Guzzi Punt doo, or permanent Farm to
remain in his District, you will Make a formal
demand to have him Delivered up. Upon the Zemindars
refusal So to do, you are directed to Send a party of Troops
into his Country, with Orders to Use every means for
Securing the Persons of Guzzi Punt doo & his Uncle
Bala Punt doo. We likewise write to Mr Smith at
Ganjam to give you all the Assistance in his Power
for accomplishing this Same

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
& Servants
A Wynch & Council

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To Charles Smith Esqr.
Chief of Ganjam

Sir

Letter to Mr Smith at Ganjam to assist Mr Stratton in securing the Person of Guzzipaty Doo

We are informed that Guzzipaty Doo has taken refuge in the Jeypore Country, We have wrote to Mr Stratton to make a formal Demand of him from the Jeypore Zemindar, Upon his refusal to deliver him up, We have directed Mr Stratton to send a Party of Troops to seize upon him by force. We have transmitted these instructions to Yr Chief at Vizagapatam because the Jeypore Country from its Vicinity to Vizianagy can be attacked with greater ease & less Expence from thence than from Ganjam and We direct that you afford Mr Stratton every Assistance in your power towards carrying these Orders into Execution

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

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A Wynch
Wm Brooke

At a Consultation Present

Monday 18 April

Alexander Wynch Esqr Gov. Pres.
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke "
T. Maxwell Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan
Mr Johnson Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President acquaints the Board that

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that he Yesterday Received a Note from the Nabob informing him of an Action between the Troops of the two Maharatta Chiefs, Ragaunaut Row & Trumbick Row in which the latter was Defeated, Wounded & taken Prisoner that the Particulars of the Action are hereby expected.

Timbuck Row Defeated & taken Prisoner by Ragaunaut

The President acquainted the Board that Lieut David Baillie has assigned his Office of Quarter M. to the 2 Batt. 2d Brigade at Ellore, & that Colonel Wood has recommended Lieut John Baillie to Succeed him. Agreed that Lieut John Baillie be appointed Quarter M. to the Battalion at Ellore

Lt John Baillie appointed Q. M. to the Battalion at Ellore

There being a Vacancy for Sub Engineer by the promotion of Mr. Mitchell, John Theobald is promoted to that Rank, & James Johnson being recommended by Colonel Ross & having been for some time past employed on Surveying under Capt. Pittman, is appointed Practitioner Engr in the Room of Mr Theobald to rank from the 18th Instant.

Mr Theobald promoted to Rank of Sub Engr & Mr Johnson appointed Pract. Engr in his Room

Read the following Letter from Mr Martin Surgeon at Chicacole

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I flatter myself that You will pardon the liberty I now take in addressing You which nothing but Necessity should oblige me to do

Being aware Upon what Plan I had the Honor to serve the Honble Company in quality of Surgeon I have never made any application for a change in my Situation for three Reasons, the first was because I did not understand the English Language, the Second that I was newly taken into

Letter from Mr Martin desiring to be removed from Chicacole to a more advantageous Situation

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cannot be granted

Wm Martin's request cannot be granted

Read the following Letter from Colonel Caspers inclosing Extracts from the Consultations of the President & Council of Fort William, and a Copy of the General Orders issued there Relative to Colonel Macleane's appointed Commissary General

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Caspers to have his Office of Commissary General put on the same Plan here as at Bengal

I have lately received the Enclosed Resolutions of the Governor & Council of Bengal, relative to Colonel Macleanes Appointment of Commissary General at that Presidency: I now take the liberty of offering them to your consideration. In answer to your Application on this Subject, the Governor informed me that nothing could be done until further Orders were sent from Europe; for that Measures adopted at Bengal could not serve as a Precedent for Madras. Had our Appointments originated in India I could not have presumed to Expect that you would have followed the Regulations of another Presidency, but as they were made by the Hon^ble Court of Directors at Home & were afterwards discussed and confirmed by a General Court of Proprietors; I flatter myself you will have no longer on Colonel Macleanes Office in the Light of a new Institution at Bengal, made by the Governor & Council of that Presidency, but as an Office deemed necessary by the Hon^ble Company themselves. The Paragraphs 29 & 30 of the General Letter to Madras of 8 March, carry with them evident Marks of Reference to some Papers, which by the well known Hurry of Business at the India House, just before we Sailed might very probably have been omitted to be put into the Packet

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Paragraph 2nd Paragraph 29 Thereof. "The Inconveniencies which are likely to proceed in the late War with Hyder Ally, on account of Defects on the Part of the Contractor, who was also Commissary General, had induced the Board to appoint a Deputy Office to the Post of Commissary General on the Coast of Coromandel, in the manner as they have thought proper to do in Bengal Paragraph 30 In order to give him Rank in the Service have granted him a Royal Commission of Colonel" But this Paragraph plainly shews that I was not to pursue the same line which Mr Smith had followed, for the reason of Check upon Contractors, with Respect to their Military Rank he never had any, because he never was to take the Field, therefore my Office was not to continue on the same Establishment which it had been upon before my Arrival and the Honble Court of Directors by saying that they Appointed me Commissary General on the Coast of Coromandel, in the manner as Colonel Wordsworth at Bengal, clearly point out the Arrangement which they intended should take Place and also when you may find this Date for that Purpose: as for the Confirmation of this Opinion when we were before in the same Letter administered both to Colonel Wordsworth & Mr Smith the Honble Court of Directors layd an Appointment before the Court of Proprietors, they were observed in as the same Office to the different Presidencies if they had been intended to be in the least different; I cannot help but think that the Honble Court of Directors would have altered their Constitution by saying they were the same Powers were to be exercised by you the Rank of Colonel

Brought

Wordsworth

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Mackane's Appointment and also of mine. Colonel Mackane is Commissary General of Musters and at all Times either he himself, his Deputy, or Assistants muster the Troops, Bullocks, &c in Short every thing contracted for, necessary for the Army; in this there is a Check upon all Contractors, and this abolishes a System that is Much complained of, that of the same Person furnishing Bullocks, & musterings them also. He audites all Military Accounts, consequently if there are Abuses in Hospital Charges, or any other Accounts he will be able to put a Stop to them, he always takes the field with the Army, and his Deliberative Voice at Military Councils enables him readily to communicate his Sentiments to the Board. The Governor & Council cannot inspect as they are, having their Attention taken up with such a Variety of Business, cannot discover the cause of many Abuses, but a Commissary General having his attention confined to one Object only may at any time trace them to their Sources, & by giving information to the Board, easily have them corrected. My present employment is to superintend the Accounts between the Nabob & the Company which are transmitted home by the different Paymasters, they are afterwards sent to a Member of the Committee of Accounts, who if there are any improper Charges reports them to the Board; as to myself, the Book of Regulations restrains me from entertaining any thing. The Army has been twice in the Field since my Arrival. But I have never been out of Madras, either to muster the Troops, or to prevent any Abuse in Contracts, & the only Accounts I can be said to audite belong to the Nabob, those belonging to the Honble Company are under the Inspection of

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of the Paymaster General so that I am rather the Nabobs Accountant, than the Commissary General to the Honble Company. If I flatter myself I have shewn that the Nature of Colonel Watsons Appointment corresponds not only with the Spirit of the Orders sent to Bengal, but with those also, so that without any Impropriety, the same Instructions may serve for both Presidencies. The Enclosed are Copies of Official Papers, but if they are not deemed sufficiently authentic, the Governor & Council of Bengal upon an Application from you, I make no doubt will think a duty to transmit them. If you wait for Orders from hence, no thing can be done for 18 Months, if on the contrary you will be pleased to write to Bengal, & depend upon the Authenticity of the Enclosed Papers, every thing will be properly managed in a very short Time, by which means, if there are any Irregularities or Suspensions Expences now existing on the Service, I may be able to account them to You, & in all Probability Save the Company Considerable Sums of Money

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
With Respect
Your most Obedient
& humble Servant
J. Caspers Com. Gen.

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Read again the 56 57 & 58 Paragraphs of the Secret Letter dated 7 April last respecting the Appointment of the Commissary General with the Report of the Committee

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Committee of the Court of Directors upon the same Subject
& Agreed that it is the Opinion of the Board from the above Documents that Mr Macleane's Appointment is to be the Commissary General
That his Rank is that of Colonel in the Army by Brevet, but without performing Military Duty; or receiving Military Pay, Batta, or Emolument
That his Appointments are the Salary and Emoluments annexed to the Station of the Youngest Counsellor
That his Authority is to controul & Regulate all Paymasters and Contractors; to Audite and Certify all Bills for Military Charges of whatever Nature
That his Duty comprehends the Points above mentioned in the preceding Head & Reformation & Reduction of all Military Charges by Formation of such new Institutions as he judges may contribute to the better Regulation & Reduction of the Military Expences to be Submitted to the Approbation of the Board

Upon this appearing from the above Paragraph and Report of the Committee, that it is the Intention of the Honble the Court of Directors to give Mr Macleane a peculiar & Separate Degree of Responsibility in all Matters immediately entrusted to his Management, they having for that purpose confined his Attention to those Objects & given him a Privilege preceding his Assent to any Measures regarding them which may be adopted by the Board, it is thought expedient and convenient to these Orders to give him a Share in the Deliberations of the Board upon them

Resolved therefore that Mr Macleane be at all Times summoned to attend the Board of Inspection when

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whose Military Accounts & Regulations are to come under their Consideration, that his Advice be required upon them & that he be allowed a free Deliberation, but not a Decisive Voice in that Board, reserving always his Right of Recording his Dissent from the Determination, if he thinks fit, according to Orders of the Court of Directors

There being an ade the ground Work of the Instructions which we are enjoined to draw out for the Conduct of the Commissary General

Agreed that before we proceed to form them he be furnished with a Copy of these Consultations & that he be desired to communicate to us his Sentiments upon such Additional Powers, or Orders as may be mutually unable him to answer the Design of his Appointment

Ordered also that the Secretary do furnish him with Copies of all the Military Expences & Establishments and to lay before him all the Books & Accounts of Military Disbursements, whenever called for

Extract of Consultation the 28 Jan 1775

Resolved that the Establishment for the Office of the Commissary General as recommended by him be fixt as follows

1 Deputy Commissary with Majors Pay & Batta
4 Assistant Deputies with Captains Pay & Batta but without the Gratuity drawn by Captains
3 Clerks to the Commissary General @ 200 Rup: each Month
2 D.o to the Deputy Commissary . . @ 100 D.o . . . D.o
4 D.o to the Assistants . . . . . @ 150 D.o . . . D.o
Occasional Assistants to be employed as the Exigencies of the Service may require

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Resolved that the Assistant Commissaries do the Duty both of Commissaries of Musters & of Contract, & that the present Commissaries of Musters & their Deputies be Recalled.

Resolved that the Deputy Commissary and Assistants be recommended by the Commissary General for the Approbation & Appointment of the Board

The Distinction which the Commissary General makes between the Extraordinaries & Contingencies of the Army & his proposition of extending as far as possible the Mode of providing Supplies by Contract, appearing very Judicious. As far as Experience has pointed out the Practicability of carrying this Mode into execution, it has been adopted, the great Articles of Extra Expences Viz^t Victualling, Cattle & Boats being provided by Contract, & it is the Wish of the Board to bring every other Article, at least as many as possible of the Contingent Expences within the same Plan, it appearing to them the only Means by which they can fix the Army Disbursements within certain Bounds. At present all Contingent Expences are furnished in consequence of Indents, from the Quarter Masters & Barrack Masters, by the Paymasters of the Brigades, who receive their Authority for the Supplies from the commanding Officers of the Brigades, & by whom their Bills are afterwards examined & passed. But this Part of the commanding Officers Duty, will now be divided, the first Viz^t the Authorising & Checking of Indents will Remain with him, the last Viz^t The Auditing & Checking of the Bills will devolve

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on the Commissary General

The Board are thus circumstantial in explaining their Ideas of the Nature & Extent of the Commissary General's Appointment, & describing the present Mode of Supplying the Contingencies of the Army with their Wishes respecting future Improvements, that by communicating these to him, they may be furnished with his Opinion upon any better Expedient, which may occur to him, for putting this Branch of the Military Expences upon the footing of Economy, so urgently recommended by the Company. The Board therefore agree to suspend the final Determination of the Extent of the Commissary General's Powers, in this particular Instance, till they shall have received his Reply & shall gladly and heartily adopt any Proposition which he may make by which shall afford us a clear Prospect of Relief from the intolerable Burthen of the present Expence consistent with the Spirit of the Company's Instructions

The Board remark on the Proposition for defraying the Expence of the Commissary General's Establishment by an auditing Fee on the Contract Bills, that is at present not practicable as no Alteration can be made in the Contracts already entered into, but that it may be a proper Subject of Consideration when new Contracts are formed

The Honble Court of Directors having directed that all Army Bills shall be certified by the Commissary General for Payments

Resolved that the Opinion of the Commissary General

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General be consulted concerning the Mode of Authenticated Bills or Disbursements at the Out Cantonments, & more remote Stations of the Army, within the Length of time for receiving this Authentication, may make it inconvenient or hurtful to the Service to delay the Payments

Fort William March 7th 1774

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The Honble Court of Directors have been pleased to appoint Lauchlin Maclane Esq Commissary General of Army Accounts in Bengal, with the Salary and Emoluments annexed to the Station of Upper out Councellor

They have also been pleased to grant him a Brevet Commission with the Rank of Colonel, but not to perform any Military Duty or receive any Pay, or Batta, or other Emoluments whatever in consequence of such his Military Rank

The President & Council have been pleased to fix the Establishment for the Office of Commissary General as follows

1 Deputy Commissary with Major Pay & Batta
4 Assistants Rank with Captains Pay but without the Gratuity drawn by Captains
3 Clerks to the Commissary Generals Office at 200 Rupees each
2 Do. do. do. at 100 Rupees each
4 Do. viz one to each Assistant at 150 Do.
Occasional Assistants to be employed as the Exigencies of the Service may require

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Officers shall Countersign Thereon these Words "Sick & Referred for Audit to the Commissary General"

The Assistant Commissaries to have no particular Place of Residence, but Attached by the Commissary General as the Exigencies of the Service may require, Such Commissaries when Detached from the Residency, for the Service of any particular Corps of the Army, shall obey all Orders issued by the Commissary General respecting the Department of the Commissariat, & they shall be furnished to conform thereto, on producing the said Orders or Instructions to the Commanding Officer under whom they may then act

The following Appointments are made under the Commissary General.

Wm Matthew Cumming Dep. Commissary Genl.

Mssrs. P. Pagniol
G. Templer
H. Wadsame
D. Vandenheyden
} Assistant Deputy Commissaries

The Commissaries of Musters & Paymasters of the Army to be Superseded & to continue to act in their present Stations, till relieved by the above mentioned Commissaries

Wm. John Thomson is appointed Agent for Supplies under the Commissary General

The Board are clearly of Opinion they cannot with propriety apply to the President & Council of Fort William for a Copy of the Commissary Orders to them, as of their Resolutions respecting Colonel Wadsame, nor are they furnished with them, could they adopt their System, as the two Establishments differ materially in many respects

Ministers Answer

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respects but as the Board are desirous of carrying into execution
every intention of the Honble Company. Agreed that the
Subject be reconsidered

Read Para. 29 & 30 General Letter 8th
Mar. compared with the Minutes of Consultation 13 September
appointing Colonel Capper Commissary General together
with Para. 27th of the General Letter to the Honble
Court 10 November

On the Nature of the Office of Comm.y Gen.l

The Office of Commissary General carries
with it an Idea not precisely determinate. In our Army
it is neither of Musters, of Stores or of provisions, but neither
confirming with the Letter or Spirit of the Company Orders as set
forth in the Papers delivered in by Colonel Capper, On this
Coast the Office was originally created to Check & keep
all Accounts of Troops in the Field or out Garrisons. Returns
of all the Troops &c were ordered to be made to him & served
to Check the Pay Rolls. The Disbursements were then
made by the Commanding Officers who accounted
with the Commissary: but irregularities having
occurred, Paymasters were chosen from the Civil Servants
They Mustered and Checked the Military Charges
while the Roll paid, was again a Check upon the Pay
masters, whose Accounts remained passed until they
had undergone the Examination of the Committee of
Accounts, But as the Expences occasioned by our con-
nexion with the Nabob
-nexion, were carried to his Debit, in time the Office
became changed into, Nearly, the post of the Nabobs
Accounts, at this time were still made to them
from the Paymasters & Commissaries, which seemed
to train in some degree to Check their Accounts
About three Years Service instead of paying portions
Carnatic Battalions, the Nabob agreed to pay annually
for

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for even in out of the Investments for the Protection of the Carnatic, at a Specie Sum for each Battalion. The payment of the Sepoys was from that time transferred from the Commissary General to the Military Paymaster, & as the Commissary no longer received Musters his accounts of course no longer check the Books And it having been Determined in Consultation that all Disbursements on the Nabobs Account shd be paid by the Commissary, it is evident he is at present only the Accountant for the Nabob with the Company Many may with propriety be urged that the Office of Commissary General as conducted upon this Coast has been justly described & complained to the Court of Directors, & it was upon this consideration that the Board delivered to Colonel Cosper the Office which he now holds, in the like Manner it was conducted on his Arrival, But on reconsidering the Subject and drafting upon the Economy which has been so strenuously recommended it does not appear consistent that the Company Should have appointed a Commissary with the Allowances of a Member of the Board to continue on from an employ to which no Emoluments or allowances were annexed, and as the Letter from the Court of Directors makes no Mention of the Nabob which it most likely would have done, had they considered the Commissary General as the Accountant of that Prince and as the Letter implies that Colonel Cosper is to take this Stand by giving him the Rank of Colonel by Brevet, and as the Commissary at Madras is a first Post, without any Military Rank, it appears from all these Circumstances that

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that the Court of Directors did not consider the Office to which they appointed Colonel Caspar, as it now stands under the Denomination of Commissary General The Company's Letter particularly sets forth that Inconveniencies have arisen from the same Person being Commissary & Contractor upon which it is natural to infer that they intended the Commissary General to be a Check upon those who might Conduct the Agency or be entrusted with the Contract But it hath already been Shewn that the Commissary cannot Check any Accounts Therefore after due and mature Deliberation upon the several Points before Mentioned the Board are of Opinion that the Court of Directors did intend that Colonel Caspar Should be Commissary General of Musters Resolved in Consequence that he be accordingly Reappointed until their pleasure shall be known & that the Instructions be prepared for his Guidance in the Execution of that Duty. For although it has been Admitted that the Company's Intentions were to appoint their Commissary General of Musters this Board cannot adopt the Plan of the Gov & Council at Calcutta, which however well adopted for their Establishment, cannot Suit this as the two Establishments differ so widely in some very material Points. Besides the President & Council of Calcutta have the Company's Orders relative to the Appointment to their Presidency and can found their Instructions upon them. This Board have no explanatory Instructions, & are consequently left in a great Measure to guess at what might have been the Company's

Colonel Caspar appointed Commissary General of Musters until the pleasure of the Directors is known

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Company's Intentions in the Appointment of Colonel Kaspar to the Office of Commissary General they therefore have no Authority to adopt a new System that may be attended with a considerable Expence. They can only form Ideas which are from the Orders before them. But as it is Necessary to consider attentively the many Parts dependant on these General Outlines before the Arrangement does take place it is Agreed that further Consideration of this Matter be deferred till next Consultation

finally

Mr Rawson the Military Storekeeper delivers in the following Minute

Minutes from the Military Storekeeper respecting Stores remaining at Cuddalore from the late Expedition Against Tanjore

The Military Storekeeper Represents that Sundry Stores have been Received lately at Cuddalore from the 12th Company of Grenadiers. And 1 Battalion of Sepoys with Suitable Stores were Originally Joined for the Expedition to Tanjore. The Military Storekeeper of that Garrison hath been Ordered to Credit the Head of Expedition to Tanjore in his Books for all such Stores Returned. But as no Rule having been adopted for Ascertaining the Value of Stores after having been on Service The Military Storekeeper begs Leave to Refer this Matter to the Consideration of the Board

Order in Consequence

Ordered that in future the Value of Such Stores be ascertained by the Committee of Stores & in those Forts or Subordinacies where there is not a Committee to be regulated by the Storekeeper

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& Inspector of Stores

A Wynch

Joseph Smith

Geo. Dawson

Henry Brooke

Saun.r Johnston

Lt Wms

C Stuart

Francis Jourdan

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 25 April

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Joseph Smith " George Dayson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Max.l Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

Read & approved the Minutes of last Consultation

Resolutions respecting Colonel Bosses appointment

The Board taking into Consideration the Instructions which may be necessary for the Guidance of the Commissary General of Musters, Agreable to the Appointment of last Consultation, Resolved That the Commissary General at Madras is to Muster in the presence of the Commanding Officer All the Cavalry, Artillery, Military Sepoys, Lascars & all who may depend upon the Military Establishment also all Draught & Carriage Bullocks with their Drivers

That the Commissary General is Monthly to make Rolls of the above to the Gov.r noting all Casualties

That no Bill whatever shall be paid by the Military Paymaster General unless it shall have been examined & certified by the Commissary General of Musters, or his Deputy during his Absence

That the Commissary or his Deputy Shall Visit the Hospital, examine the Number of Patients, inspect into the Provisions &.c &.c & that no Surgeons Bill be paid until Certified to be proper by the Commissary General of Musters

That in Camp the Commissary or his Deputy is as often as may be convenient in the presence of

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of the Commanding Officer to muster the Cavalry Artillery Military, Lascars, Coolies of all Denominations Bullocks Carriage & Draught, Carts, and to audite all Bills for Pay or Batta, General Hospital, or Extraordinary Charges, & in Short for all the Expences which may be incurred in such Army

That he is to enquire into the Condition of the Provisions, under the Charge of the Victualling Agent, & to certify to the Agent the Number of Men for which Provisions are to be issued the following Day

That he is to examine the Draught & Carriage Bullocks, & to See that they be properly attended by Drivers and Waistiers & to Demand all Such as may be unfit for the Service, attending to the Impossibility of replacing them, for on a long march or on Some Service the Bullocks Notwithstanding the greatest Care will be considerably Reduced, and rendered less capable of Service. That he is to examine the Remainder of the Surgeons, Purser, Master &c. for Doolies, Lascars, Artificers, Coolies, Bullocks &c. & if they be sufficient to certify them on which case the Paymaster will Supply the Surgeon with Doolies & the Several Corps with Artificers, Lascars, Coolies &c. & the Agent will furnish Bullocks

That the Commissary may at pleasure cause all Such Artificers, Lascars &c. to be sworn for Muster that none be employed except on the Company's Account Service

That whenever he may Judge it proper to Audite a Charge not allowed by Military Regulations

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Regulations, how to give Vouchers to the Board for auditing such Charge

That it is not to audite any omissions after the Expiration of three Months, without good reasons assigned and the permission of the Board first Obtained

That Points of Duty at Madras and in Case of being ascertained it remains to settle those of the Subordinacies & Out Garrisons

The Situation of the Military upon this Coast is very different from Bengal Here are no fixed Cantonments but the Troops are divided amongst the Nabobs Forts from one Extremity of the Carnatic to the other To delay Payments in such Garrisons until the Bills could be sent to, examined at, & returned from Madras might often be productive of Dangerous Consequences in all the Garrisons therefore all Payments must be made as heretofore by every Paymaster of such Fort, who act in every Respect as Deputy to the Commissary General & to transmit to him a Roll of the Cavalry Infantry Sepoys, Buckaloes, Lascars, & an account of all Charges in such Fort, paid by the Company. And all the Accounts of the Out Garrisons when received by the Persons on whose Employ such Paymasters Depend, shall previous to their being delivered to the Committee of Accounts be Submitted to the Examination of the Commissary General

That at Cuddalore Masulipatam Vizagapatam & Ganjam a Company's Servant not acting in such Subordinacy as Paymaster, shall act

as

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as Assistant to the Commissary General, Muster and return to them the Artillery, Military Lascars & Lascars in their Respective Settlements, And the Paymaster at Vellore, Chicacole & Tellicherry shall in the same Manner as the Paymaster of the Out Garrisons in the Carnatic make returns to the Commissary General and the General Accounts of the above Paymasters shall on receipt be sent to the Commissary for his Inspection

That at the Subordinacies the Civil & Military Payments have long been blended together but kept Separately as the Commissary keeps an Office of Check upon the Military Accounts & has no Contract or Check upon the ~~Military~~ Civil Accounts ~~and has no Contract or Check upon the Civil~~ accounts of this or any of the Subordinate Settlements

That the Commissary General cannot have the Inspecting of the Army or Garrison with Provisions, Bullocks, Stores &ca as the Contract for the Victualling the Men and Providing Bullocks has long since been abolished and a better & Cheaper mode adopted with the Approbation of the Company

That the Commissary may recommend Such Regulations as may appear to him proper and likely to reduce the Company's Expences and that the Board will attend to any Arguments he may wish to Urge, & readily concur in any measure which may be productive of Economy and is prudent for the Service

That the Commissary shall be

Allowed

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allowed a [illegible] Number of Upstarts. That the Upstarts in the Service cannot be allowed Extra Pay, but on the Field are to have Pay & Batta according to their Rank.

Mr Jourdan appointed Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts in the room of

Resolved that the Superintendance of the Disbursements on account of the Nabobs be conducted by Jourdan under the Denomination of the Superintendant of the Nabobs Accounts in the room of the Nabobs Accounts with the Company

That the Superintendant shall receive the Necessary Supplies of Cash, & provide the Paymasters with such Sums as they may require, and that all the Paymasters of any Disbursements on the Nabobs Account shall in future transmit to the Superintendant the Accounts they are now Send to the Commissary General

The Board having thus arranged the Department of Commissary General in the Manner which they conceive most conformable to their intentions of the Company, & most conductive to the good of the Service, They now proceed an an Enquiry in order to ascertain the Sufficiency of Stoppages from the Sepoys & Sarcars for Cloathing, & it is Accordingly Ordered that Accountant do prepare & lay before them the following Accounts

The Accountant Ordered to obtain certain Statements for ascertaining the Sufficiency of the Stoppages from the Sepoys & Sarcars

1 Account Current of Sepoy Stoppages from the Opening of this Head in the Genral Books to 30th April 1773

2 Account of Sums Stopd by the Military Paymasters & the Paymasters dependant on them

3 Account of Expences of Cloathing the Sepoys in 1773 with Sums paid to the Captains of Sepoys

4 Account Current of Sepoy Staff Mounting from the Commencement of this Regulation to 30th April 1773

Account

1 Account of Sums Stopd by the Military Paymasters & the Paymasters dependant on them

2 Account of Expences of Cloathing the Sepoys in 1773 with Sums paid to the Captains of Sepoys

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An Account of Stoppages made on this Account at the Presidency and all Factories & Garrisons dependant upon it from 1st May to 31st Dec. 1773

7 Account of Sums expended or Advanced on this Account at Madrass & its Dependancies from 1st May to 31st Dec. 1773

8 Account of Slops on hand the 31st Dec. 1773, at the Presidency, & an Export from the Agent of the Time for which Such Slops will Serve

9 Account Current of Sales & Stoppages as per Genl Books to 30th April 1773

10 Account of Stoppages at Madrass and the Places Dependant thereon from 1st May to 31st Dec 1773

11 Account of the Stoppages from a compleat Battalion of Sepoys & the expence of the Cloathing for the Same

12 Account of Stoppages for the Mounting, for a compleat Battalion & Expence of Slops for one Year

13 And Account of Stoppages for a compleat Company of Lascars & the Expence of the Cloathing

The President lays before the Board a Letter of a Paper of Intelligence from the Sunbahs Camp dated 20th Ultimo as entered in Country Correspondence N 55 Page

The Particulars of the Action between Ragamant Law & Trimbuc Row

The particulars of the Action between Ragan and Row & Trimbuc Row, which Ended in the total defeat of the latter who was wounded & made Prisoner. That after the News of this Action was brought to the Sunbah he marched in pursuit of Ragan and Law

The President likewise lays before the Board

[illegible]

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Extracts from Several Letters which he Received from the Nabob viz. a Letter to him from the Nabob, from the Camp of the Soubah dated from the 2 to the 5 Ultimo containing an Account of the Operations of Several Chiefs since the Defeat of Hyder Cauch Vaw That the Troops of Bagaraut Vaw are much distressed for Money & Provisions, & some of his Sardars have left him with Considerable Bodies of Horse That his force consists of about twenty two thousand Horse, Fourteen thousand Sepoys & two or twelve Cannon

The Secretary lays before the Board a Recommendation for the Promotion of a Havildar & Jemadar in the Peons Battalion of Sepoys. Approved & this Commission ordered to be made Out

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from Colonel Laing Commanding at Vellore, Signifying that Several Europeans belonging to the Battalion or Garrison there have daily been Invalided, & that he Expects Soon to be Obliged to Invalid many more

Resolved that Orders be transmitted to the Several Out Garrisons &c. directing the Commanding Officers in future to Recommend Such Men as require to be Invalided, & that they be Sent to Madras to be Examined by a Committee appointed for that purpose

No Europeans to be Invalided but to be Examined by a Committee at Madras

Ordered that a Compleat Return of the Invalid Europeans on this Establishment be made Out & laid before the Board at their next Consultation, as it is intended to form them into Companies & to Station them in those Places where they will be most Useful

European Invalids to be stationed so as to be most useefull

Read the following Letter & Report from the Committee of Stores

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have herewith the Honor to lay
before you our Minutes of the 22d Instant

Letter & Report from the Committee of Stores

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient
& Humble Servt
Geo Dawson
John Wood
Patrick Ross
E. James

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At a Committee of Stores Present
George Dawson Esqr. Coll. Jn. Wood
Colonel Ross & Coll. James

Order of the Board thereon

The Clerk lays before the Committee an Extract from the Minutes of Consultations of the 22 Inst. as entered hereafter; Upon which the Committee inspecting the Contract with Messrs. Jourdan & De Souza for Gun Carriages &c. find that it is full silent with Respect to the Gun Carriages but that the following Mortar Beds were recommended by Coll. Bulkeley, which were to have been

Ordered that Messrs. Jourdan & De Souza be directed to comply that their Contract for the Mortar Beds, with all possible Expedition & for the Reasons set forth in the Committee it is Resolved that Messrs. Jourdan & De Souza shall have the Making of such Gun Carriages & Mortar Beds as are still wanting upon the Terms of their Present Contract

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have made us, have not yet
been completed by the Con-
tractors viz. Beds for Mor-
tars

13 Inch	4
10 Inch	6
8 Inch	12
5 1/2 Inch	20

2. The great Conveyance
it is of to have Gun Carriages
& Mortar Beds with made,
& of seasoned Wood & the im-
mediate Sawing of a Missing
Expence in a New Contract for
them not being a Consider-
ation to be put in Competi-
tion with the Risk of their being
unperfectly finished the Commit-
tee are of Opinion that it would
be more for the good of the Service
that the former Contractors
whose Carriages have already
been tried & approved of, upon the late Expedi-
tions to the Southward, had the
making up of all the Gun
Carriages & Mortar Beds now
wanting especially as hav-
ing most probably a Stock
of proper Wood & other Materi-
als on hand they will furnish
them with them on as good Conditions
than

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than Persons who might have all those to provide. Agreed Therefore that Mr Speediman of Messrs Jourdan & De Sanz's making the Gun Carriages &c that may be further wanting, be Submitted to the Consideration of the Board

Orders of the Board thereon

3 Lt Coll. James lays before the Committee Plans for Mortar Beds formerly recommended by him to be made use, & which are referred to Lt Coll. Ross. That Mr Austen agreable thereto may be executed in the Carpenters Yard, to enable the Committee to lay before the Board a Calculation of the Expence as per Order of Consultation of the 8th March 1773

4 Coll. Wood & Lt Coll. James represent to the Committee that the present Mode of Carrying Muskets Ammunition & Powder in Barrels shod with Pattens, which are constantly Shipped off, & till sometimes Strike fire, is Subject to great danger loss & Inconvenience, & propose that in future such Barrells &c

Their Matter to be inquired into

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be with them Incapsd with Coppers Orders of the Board thereon
or that Such as may be sent
on Service with Battan Boats
may be Covered with Tarpaw-
lins newly made which
the Committee approving
Agree to recommend to y^e
Board

5 The Committee Approved.
taking into Consideration
an Indent of Stores from
the Garrison of Vellore
agree to Supply Such of the
Small Articles as can be
Spared from hence

6 The Military Storek^r The many of the Articles Indented
lays before the Committee for from Bengal to be Supplied
an Indent for Divers Ordnance as can be Spared. & to be Sent with
Stores & Guages from the first Opportunity
Fort William and which
is Directed to be Complied
with as to the Latter Articles
there not being a sufficie-
ency of Powder Ordnance
as in Store

The Clerk is directed
to Signifie to The Commissary
of Stores that He is to report at
the Sitting of every Committee
all Stores received since the
preceding Day, that Such
may be examined by the
Committee

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Committee

Geo Dawson
John Wood
Patrick Ross
E James

Agreed that Mr Patrick Alex: Agnew
Recommended by the President & Lieut Smith be pro-
moted to the Ensigncy Vacant
by the late promotion
of Ensign Arthur Crawford

Mr Pat: & Alex: Agnew appointed an Ensign

W Monck
Jacob Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Jam: Johnson
L Wigg
W Tracy
Jarmin Sundon

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20 April. Read the following Letter to Colonel Cappon

To Colonel James Cappon

I am directed by the Vice President & Council to Letter to Colonel Cappon with the Minutes of Consultation respecting his Employ

Transmit You with the annexed Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, which Contain Instructions for your Guidance in the Office of Commissary General

As to what further Relates to the Military Establishment on this Coast, Necessary for you to be acquainted with, I Refer You to the Book of Regulations a corrected Copy of which I Shall Send you as Soon as possible

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
J Petrie Sec.

Fort St George
2 April 1754.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 2 May

Alexander Wynch Esqr Vice President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Mas Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

The Nature of the Several Employs with the Checks upon their Disbursements taken into Consideration

The forming of Regulations for the Department of the Commissary General which for some time Past has engaged the Attention of the Board, Naturally Leads to the Consideration of the Several Checks upon the Different Employs of this Settlement as well as the Subordinacies Dependant Upon the Presidency, that if any are found Deficient the proper Remedy may be Applied, And first

of the Fortifications & Public Buildings

for the Raising of the Works of the West Front including the New

Bastion

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Bastion in front of the Sabobs a Contract have been entered into. The Materials are delivered by the Committee of Works to the Contractor at fixed Rates. The Engineer or his Assistants constantly attend to see that the Works be properly executed. They measures the Work & when the Bills of the Contractor are Alternately delivered in he examines the Quantity of Work done & Certifies the Measurement with the Amount. The Bills is then laid before the Committee of Works who examine it & Report it to the Board. Thus far relates to Contracts but there are a great many Works and other Contingent Expences which are done on the Company's Account under the Management of the Committee of Works; for them the Committee orders Workmen and Materials to be Delivered to the Engineer

Secondly

The Civil Paymasters Employ

As before Mentioned, he issues no Pay until the Workmen have been Mustered by the Engineer. His other Disbursements are Allowances to Civil Servants at Rates fixed by the Company or the Board

Thirdly

The Military Paymaster

To pay no Bill until Certified by the Commissary General of Musters.

Fourthly

The Military Storehouse

A Committee of Stores must from time to time examine the Returns of Stores in all the Subordinacies, or dependant Garrisons & see that they are Complied with. Only the Account examination of the Place from whence the Indent is made Justifys the Issues, & the Stores can be Spared from the General Stock at the Presidency. The Military Storekeeper Supplies the Company's

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with Captain Small Stores at said Rates but no Stores are Admitted on till they are particularly examined by the Committee of Stores and all Such as are not according to Muster are rejected

The Account Remains of each Garrison is annually taken and compared with the General Returns to Object any Errors which may have crept into them

Fifthly

The Export Warehouse Keeper

Advances Money for the Investments, the Washing Beating &c. Charges, Also for the Pay of Coolies Employed in transporting of Bales. But the Advances are regularly accounted for. The Washing, Beating &c are at fixed Rates, & the only Charge which is not particularly Check'd is for Coolies, however even these Charges must Correspond with the Number of Bales received or Shipped off

Sixthly

The Import Warehouse K. & the Civil Store K.

Disbursements are for the Pay of Coolies employed in their Respective Offices, but these are only at particular times & any over Charge would be easily Detected

The Civil Storekeeper Supplies the Works with Stores but has not the purchasing of any Materials Whatever, They are bought by the Committee of Works the Storekeeper issues the Price & takes the Artificers receipt for his Charge

Seventhly

The Garrison Store Keeper

Has the Purchasing of Grain &c Necessaries for Store but the Prices at which they are bought, with the Musters of the Kinds

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Kindly constantly laid before the Board. The other Disbursements are for a few Coolies occasionally Subsisted. The Charge of which may be easily Judged of by the Business on hand

Of the Subordinacies

At Cuddalore nearly the same Checks are applied to the Employs there. And Monthly the Council nominate a Committee for the Examination of all the Accounts of the Settlement

Masulipatam follows the same Method in the Examination of the Accounts, that Settlement being considerable has also a Committee of Works Dewan Warehouse Keeper &c. At Vizagapatam the Council examine the Accounts and Report on them, but Ganjam having but lately had a Council appointed to it that Regulation has not yet taken place there. All the Accounts in General are submitted to a Carefull Examination of the Committee of Accounts at the Presidency & nothing is permitted to be wrote off to Profit & Loss without the Permission of the Board

The Board taking the Subject into their serious Consideration are of Opinion that the Several Checks are in themselves sufficient excepting Ganjam where the Council ought to examine the Accounts of their Employs Ordered in Consequence that the Council at Ganjam do Examine the Accounts of their respective Employs in that Settlement & Certify that the Vouchers correspond with the Entries of those Accounts Standing in Extraordinary Charges

The Arrangement which has taken place in the Employ of Commissary General Reader the following Order Necessary.

Minute

At Masulipatam during the Time

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Orders & Regulations for Masulipatam & the Subordinacies at Madrass

The Circars were let to Rent, the Expences of the Troops out of Masulipatam were paid by the Renter. The Joint Abby Cavan & Jogee Pundalue & to keep the Accounts of them Troops a Commissary General was appointed to pay them in Order to prevent the blending of the Renters Accounts for them, with those of the Factory, But as the Circars are no longer let to Rent & all the Expences are borne by the Company there is no longer occasion for the keeping of those Accounts in the present Manner and as the Office of Commissary General is no longer an Office of Pay but of Check. Ordered that from 1st May 1771 it be discontinued at Masulipatam & that the Paymaster at Vizagapatam shall transmit his Accounts to the Chief of Masulipatam who will Supply him with the necessary Sums for his Disbursements. The Accountant is to attend that all Disbursements on Account of the Troops out of the Factory be carried to the Head of Northern Circars in Order to keep the Expences of the newly acquired Revenues, Seperate from those of the Antient Possessions of the Company

The Payments which may be made by the Paymaster at Masulipatam on Account of the Circars shall be carried to the Head of Northern Circars

The Superintendant of the Nabobs Disbursements at Madrass to transmit to the Commissary General of Musters the Accounts of all the Disbursements in the Garrisons that they may be check'd by the Muster Rolls & he is not to pay any Bills at Madrass unless audited by the Commissary

Ordered that the Regulations which have been made in the Department of the Commissary be published to the Military Establishment & transmitted to the Chiefs & Subordinacies & Paymasters of the Garrisons

Colonel

Grant of Right of Way

Know all men by these presents that I, Charles Hopkins of the County of Lincoln and State of Maine, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me paid by the Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Wiscasset and Quebec Railroad Company, its successors and assigns forever, the right of way for the location, construction, operation and maintenance of its railroad, with the necessary side tracks, turnouts, depots, stations, and other appurtenances, over and upon the following described land in said Wiscasset, to wit:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of land of Charles Hopkins on the northerly side of the road leading from Wiscasset to Alna Meeting House; thence northeasterly by said road to the land of Daniel Sheepscot; thence northwesterly by said Sheepscot land to the land of Charles Hopkins; thence southwesterly by said Hopkins land to the point of beginning, containing one acre, more or less.

Said Company shall have the right to enter upon said land for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining its railroad, and to take and use such gravel, stone, timber and other materials as may be necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of its railroad, and to cut down and remove all trees, bushes and underbrush on said land as may be necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of its railroad.

Said Company shall have the right to fence said land, and shall maintain such fences during the time it shall use said land for railroad purposes.

Said Company shall have the right to assign this grant to any other railroad company which may lawfully succeed to the rights and obligations of said Company.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

Charles Hopkins

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Samuel Smith

State of Maine, Lincoln, ss. March 15, 1872

Then personally appeared the above named Charles Hopkins and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me, Samuel Smith, Justice of the Peace

Recorded March 16, 1872, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Attest: Samuel Smith, Clerk

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endeavour to do as soon as possible, at the same time that I profess the most perfect Obedience to the Honble Board

With the utmost Respect & Esteem I have the Honor to be Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and humble Servant

James Caspers

Commissary General

Fort St George
29 April 1774

Read the following Letter from Cuddalore

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Cuddalore

Our Chief received a Letter from Mr Secretary Petrie dated the 22 Instant enclosing extracts from the Report of the Committee of Accounts of Pay Office with your Orders thereon, which he is careful to act in conformity to those Orders. But not being provided with a Copy of Captain Tonyn's Contract with the Company we are subject to great Uncertainty with Respect to the Propriety of the Charges Made for Troops in request therefore you will be pleased to send us a Copy of it for our Guidance

The Charge for Cash the Noted by the Committee in our Accounts for December, is a Charge that commenced in October 1772 & has since been regularly drawn for by the Quitant of the Troops at the Rate of 2 Maunds every Six Months

We are with Respect
Honble

Copy

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Mr Mist of the Poonamalee District, Gives Account of the Pay of the three Battations of Sepoys, In his Letter of the 1st Instant he Says that he has paid the Army a Dividend of one fourth of the Prize Money for the Capture of Tanjore & in the other Letter Dated the 1st Instant, he transmits a Bill for 150,000 Pagodas

By the Nabob's Desire the same not to be acknowledged until the Money is Received

Ordered that the Same be acknowledged as Soon as the Money is Received Sheikh Lob having Desired that this May be Observed in future, instead of answering Such Letters immediately upon their Receipt.

Read extracts of Letters to the Nabob from the Soubahs Camp Dated 5th & 18th April containing an Account of their Operations Entered in Country Correspondence N 58

The Europeans Invalids from Trichinopoly Liddalore & Vellore proceed to Chingleput

In Consequence of the Regulations which are intended to be made in the Corps of Invalids (Vide Con 25 March) Resolved that all the European Invalids with their Officers now Stationed at Trichinopoly Liddalore & Vellore be Directed to proceed to Chingleput & there to Remain until the intended Arrangement can take place, The Commanding Officer & the Surgeon of each of the Garrisons to be directed to examine the European Pensioners & Sepoys of them are able for March, they are to proceed also to Chingleput with the Invalids

each pensioners

4th and 6th

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Darrell
Henry Brooke
Jno Peterson
C Hog
Edwd Wray
Fowler Jenkins

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Gov.r President
Joseph Smith " George Dayson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Mas.r Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan

Friday 6th May

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Stratton with Copies of the Instructions to Augustus to Captain Mathews & Captain Pittmans Letter as entered hereafter

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Stratton

I have had the Honor to Receive your Letter Dated the 19th Ultimo & in Consequence thereof Sent Orders to Capt.n Candler to Remove his Sepoys to Nagore without Loss of time at which Place Mr Barclay the Engineer is building Quarters & Barracks, the Expence of which I cannot think will Exceed One Thousand Pagodas.

Having wrote to Captain Pittman to give me his Opinion respecting the Fort of Tellicherry I have the Honor to Enclose you Copy of his Letter to me on this Subject on which I cannot take upon it as my Opinion that the Fort of Tellicherry should not be demolished as a Sepoy and with a Few Men Good care always preserve it from any Country Power, and timely Assistance may be Speedy granted by the Troops of the 3 Battalions

Bombay

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I have also been favoured with Your Commands Dated the 13th Inst & take this Opportunity to repeat my Assurances that nothing Shall be Wanting on my part to Restore the Peaceable Country to a State of tranquility, as well as Securing the Revenues thereof for the Company, & as Soon as Any thing Offers to be the most Capable person that can be made Choice of for this Service, every means Shall be Untried in persuading an Heir to Accept of the Trust. I have the honor to Send him with Copy of the Instructions to him with any Letter to Captain Matthews which Those you will approve. I have also sent to Vizagapatam a number of Papers to be Distributed among the Different Pergunnahs and Villages, in which I have given the Strongest Assurances to the Inhabitants that their Ancient and just Privileges shall be inviolably preserved to them under the Company's Government

Every Vigorous measure Shall be Observ'd in Carrying Your Honor &ca Orders into Execution & Sincerely wish it may be attended with Success.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Geo. Stratton

Vizagapatam
the 26 April 1774

To George Stratton Esqr
Sir

Vizagapatam
26 April 1774

Copy of a Letter from
Capt. Pittman to
the Select

I have fully Considered your Letter

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on the Advantages & Disadvantages of Fellmore Fort

of the 11th Instant wherein you desire my Sentiments whether it will or not be advisable to Demolish the Fort of Fellmore when the Sepoys Shall be Ordered from thence — Pursuant to giving my Opinion on it is necessary that I should explain the Consideration at large from which that results.

Fellmore is not from its proximity from the Kummedy Country & Sickly Countries, in the advantageously Situated, being on a low flat Piece of Ground & is Commanded by Some Hill even Commences from experience it is known to be unhealthy; and the barracks it contains I Should imagine add not a little to this Objection being low & Confined, without Floors or Verandas, built of Mud or Raw Bricks & Roofed with Thatch an inexpensive Article of Stores to mend the last Comment. The Ditch is neither broad or Deep, the Bomb proofs only are good being of a Sufficient height & of Strong Construction Notwithstanding all I have said to the Prejudice of the best & only defensible Post the Company is possessed of in the Circar I do not think that any Country Power in these parts could take it from the present Garrison The Troops at Chicacole and Vizagapatam are both to be Surprised & cut off by any enemy the last Spirited & Enterprising Person that Commands it in my Opinion that the Fort of Fellmore should not be Destroyed unless another equally strong be built at Nagaraleroom where it might be done at very Moderate expence. An European Sergeant & 20 Sepoys would be Sufficient to preserve Fellmore the Tranquility of Peace & it would be ready to receive a large Garrison whenever it Should be thought Necessary for the Company's Service for the Defence of the Country

I have the Honor to be
Your most Obt Servt
Wm Petrie

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To Captain Richard Mathews
Commanding at Chicacole
Sir

Copy Letter to Capt Mathews

I enclose you herewith a Copy of a Letter from Lieut Gowdie to Captain Candler dated the 21st Instant, & am in Consequence to Direct that You will immediately march to Rummidy with four Companys of your Battalion taking the Command of all the Troops stationed there & follow such measures as you may deem most eligible for expelling the Plunderers & keeping the Country in quiet. My Instrument also in sending this Additional Force is to assist Mr Greig in Collecting the Revenues of the Rummidy Country on the Part of the Honble Company, he being appointed Manager thereof by the President & Council, I have signified this to him and enclose you herewith Copy of his Instructions and agreable thereto am to desire you will afford him every Assistance in your power ensuring every Argument within to accept of this Trust on the part of the Company who are Resolved to afford him every Support & Protection & as it is Usual to Salute a Manager on his being appointed I am to desire you will give him three Volleys of Small Arms from the Sepoys at Rummidy which will cause it to be soonest known & give him greater Weight among the People in the Country

I enclose you a Letter to Captain Candler under a flying Seal which you will be pleased to deliver him

I am Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Geo Stratton

(Copy).

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To Captain Matthews

Sir

I am to desire you will do know the Letter to Azzeby the Honble Company's Manager at Kimmedy it contains Instructions to him Respecting the Collection of the Revenues of that Country Translate of which I send you herewith as soon as not prepare them in time to go with my Letter to you of Yesterday

Copy Letter to Capt Matthews

I also enclose you herewith Letter to the Sirrung a Dubash & Mundiram Limindars the first part of which requires them to deliver up Guzzapootdoo to You they have at Different times given them protection & such as you find do not at present you will send him the Letter & be ready to follow with a Party of Men into his Country should he refuse giving him up, & in this case you are to employ every means in your Power to secure the Person of Guzzapootdoo, as well as his Followers

Mr Charles Smith has Directions from the Presidency to give you every Assistance for accomplishing the Same as well as Securing the Person of Porterpiroo.

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Geo Stratton

25 April 1774

From Geo Stratton Esqr

Copy of Letter from Mr Stratton to Azzeby

To Azzeby the Companys Manager at Kimmedy

The Honble the Governor & Council of Fort St George have come to Resolutions to keep Possession of the Kimmedy Country for the Honble Company

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Company's Account & You having him Strongly recommended to them by me, on Account of your good Behaviour & Character they have appointed you Manager of Kimmedy and as a Reward for your managing this Business you will have a proper Allowance which I shall write to the Honble Board to have settled at 10 P Cent on all the Collections the same as all other Managers of Country's have I perswaded myself from the favourable Opinion entertained of you that you will have a grateful Sense of the Confidence they have put in you & that you will exert yourself to the utmost in Collecting the Revenues.

By a Letter from the Officer at Kimmedy I find a large force have entered the Country I have in Consequence ordered Captain Matthews there with 4 more Companys of Sepoys who will keep the Country in Quiet & Assist you with Sepoys for securing the Grain &c.

I forward the Phundus from Sterling the Grain I desire you will Order the Government Share to be laid up in the Cafs. over which Guard may be placed till it be removed or disposed of & that the Servicemay take up as few Sepoys as Possible It will be necessary to place this Grain in the Securest places. All the Carriage Bullocks Carts & Oxen in the Country must be employed on this Service if the whole Produce could be dispatched in Ten Days it would be a vast deal better if you know of any other more effectual Method of Securing the Grain you will immediately inform me.

The Honble the Govr & Council being determined that all the Inhabitants Shall have their full Shares & just Rights & that None of them are to be molested or injured in this respect by any

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any Account or pretence whatsoever. You shall send you in a few Days written Assurances of the Honble Company's Protection to the Inhabitants &c. & that they may all know their good intentions towards them you are to distribute them, to all the Principal Men of the Small Villages as well as the Great Villages & Purgunahs & when the Inhabitants are thus convinced of their having their Right secured to them & hope they will follow their Business with Chearfulness & That their Persons & Property may also be secured to them you shall always have what Force is requisite for that purpose. Send you herewith a Declaration Appointing you Manager of Sriperumbedy & requiring & commanding all the Aumildars Cariarars & Inhabitants to look upon you as such & to pay all Necessary Obedience to you. The Government Business you are immediately to set about collecting & the ways Means you can devise for paying for the future Security & transmitting them to me by 10,000 Pags at a time. I must desire that you will make out & send me as soon as possible a List of the Purgunahs Villages including the Brahmany Villages & Charity Grounds, with an Account of their Value what each pays to Government & what are the Inhabitants usually. You will also inform me how the Servants & Sibundy are paid & what they Number you think on Necessary for Collecting the Business of the Country & their Monthly Expences

The Honble The President & Governor of Fort St George have been pleased to pardon all the Followers of Guzzapatee on Condition they immediately Captn Hay are ordered there & to return to their Villages

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peaceably follow their Business otherwise they will be very Severely punished & Cashiered as Runnagates on the Contrary if they will lay down their Arms & Sign you they will have their just Rights in the Same manner as they have Hitherto Enjoyed you will therefore Send to all, particularly the Head of them, acquainting them of this the Hon'ble Boards forgiveness & future Protection, you must Consider this trust as a great Honour conferd on You by the Gov & Council & Hope it will incite You to exert Yourself with Diligence & Attention to their Business which cannot fail of procuring you a Continuance of their favor I have given Captain Matthews Orders to Assist you to the Utmost of his Power with the Troops under his Command and both with Respect to Securing the Grain & Driving Out all Such as may appear in Arms in the Runnamedy Country & you will therefore be attentive in giving him every Information that may come to Your knowledge & you will also give me Constant Advices of your Transactions & let the Worthy Members of the Company's Support & Protection Shine forth & Capt Matthews to pay you a proper Compliment with the Troops under his Command &

Vizagapatam 24 April 74

Ensign Brenans Suspension taken off.

Colonel Lang having recommended that the Suspension on Ensign Brenan be taken off it is Agreed Accordingly & that he be restored to his former Rank in the Service

The President Lays the following Letter from Captain Cocke at Palamcotah before the Board.

To

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To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
Governor &c.a &c.a

Honble Sir

Letter from Capt.n Cooke with Proceedings of a General Regt Court Martial

Inclosed I have the Honor to transmit to You the proceeding of a Regtl Court Martial, & as the Sentence is Capital I must Humbly Submit it to your Consideration & will Wait Your Orders thereon

I must beg leave to Observe that I have had the Honor to Command this Battalion ever Since the Latter End of the Year 1765 in which time I have been upon many Severe and Dangerous Services with them & Must do them the Justice to Say that never (until the present Instance) Observed the least tending to Mutinyous Spirit among st them & as the Prisoner was Confined to One Company I hope I may not be deemed Presumptious in Wishing that Some Stigma or publick Mark of Your Displeasure may be Shewn to the whole Company for Such an Attrocious Crime, Many Reasons for this are more than May Appear to You in the Proceedings of the Court Martial I shall take the Liberty to Say some of them to You The Subadar is a Man of an Inoffensive Temper & one who I have Reason to believe pretends but few Pretensions to Education & Never in Much Contempt, his Company Stands in much Awe of him & though he has done no Duty for Several Months on Account of Sickness I think it probable he may have promoted this Spirit among st his People, he is a man who knows his Duty better than the Generality of Black Officers and is an Old Servant, But he has generally been Such Since I have had the Battalion Particularly when this was

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was any Service going on on which Account I shd pray you
be pleas'd to excuse him either by Invaliding him
or otherwise as you may think proper.

I ordered a Court of Enquiry Pursuant
to the Court Martial & thought it appear there was
a very great clamour in the Company yet known to
the Serjeadar & the Court Havildar who were just
in the Act of it, neither could at or would not Pitch
upon any one person who made the Noise, I had
Join all the Havildars of the Company & them Nayr
Examined who were all in the Banks at the time
they all acknowledged they heard the Noise but,
could not speak to or any Particular person
that made it, the Backwardness so shewn by al-
most the whole Company to Investigate the
beginnings of this Meeting gives me Some Reason
to Imagine it Possible that it Might be pre-
meditated

I am with all Deference
Honble Sir
Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
Wm Cook

Palamcotah
29th April 1774

Having Examined the Proceedings of the Said General Court
Martial that there are Many Mitigating
Circumstances in the Case of the two Sepoys.
Resolved that the Sentence of Death be Remitted
But as an Example it is necessary to Veto the most
Distant tendency to Mutiny amongst the Sepoys
Agreed that Captain Cook be Directed to cause the
two

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two Sepoys to go through every part of the Ceremony Previous to the Execution before they receive their Pardon; after which they are to be discharged the Battalion & declared incapable of ever Serving the Company again. And to Make the Example Still more Striking to the Battalion, it is further Ordered that the Black Officers belonging to the two Companies who were present in the Field of Fencing when the Disturbance happened be discharged the Company's Service for not having exerted themselves in Suppressing the Said Disturbance and in bringing to Justice those Sepoys who were most Culpable. But the Board cannot pass over the very irregular Conduct of Lieut Grant in deliberately causing of his own Authority a Number of Sepoys to be severally flogged in front of the Battalion, for Some mistakes in their Exercise as it appears too Evident that to this Improper action of his, must be imputed the Turbulent Behaviour of the Sepoys This is therefore Resolved that Captain Cook be directed to Signify this Disapprobation to Lieut Grant upon no Account whatever to practice such Practices in future in his Battalion.

Wynch
Wm Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam Johnson
J Whitehill
Wm Brady
James Jourdan

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In consequence of the Resolution on Yesterdays Consult stating the following Letter was this Day Sent to Captain Cooke

To Captain William Cooke
commanding at Palamcotah

Sir

I am Directed by the President & Council to inform You that they have taken into Consideration the Proceedings of the General Sepoy Court Martial held on Matteo & Pir Mahomed Sepoys in your Battalion for Mutiny, And as it appears to them that there are some Mitigating Circumstances in their Case they are pleased to direct that the Sentence be remitted. But as an Example is necessary to deter in future the most distant tendency to Mutiny amongst the Sepoys. You are hereby directed to cause the two Sepoys Matteo & Pir Mahomed to be Conducted to the Place of Execution, with Halters about their Necks, & when every part of the Ceremony previous to the Execution has been performed you will then Signify to them their Pardon Never the less as their Conduct has been incompatible with good Order & Military Discipline, the Board direct that they be immediately dismissed from the Battalion & Declared incapable of ever Serving the Company again. The Board are pleased further to direct that the Black Commissioned & non Commissioned Officers belonging to Abdul Rasook Company, whereon present In the Field of Exercise when the Disturbance happened shall be dismissed the Company's Service & the Vacancies occasioned by the Havildars & Naigues be filled up by Sepoys from the other Companys of your Battalion & You will be pleased to transmit me a Return of the Commissioned Officers so dismissed with the Date & No. of their Commissions, that their Places may be supplied by

Supernumerary

Letter to Captain Cooke the Sepoys condemned for Mutiny to be pardoned but the Havildars sentenced to be dismissed the Company's Service as are also the Black Officers of that Company which Mutinied

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Supernumerary Black Officers Journal

I am further Directed to Signify to You that the Board highly disapprove of Lieutenant Grant's conducting Corporally punishing of his own Authority a Number of Sepoys in Front of the Battalion & they are Commanded to say that to this unprecedented action of his is chiefly to be imputed the turbulent Behaviour of the Sepoys. They therefore direct that you Signify to Lieutenant Grant their Disapprobation & that you do on no account whatever admit of such Practices in future in your Battalion. They being of pernicious tendency & the Same in direct Violation of a General Order issued the 29th May 1770 Copy of which you have now enclosed

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Wm Petrie Secy

Fort St George
7th May 1771

At a Consultation Present

Monday 9th May

Alexander Wynch Esqr Gov. President
" George Dawson
" Samuel Johnson
" Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan
Genl Smith Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kyffin dated 6th Instant

Honourable Sir & Sirs

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Letter from Colonel Call upon containing his Remarks on Board's arrangement of this Office

In my Letter of the 29th April Stock the Liberty of Saying that in a few Days I should have the Honble the Board with my Sentiments upon the Instructions which they have been pleased to honor me with, for my Guidance as Commissary General of Musters. Although in many Respects my Sentiments may not correspond with those of the Honble Board, Sure this step I must by leave to say that I shall most Readily and Chearfully execute all their Orders & endeavour upon all Occasions to merit their Approbation of my Conduct. By way of being as Clear & intelligible as possible, I must request the Permission of the Honble Board to answer my Paragraphs Separately "Paragraph 1. That the Commissary at Madras is to muster in the Presence of the Commanding Officer all the "Cavalry, Artillery, Military, Sepoys & Lascars and all the "on the Military Establishment, also all Draught and "Carriage Bullocks, with their Drivers." This Paragraph appears to me entirely Consistent with the Nature of my Appointment of Commissary General of Musters "Paragraph 2." That the Commissary is Monthly "to make Returns of the Above to the Governor noting all Casualties" This is the Necessary Consequence of the Other "Paragraph 3. That no Bill Whatever Shall be paid "by the Military Paymaster unless it shall have been "examined & Certified by the Commissary General of Musters "or his Deputy during his Absence" With the strictest Deference & Respect for the Honble Board I will take the Liberty of mentioning that in Stiling me Commissary Genl of Musters only they have limited what both the Orders of the Honourable Board Court of Directors, and even by the Instructions of the Honorable Board is intended to be

General

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General. In Paragraph 5th & 6th the Honble Board direct me to act as Commissary of Musters, By the 3d to act as Commissary General of Accounts & in Paragraph 8th to act as Commissary of Provisions Humbly apprehend these Several Offices not particular Commissary of Musters of Accounts, or of Provisions, but General Commissary or Commissary General of all Military Disbursements "Paragraph 4th That the Commissary or his Deputy shall "Visit the Hospital examine the Number of Patients "inspect into the Provisions &c & that no Surgeons Bill "be paid me till Certified to be proper by the Commissary "General of Musters. If the Intention of any Visiting the Hospital is to know from the Number of Patients & humbly apprehend the general Returns when compared with the Surgeons List of the Sick in the Hospital, will sufficiently explain that Point, but it is to see that the Men be properly taken Care of The Officer who daily visit the Hospital, must be extraordinary negligent & inattentive to Render this a Necessary Part of Duty of a Commissary General. "Paragraph 3d That in Camp the Commissary General "or his Deputy is as often as may be convenient in the presence "of the Commanding Officer to Muster the Cavalry Artillery "Military, Sutlers, Servants, Contractors of all Denominations "Bullocks Carriages & Draft. Provisions & to Audite all Bills "for Pay or Batta, General Hospital & Extraordinary Charges "& in fine for all the Expences which may be incurred in such "Army He is to inspect into the Condition of the Provisions "under the Charge of the Victualling Agent & to certify "to the Agent the Number of men for which Provisions are "to be issued the following Day He is to examine the Draught "& Carriage Bullocks & to see that they be properly attended by

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"by Rowries and Mastrius & he to discharge all such as
"may be unfit for the Service attending to the possibi-
"lity of unfitting them for a long March or on Service
"Service M. Bullocks notwithstanding the greatest care
"will be considerably reduced & rendered less Serviceable
This Paragraph & the following one being any ways different
from the 1st & 2d in respecting my Duty at Camp as well
as at Madras, I have nothing to Say upon either of them
"Paragraph 7th That to examine the Demands of the Sur-
"geons Quartermasters &c. for Doolies Lascars Artificers
"Coolies Bullocks &c. & if they be proper to Certify them in
"which Case the Paymaster will Supply the Surgeons
"with Doolies & the General Corps with Artificers, Lascars,
"Coolies &c. & the Agent will furnish Bullocks. The
"Commissary may at Discretion cause all such Lascars
&c. to be assembled for Muster that none be employed
"except on the Companys Account" This is Certainly
one of the most important Branches of the Post
of Commissary General Serving as a Check upon all
the Military Disbursements. With Respect to the
Doolies I must beg leave to observe to the Honble
Board that the Doolies &c. have always been under
the Care of the Commissary General & not the Pay-
master & if Gentlemen in the Line have any particular
Objections, that they will still be continued under
the Charge of the Officers of that Department, Para.
"8 That in case he may judge it proper to Audite a Charge
"not allowed by the Military Regulations, he is to give
"Reasons to the Board for Auditing such Charge"
I shall Studiously avoid increasing the Expences of the
Army and shall never presume to Audite any Charge
not allowed by the Regulations without being able

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had the honor of Serving 3 Years at Bengal & During that Time having made myself acquainted with the Situation of the Military there, I flatter myself the Honble Board will not think I presumptious in attempting to draw a Comparison between the two Establishments. Upon this Coast the Europeans and the greatest Part of the Sepoys are in three Divisions, one Station at Trichinopoly and the at Vellore & the third at Arcot. At Bengall the Europeans and the greatest Part of the Sepoys are in three Divisions, one Station at Chittagong and the at Baraanpore and the third at Dinapore, at both Presidencies three Divisions are Station and one to the Northward & the other to the Southward & the third between both, So as to be prepared upon all Occasions to protect the whole of the Company's Possessions The Invalids and the Remainder of the Sepoys are Stationed at the Different Subordinates on this Coast at Ganjam, Vizagapatam & Ingeramma Masulipatam, Cuddalore and the Invalids, & the Remainder of the Sepoys at Bengal are Station'd at Hidnapore Burdwan, Patna Dacca Luckipore Chittagong &c. This was the Arrangement when I was at Bengal & I am not misinformed continues the Same at this time with the greatest Respect to the Honourable Board I apprehend it is not possible to form two Establishments more unlike each other. In the Same Paragraph We the Honourable Board mean prevention use of Delay in the Payments at the Different Garrisons, if the Bills were to be Sent to examined at & returned from Madrass but to prevent this Inconvenience the Paymaster might

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amazing saving to the Nation in Salaries, but if any of the present Number were Struck off & any few of the Remainder were to be taken off on bad Principles the Saving of Salaries might then become a very ill Judged Economy. "Paragraph 12th That at Cuddalore Masulipatam Vizagapatam and Ganjam a Company's "Servant not acting in Such Subordinacies as Paymasters shall act as assistants to the Commissary "General, Master & Storekeeper to have the Artillery "Military Stores & Lascars in their Respective Settlements, And the Paymasters at Ellore, Chicacole & "Ischapoor, shall in the Same Manner as the Paymasters of the Out Garrisons of the Carnatic, make "Returns to the Commissary General and the Several Accounts of the above Paymasters shall on "Receipt be sent to the Commissary General for his Inspection". Humbly Apprehend that the Honble Board do not intend giving the Company's Servants any Pay who act as any Deputies as the Subordinates, because the practicable Savings will not by any means defray the Expence & when there are so few Men, the Trouble can be but very trifling therefore if the Honble Board approve of it, the present Paymasters may transmit an Account of their Military Disbursements. At Bengal the Expences of the Subordinates do not come under the Cognizance of the Commissary General for the Reasons I have already given above "Paragraph 13th That the Commissary General cannot "have the Supplying of the Army or Garrisons with "Provisions, Bullocks, Stores &c. as the Contract for "the Victualling the Army and providing Bullocks

Chas

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in the Pay of the Troops which in the time of War may [illegible] bottom be with the most fatal Consequences, As long as I am not having any Publick Money, the Contingencies Must be supplied out of my own, & I engage to deliver them at the same Price, perhaps Cheaper than they have hitherto been Charged to the Company. I do not mean to reflect upon the Conduct of the Paymasters, my Reasons for thinking I could supply them Cheaper are, because I must buy a larger Quantity than is required for any one Garrison & joined to an equable Currency I have a trifling knowledge of the Country Language which would assist in a great Measure the Superintendance of Servants"

Paragraph 13th "That the Commissary General may "recommend such Regulations as may appear to "him proper & likely to Reduce the Company's Ex- "pences & that the Board will attend to any Argu- "ments he may with to urge & readily concur in any "Measure which may be productive of Oeconomy "and expedient for the Service. The Honourable Board "not approving of my having a Deliberative Voice at "the Board & the power of Dissent in all Affairs of Military "Expence & Reformation, makes it impossible for me "to propose any Plan productive of Oeconomy Whilst "I sit at the Board, it would be necessary for me to explain "my Reasons to the Honourable Board in the Course of "a few Minutes, whereas entering into a Correspondence "on those Subjects would engage almost the whole of "my time and attention & also my Troublesome to "the Worthy Board. In my present Situation I can "scarce think myself Justifiable from any other Indecorum

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For much is the Well known candour of the Honourable Board that any Observations of the Commanding officer in Consequence of Paragraph 16 that the Commanding "shall be allowed Assistants, that the Assistants in "Madras cannot be allowed any extra Pay but in my "Line are to have pay & Batta according to their Rank "in my Assistants are not allowed Pay in Madras I can scarce expect that they should act with Zeal & Diligence & be absolutely impossible for me to attend all the Musters myself, to Visit the Hospitals & to pay a proper Attention to the more important Duties of my Office & if my Deputy should be absent (which I suppose he may often be) or if not absent if he should be ill it will become extremely hard upon the Assistants to be engaged in so much Business & to have no Reward for it. I should be sorry to involve the Honble Company in any unnecessary expence but I flatter myself they will not think 10 Shillings a Day too much for my Assistants, whose Expences must Necessarily be increased by holding their Appointments. Having thus taken the Liberty of offering my Sentiments to the Honble Board on the Instructions for the guidance of the Commissary General of Musters, & endeavoured to give my Reasons why under the present Arrangement it does not appear to me an Office of Check & Controul, I must now with the greatest Respect to the Honble Board beg leave to Observe that I cannot by any Means hold myself Responsible for the Conduct of my Deputies or Assistants the Paymasters because it does not seem probable that they

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they will Check their Own Accounts & Ensure Justice, but I am
request the Honourable Board will please to Draw the
Line between them & me, that I may know how far
my Authority over them extends. What Orders I am
at Liberty to send to them & what this I may go to any
of their Garrisons to Muster the Troops, Issue Ball &
Powder &c without a regular Application to the Honourable
Board, or whether informing the Governor only, as is
usual with other Officers, will be sufficient, I hope the
Honourable Board will deem the justice to suppose
that any trouble I may give proceeds from a Desire of
preventing any Errors and not to create Difficulty's
If I was to debate much, the Honourable Board might
think me presumptuous; for the contrary I dare
tell the Honourable Court of Directors may think me
remiss in any Duty to them. Appointing particular
Assistants independant of the Paymaster and
allowing each a Commissary at 5 Pagodas P Month would Daily
amount to 180 or 200 Pagodas P Month for as many as are
required in General that is to say four of which I make no
Doubt the Nabob would pay readily, as belonging to his
Garrisons Musters the additional Expence to the Company
would be very trifling but if the Proposal which I am under
the Advantage of having such Effectual Checks established,
would more than compensate for it. With respect to the
Black Servants necessary for any Office at this Presidency
I have not yet been able to ascertain what are Number
are requisite. I should imagine One Head Commissary Three
Writers, two Peons & a Mocha will be sufficient. But I shall
be able to give the Hon'ble Board a more particular Information
in the Course of this Month.

Sam

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Sam
With the greatest Respect
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Yr most Obt & Most Humble Servt
James Capper

The Board upon due Consideration of the Subject of Colonel Cappers former application determined that this appointment was an office of Check Pro Tempore Limited of the Commissary and Mustr and no ways previously drawn in its present footing it is a New Office and the Board in forming the Regulations for its late Arrangement attended to the Manner in which Colonel Capper might render most Service to the Company and as they are still of Opinion that he can serve the Company more effectually by Checking all Military Disbursements they intend that he shall be considered as Commissary General of Musters & all Military Disbursements

Observations and Restrictions thereon

It is certainly the particular Duty of the Officers who Visit the Hospital to see that the Men are properly taken care of but as a Contract at present exists for the Victualling & Cloathing the Patients in the Hospital the Board still think that the Commissary ought to Visit the Hospital & see that the Surgeons perform their part of the Contract

Doctors for the Army are supplied from Madrass, & part there under the Commissary must be inspected as he is the Check upon all Military Disbursements

A Material difference exists between the Establishments of Bengal and Madrass which Seems not

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not to have struck Colonel Kelly, & that is, That the Company at Bengal act as principals. Where they are engaged Measures Meer to the Nabob of the Carnatic, by whom the greater Part of the Military Charges is defrayed & whose consent is thereforc Necessary to any Increase of the Expence to be carried to his Account

Regarding the Out Garrisons the Board fully weighed the Reasons for and against any Material Changes before they determined against any, and after allowing Colonel Kelly's Objections their full Weight, they cannot perceive any Cause for altering their last Resolution. It may be those who are unacquainted with the System seem Defective, but when the Accounts of the Out Garrisons are Examined it may appear that the Expences are Regularly incurred except in the General & Extraordinary Charges Fixed by the Regulations & more particularly by the late arrangements the Paymaster is to Muster the Cavalry, Artillery, Military, Infantry Sipoys & Lascars of each Garrison in the Presence of the Commanding Officer who is to Countersign the Roll, And this Muster Roll may be Compared with the Monthly Returns So that there is Scarce a possibility of Fraud in any of the Disbursements. The greater part of the General Charges has long since been ascertained for each Garrison & no increase of Expence is admitted unless it be justified by Necessity, the whole amount of the Extraordinary Charges is trifling and with for that the Paymaster is under the Necessity of Producing Vouchers in Short now all the Extra Charges in those Garrisons are paid by the Nabob and the Board have in Several Instances found him object to what was really Necessary, that they cannot think

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the Proposal of any Scheme which might be prosperous & productive of Economy. But they wanted more time to enter into a Discussion of every Idea of Saving which Individuals might think of troubling them with, it is the Business of such a Department to investigate every part of it's Oeconomy Plans ought to have and when Colonel Casper shall recommend any, which can with more ease be explained in Person than in writing, the Board will be ready to hear his Reasons

The Board have appointed a Deputy with the Pay Granted to the former Deputy Commissary Gen.l but they cannot Justify encreasing the Expences of this Establishment already very great considering the amount of the Business by encreasing Allowances to the Other Assistants, besides Colonel Casper's Assistants are to be no Worse Rewarded than the other Assistants employed in Offices Just as Laborious & of equal trust

Colonel Casper may give any Orders to the Paymasters relative to the Mustering of the Troops or the producing Vouchers for their Payments

The Board are of Opinion that Colonel Casper cannot be Spared from the Presidency until he has brought the Business of his Office under a proper Arrangement, that done they can have no Objection to his Making a Tour, upon informing the President, for Muster all the Troops &c. whenever he shall find it Necessary.

In Consequence of the foregoing resolutions the following Letter was accordingly wrote.

J. H.

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Read the following Letter from Ensign Abbot

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Petition of Ensign Nabb Saml Wright Abbott
Humbly Sheweth

Letter from Lieutenant Abbot for the Reimbursement of his Expences in Quarters at Attum

That your Petitioner was quartered at Attum in the Year 1772 & 1773, that in the Month of March 1772 Your Petitioners Quarters were destroyed by fire & tho' the House was rebuilt by the Engineer, your Petitioner after Repeated Applications to Capt. Vaughan both by himself & Capt. Cattins who Commanded the Battalion to which he belonged found himself obliged for the Security of the Quarters & his own Effects to build Offices, your Petitioner has observed that the Engineers Peons began them, but were ordered to stop before they got much above the Ground. Your Petitioner furnished those Offices at his own Expence which were soon after pulled to the House cost him Sixty four Star Pagodas & thirty nine Fanams, at the time employed his own Servants and Bullocks in bringing Bamboes & other Materials from Trichinopoly that your Petitioner gave an Account of the Expence to Mr Maud the Engineer and several times applied to the Paymaster to remember those said Necessary Expences, but without Success. Your Petitioner humbly begs you will take this Affair into Consideration & grant them such Relief as your Honors &c shall think proper

Your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

Nabb Saml Wright Abbot

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The Board have long ago determined that no such Allowance can be made when Quarters are in Want of Repairs, a presentation must be made to the commanding Officer, who will transmit the Same to the Gov.r & if such a presentation appears reasonable the Gov.r will apply to the Nabob for his Consent. Ordered that the Same be Signified to Lieutenant Abbot.

Cannot be granted

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Nevet which he has received from the Nabob & a Letter from Syringapatam mentions the blowing up of a Powder Magazine in that Fort on the 25th Ultimo & two thousand Women said to be Said in Ruins & 500 People killed

Intelligence from Poonah mentions the Detiny of Narraindaw Widow of a Son the 18 Ultimo

A Letter from the Soubah Camp hints at a Prospect of Peace between the Soubah & Rajah and that both Armies are in the greatest Distress for want of Provisions

W Hornby

Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam.l Johnston
J. Wm
W Fraser
Francis Fourdan

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 16th May — Thos. Wynch Esqr Gov.r President
Joseph Smith ..... George Dawson
Henry Brooke ..... Samuel Johnson
T. H. Stone ..... Edward Avarey
Francis Fourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Court Martial held on Lieut Davis

Read the Proceedings of a General Court Martial held in this Garrison the 11th Instant on Lieut John Davis

Crime	Sentence	
For having absconded away on Evening and dangerous Manner	Not Guilty & Honorably Acquitted	Approved by the Pres.t & Council.

Honorably Acquitted Sergeant Stevenson.

Ordered that the Sentence with the Approbation of the Board be published in General Orders.

The President acquainted the Board that the Pres.t of the Court Martial when he delivered him the Proceedings Signified that he was Desired by the Court to recommend that some publick Notice should be taken of the Quarter Master Lieut Watson's Conduct, as it appeared to them very unpossible for having been concerned in Estimating the Articles of Half Mounting at Very exorbitant Rates

Lieut Watson reprimanded in General Orders

The Board taking the same into consideration and in pursuance to the Proceedings, are of Opinion that Lieut Watson did deliver to his Commanding Officer Lieut Colonel Bangeir an exorbitated account of the Articles for Half Mounting, Wherein having that he acted very improperly & inconsistant with his Station They therefore proceed to give

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what is most proper to be done on the Occasion and after
mature Deliberation the Majority are of Opinion that
it be recommended in General Orders
Read the following Letter from Mr Whitehill at Masulipa-
tam

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr.
President & Gov.r of Fort St George.

Honble Sir

Letter from Whitehill enclosing a Representation from the Surgeons at Vizr.

Mr Scaffrain one of the Assistant Sur-
geons at Vizr having died there the 5th Instant the ena-
closing Letter was addressed to the Commanding Offic.r
there by the Surgeons of the Cantonments, and they have
sent it to Your Consideration

I am with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
8th May 1774.

To Captain James Powell
Commanding the Cantonments
Sir

Letter from the Surgeons
with Representing
the Want of Assistants

In Consequence of the Death of Mr Scaffrain
Dr Jones the late Surgeons Assistant joined with the Sugeons
Dangerous Season, and Motives which induce us thereto
to represent to you a great Want of these Assistants due to this
Department. We flatter ourselves we recommend nothing further
to be said on this Subject as our Situation at Present is too
Obvious to You & the Gentlemen under your Command

Vizr 6th May 1774.

We are with the greatest Respect
Sir
Your most Obedient & Humble Servants
Thomas Logan
Surgeon

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As soon as an Assistant can be Spared from any of the other Stations he shall be sent to Vellore

The following Letter has been Received from Mr Pasley Surgeon

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Hon'ble Sir

Letter from Mr Pasley Representing the Want of Medicines & that there are Some for Sale in the Place

The Inclosed is a Bill for Mr Jones his four Chests of Medicines which Gentleman began some time ago Days since & another Chest which I have purchased from a Merchant in the Black Town, I have examined them all We are in Distress for most Articles & pressing Demands from Several Places lying uncomplied with.

I have the honor to be with Respect

Hon'ble Sir

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servt

Gilbert Pasley

The Board Sensible of the General Scarcity of Medicines & the pressing Demands from the Out Garrisons Resolved that Mr Pasley be permitted to purchase the Medicines mentioned in the foregoing Letter

Proof of Gun powder

The President lays before the Board a Report of a trial of Gun Powder at this Place the 10th Instant in which is found to be proof, & recommended to be taken into the Magazine.

Ordered that it be Received.

Read the following Report from the Committee of Accounts

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

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of y.e Out Garrisons Viz.t

Vellore

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Report from the Committee of Accounts

Vellore
Amboor
Trichinopoly
Tellum
Madura
Palamcotah
Ongole
Grand Army under the Command of Coln Lang
Detachment at Chicacole under the Command of Lieutenant Lyttleton

} for January & February

} January

and have nothing to remark

We submit the Report

Fort St George
16th May 1775.

Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Obedt
Humble Servts
George Dawson
Francis Fourdan
George Stanley
Colton Bowes Pont
Andrew Maxwell
John Burton

Letters from the Nabob

Read the following Letters from the Nabob the first Dated the
Read the 6th Instant N 61 Country Correspondence with a
Statement of Rents for the Sum of Pgodas 871,666 2/3 to be paid
from the 1st May 1775 to the End of April 1775. The Second dated
Received the 7th Instant. Country Correspondence N 62 Inquiring
to be satisfied with a quantity of Broad Cloth & the third
Dated the 12th Instant N 63 Containing Papers of Intelligence
from the Southern Camp.

In Consequence of the Orders of Council

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of the 25 Ultimo to the Accountant to prepare & lay before them certain Accounts to ascertain the Sufficiency of the Stoppages from the Stoppages & Loan for Cloathing, the President now delivers to the Board the following Papers drawn out, for the abovementioned purpose

Sea pay Stoppages

Dr. to Scott St George & Co. Albany 1774

Sepoy

1769	October	12	To Cash advanced Mr Charles Smith	2000.—
1770	January	16	To Do Do	1000.—
1771	April	30	To Sepoy Cloathing for the Balance of this Head transferred to y Debit of Sepoy Stoppages	2675.
			To Military Paymaster for Disbursements made by him from 1st May 1770 to 30th April 1771	1320 1 62
1773	April	30	To Military Paymaster for Disbursements made by him from 1st May 1771 to 30th April 1773	13020 31 76
			Balance at the Credit of Sepoy Stoppages as p Journal Books Ending this Day	19787 5 66

N.B. In the Import Warehouse per Books ending 30th April 1773 the Head of Sepoy Clothing Stands Debited P. £1181. 6. 55 which Should have been paid by the Military Paymaster & Charged by him to the Debit of Sepoy Stoppages.

Acct. of Sepoy Stoppages till April 1773.

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Stoppages

1770 April	30	By Military Paymaster for the amount of Stoppages made by him from 1st January 1769 to 30 April 1770		5032.3 ..
		" By Cuddalore Factory for the amount of Stoppages Rec^d at Cuddalore & trans^d to the Current Fort St George this Day		858.28
		" By Vizagapatam Factory for D^o		1507 30 4
		" By Ganjam Residency for D^o		222 6 26 33
		" By Manulipatam Factory for D^o		6353 29 40
1771 April	30	By Military Pay^r for the amount of Stoppages made by him from 1st May 1770 to 30 April 1771		5361 8 17
		" By Cuddalore Factory for Stoppages there from 1st May 1770 to 30 April 1771 trans^d to Account Current Fort St George		832 .. ..
		" By Ganjam Residency for D^o D^o		9768 19
		" By Manulipatam Factory for D^o D^o		5222 3373
		" By Vizagapatam Factory for D^o D^o		2968 3055
1772 April	30	By Ganjam Residency for D^o from 1st May 771 to 30th Apr^l 772		2496 13 70
		" By Masulipatam Factory for D^o D^o		4280 1757
		" By Vizagapatam Factory for D^o D^o		3007 4 6
1773		" By Cuddalore Factory D^o D^o		838 8 40
April	30	By D^o for D^o from 1st May 1772 to 30th April 1773		859 16 ..
		" By Ganjam Residency Short Debited this head previous to April 1771		1321 .. 17
		" By D^o for Stoppages from 1st May 1772 to 30th Apr^l 1773		2472 11 2 ..
		" By Vizagapatam Factory for D^o		3015 13 64
		" By Masulipatam D^o D^o		4539 .. 10 6
		" By Military Pay^r for the amount of Stoppages rec^d by him from 1st May 771 to 30th April 1773		39 155 25 5.
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Cloathing and Expence Statement of Five Battalions of the Honble Company's Troops under the Pay of His Highness the Nabob for the Year 1773

Battalions in Different Garrisons &c	Commandant	Lieutenant	Ensign	Havildar	Naiks	Gunners	Serangs	Drummers	Sepoys	Total
1st Vellour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
2d Madrass	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
3d Amboor	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
4th Vellour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
5th Vellour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
7th Carnatic Balamcotah	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
8th Battalions Vellour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
10th Vellour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
11th Angole	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
12th Vellour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1062
Total	10	90	200	600	600	100	100	100	20	8600	10620

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Errors Excepted
Geo Lawrell
Agent

Rupees 21,348,8[illegible]

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Amount of Cloathing & Stores Issued from 31st Dec 1972 to 31st Dec 1973 ... 3,623,30.16

Expence Statement

The Amount of Cloth Received from my Import Warrant for Cloathing Ten Battalions Rog.r 11.544.11.10

To ... Commandants Coats with Gold Lace Making Lining &c.a at Rog.r 10.37 — 65.12.

4	D.o	D.o		D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o		
36	Serjeants	D.o	D.o	Silver	D.o	D.o	D.o	9.29.10	30 32.40 104.2.10
18	D.o	D.o	D.o	Gold	D.o	D.o	D.o	5.25.10	201.36.
18	D.o	D.o	D.o	Silver	D.o	D.o	D.o	4.25.10	82.39.
10	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	5.1.70	90.33.60
120	Tumbars	D.o	Yellow Silk Tape		D.o	D.o	D.o	4.7.10	75.2.20 458.27
80	D.o	D.o	White	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	1.14.50	161.33.
600	Havildars	D.o	Cotton Tape		D.o	D.o	D.o	1.9.30	97.36 25927
600	Naicks	D.o	D.o		D.o	D.o	D.o	8.20	117.36.
120	Drummers & Fifes	D.o	D.o		D.o	D.o	D.o	0.20	117.36. 733.30
120	D.o	D.o	Caps	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	21.	60.
100	D.o	D.o	Slings	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	11.	31.18.
8,800	Seapoys Volunteers and Pioneers	Coats	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o	5.	11.38. 103.14
								4.20	890.20

Wings for Ten Companies of Grenadiers ... 2.33.50 167 ... 28.0.20 2071.36.60

Charges Embaling the Cloathing of ten Batalions ... 55.10.55.13616.6.20

Ge Lawn Rint from the 15 June 1773 to the 15 March 1774 @ 6 P.r M.th ... 54.0.0.

Commission on Pay das 13.616.6.20 @ 5 P.r Cent ... 680.33.73 79a 2.48

Rog.r 14.106.2.68.

Fort St George 2 April 1774

Errors Excepted

Wm Langlois

Seapoy Agent

Statement of the Expence of Cloathing the 10 Battalions for the Establishment

Cloathing and Expence Statement of Eight Battalions & Five Independant Companies of the Honble Company's Seapoys for the Year 1773

Battalions in Different Garrisons &c.

			Commandant	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naicks	Colours	Pioneers	Drummers	Fifers	Sepoys	Total	Cloth Yds
1	1st Battalion	Cuddalore	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
2		Samul Cotah	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
3	2d Battalion	Tchapour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
4		Ganjam	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
5		Ellore	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
6		Masulipatam	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
6	Carnatic	Madras	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
7	Battalions	Trichinapoly	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
Four Independant Companies at Cuddalore			4	8	24	24	4	4	4			344	416	
One Do		Company at Chinglepet	1	2	6	7	1	1	1			86	105	
		Total	8	77	170	510	485	85	85	85	16	7310	8857	

Fort St George 27th April 1774

Errors Excepted

Wm Lange

Secretary

Expence Statement

The Amount of the Cloth Issued from my Import Warehouse for Clothing 8 Battalions & Three Independant Companies ..... Pags 9588.29.50

To	8 Commandants Coats with Silver Lace, Making Lining &c. @ P.s					9..29..10		77..23..0	
	54 Subadars	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	5.. 1..70	272..17..20		
	23 Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	4.. 7..10	95..37..70	368..13..10	
	120 Jemidars	Do. with White Silk Tape	Do.	Do.		1.. 4..50	164..33.		
	50 Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.		1.. 9..30	61..6..60	222..39..60	
	510 Havildars	Do. with White Cotton Tape	Do.	Do.			8..20	100..7..40	
	511 Naicks	Do.	Do.	Do.			8..20	100..15..60	
	101 Drummers & Fifers	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.		21..0	50..21..	
	101 Do.	Do. Caps	Do.	Do.	Do.		11..0	26..19	
	85 Do.	Slings	Do.	Do.	Do.		5..0	10..5	87..3.
	7180 Sepoys Colourmen and Pioneers	Coats	Do.	Do.	Do.		4..20	756..38.	
								22..17.	1735..31..10
	Wings for Light Companies of Grenadiers						2..33..50 Pr.		
	Charges Embating the Clothing of 1 Batt.n & 5 Independant Companies							46..37..60	11321..10..60
	Freight & Contt. Clothing of 8 Battalions sent to Masulipatam							31..10..	
	2 Do.		Sent to Vizagapatam					20..36..	
	1 Do.		Sent to Ganjam					17..31..40	70..4..40
	Postage Rent from the 15 June 1773 to the 15 March 1774 @ Pay 6 M.th[illegible]							54..0..0	
	Commission on Payd as 11321..18..60 @ 5 P.t							566..9..27	737..9..47
									Pags 12061..28..27

Fort St George 27 April 1774

Errors Excepted

H. Lavings
Secretary Gen.l

Statement of the Expence of Cloathing 8 Battalions & Three Independant Companies for 1773

Pags 12061..28..27

Cloathing and Expence Statement of Eight Battalions & Five Independant Companies of the Honble Company's Seapoys for the Year 1773.

Battalions in Different Garrisons &c.

			Commandant	Adjutant	Quarter Master	Havildar	Naick	Lieutenants	Serjeants	Drummers	Fifers	Sepoys	Total	
1		Cuddalore	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
2		Samul Cotah	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
3	Circar	Ichapour	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
4	Battalions	Ganjam	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
5		Vizore	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
6		Masulipatam	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
6	Carnatic	Madras	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
7	Battalions	Trichinopoly	1	9	20	60	60	10	10	10	2	860	1042	
Four Independant Companies at Cuddalore			4	8	24	24	4	4	4			344	416	
One Do		Company at Chinglepet	1	2	6	7	1	1	1			86	105	
		Total	8	77	170	510	485	85	85	85	16	7310	8857	

Fort St George 27th April 1774. Errors Excepted

Wm Savage Deputy Agent

Expence Statement

The Amount of the Cloth Issued from my Import Warehouse for Cloathing 8 Battallions & Three Independant Companies ..... Pag.— 9508.29.50

To ..... 8 Commandants Coats with Silver Lace, Making, Lining &c. @ P.o 9..29..10 ..... 77..23..0
54 Subadars ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 5..1..70 ..... 272..17..20
23 Lg. D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 4..7..10 ..... 95..37..10 ..... 368..13..10
120 Jemidars ..... D.o with White Silk Tape ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 1..14..50 ..... 164..33..
50 D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 1..9..30 ..... 61..6..60 ..... 222..39..60
510 Havildars ..... D.o with White Cotton Tape ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 8..20 ..... 100..7..40
511 Naiches ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 8..20 ..... 100..15..60
101 Drummers & Fifes ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 21..0 ..... 50..21..
101 D.o ..... D.o Capt ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 11..0 ..... 26..19..
85 D.o ..... Slings ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 5..0 ..... 10..5 ..... 87..3..
7480 Soldiers Colourmen and Pioneers ..... Coats ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... 4..20 ..... 756..38..
Wings for Eight Companies of Grenadiers ..... 2..33..50 @ P.o ..... 22..17 ..... 1735..31..10
Charges Embasing the Cloathing of eight Batt.s & 5 Independant Companies ..... 16..37..60 ..... 11321..10..60
Twelve Months Cloathings of 8 Battalions Sent to Manilipatam ..... 31..10..
2 D.o ..... Sent to Vizagapatam ..... 20..36..
24 D.o ..... Sent to Ganjam ..... 17..34..10 ..... 70..4..10
Interest Rent from the 15 June 1773 to the 15 March 1774 @ Pay 6 P.Cent.y ..... 54..0..0
Commission on Pagodas 11321..18..60 @ 5 P.Cent. ..... 566..9..27 ..... 737..9..17
..... Pag.o 12061..28..27

Fort St George 27 April 1774.

Errors Excepted

H. Lavings
Sen.r Gov.t

Statement of the Expence of Cloathing 8 Battalions & Three Independant Companies for Bengal

Cloathing and Expence Statement for the Year 1773 of the Invalid Pensioners of the Detachment Returned from Antigua & Dundalk & Some Sepoys Attending Mr Thomas Barnard

	Commissaries	Serjeants	Drummers	Privates	Sepoys	
Invalids	1	1	7	15	8	72
Pensioners		1	1	2	1	6
Detachment from Antigua		1	2	2	4	132
Do from Lucia				1		20
Mr Thomas Barnard for Cloathing for the 11 years 1771, 1772 & 1773 for 1 Havildar & 6 Sepoys				3		21
Total	1	3	10	23	13	161

Fort St George 27 April 1774.

Errors Excepted

Wm Lanoy

Serjeant

Pay Office 30th April 1774

Expence Statement

The Amount of the Cloth Received from the Import Warehouse for Cloathing the Invalids, Pensioners, the Remains of the Detachments Returned from Arcot & Cuddalore and Mr Thomas Bernards Guard ..... Pagodas 202. 3.20

To 1 Commandants Coat Making with Silver Lace Making Lining &c 9.24.10
3 Soubadars ..... Coats ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° 4.7.10 ..... 12.21.30
10 Jemidars ..... D° White Silk Tape D° ..... D° ..... D° 1.9.30 ..... 12.9.60
23 Hawildars ..... D° White cotton Tape D° ..... D° ..... D° 8.20 4.21.60
13 Naicks ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° 8.20 2.23.20 7.3.—
1 Drummer ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... 21.—.—
1 Fifer ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... 21.—.— 1.—.—
1 Bandsman & 108 Sepoys ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° ..... D° 4.20 each 11.1.20 53.22.40
203.25.60
Commission on Pagodas 255.26.60 @ 5 P Cent 12.32.63
Pag.s 268.16.43

Fort St George 27th April 1774 Errors Excepted

Wm Lavaggs
Sepoy Paym.r

Fort St George 27th April 1774

Fort St George 1st May 1774

Dr

John Whitehill Esqr in the Account with

1772 Sept		To Cash Received of George Stratton Esqr being the Balance of what remains of the Allowance for Captains 30 April 1772		3302.16
1773 April	30	To Cash received on Account of Stoppages made in the Carnatic from 1st 1772 to 30 April 1773		15744.33.5
		To Ballance which has been paid out of the Military Paymasters Cash		8544.36.10
				27591.41.15

Military Paymr. Acct. of Stoppages

Fort St George 16th May 1772

Sepoy Stoppages

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1772	By Seapoy Agent paid him the Ballance of his Account	300.10.6
	By the Allowance to Captains from 1st May 1772 to 30th April 1773 Viz.t	
	Captain Mackenzie 7th Battalion P. 500 .0.0	
	Captain C. B. Collins 2d D.o 500	
	Captain Bruce 10th D.o 500	
	Captain Cook 8th D.o 500	
	Captain Fletcher 11th D.o 500	
	Captain Johnson 2d D.o 500	
	Captain Hopkins 1st D.o 500	
	Captain Kelly 9th D.o 500	
	Captain Bruny 3d D.o 500	
	Captain Cosby 5th D.o	
	for 9 Months 27 Days 412.21	
	Captain Fraser 283 Days 87.21	500
	Captain Baillie 6th Circar Batt.n from 1st May to the 11th June	55.23.20
	Captain Holland for 1 Company for 3 Months	12.21
	Seapoys Discharged the Honble Company's Service	267.1.16
	Captain Fitzgerald 1st Circar Battalion from 1st May to 31st Oct.r	250
	Captain Brown 1st Carnatic	250 6022 24.64
	By Cash Paid the Import Warehouse for Cloth	21181.1.55
	Pag.o	27591.11.15

Captain Lieutt 3 Circar Battalion from 1st Oct.r 1771 to 30th April 1772 P. 107.21

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Account of Cash paid by Seapoy for the Year 1773.

Cash Paid Seapoy Captains		
Cash Paid Captain Matthews 1773		250..0..0.
D°	George Brown	250..0..0
D°	William Collins	166..20..0
18 Battalions		900..0..0
		9666..20..0

Expence of Cloathing a Battalion of Seapoys

1 Battalion Compleat	1620..25..16
Stoppage from a Batt.n Compleat	2041..33..40
Cash for Captains Pay 300..0..0	

D°

D°

Seapoy

1771 January	31	To Cash Advanced the Agent	7000..."
1772 April	30	To D° D° from 7th May 1771 to April 1772	2000..."
1773 April	30	To D° D° from 1st May 1772 to 30th April 1773	10160..2..67

Acct. of Seapoy Hats Mounting from General Books April 30th 1773

Pagodas 15461..2..67.0

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Sepoys Half Mourning. Cr.

1771 April 30 By Military Paymaster for Stoppages
received by him in Sub.s March & April. 903.7.6

1772 April 30 By Military Paymaster for D.o from 1st May
1771 to 30 April 1772. 1776.33.5

1773 April 30 By D.o for D.o from 1st May 1772 to 30th Apl 1773 1153.25.10

By Manditpatam Factory for the Account
of Stoppages in the Circars transferred from
the Manditpatam Books to Account Curt
Fort St George. 807.32.

Balance at the Debit of Sepoys Half Mourn.
-ing in the General Books ending this
Day. 1651.13.46

Pagodas 15461.2.67

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Account of Stoppages from the Seapoys for half Mounting from 1st May to 31st Dec. 1773. Viz.t

At Madras & the Garrisons dependant	Pag. 9711.19.22
At Masulipatam	2569.13.59
	Pag. 12280.33.1

NB The above Sums stopped at Masulipatam include Pag. 88 Lt. 16 Lt received by the Paymaster three years since May 1773 but not till then brought to Account

By the Monthly Accounts received from Cuddalore, Ganjam & Vizagapatam there does not appear to have been any Stoppages made on Account of Seapoy Half Mounting

Dr. Account Current

1766 April	30	To Cash for the Expence of Boats made up this Year	1590..	25.. 17
1767 April	30	To D.o	D.o	1721..	5
1768 April	30	To D.o	D.o	1000..	..
1769 April	30	To D.o	D.o	2590..	..
1770 April	30	To D.o	D.o	1017..	3.. 25..
1771 April	30	To D.o	D.o	1552..	10.. 65
1772 April	30	To D.o	D.o	1500..	—.. ..
1773 April	30	To D.o	D.o	250	5.. 0.. 67

NB In this Account is not Included the Stoppages made at Ellore & Masulipatam Vizagapatam Cuddalore Chingleput & the Stoppages made at the Out Garrisons Pag.s 1476.12.19 by the Commissary General which will amount to About Pag.s 1931.6.23

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Sascars Stoppages

1766	April	30	By Cash being amount of Stoppages rec.d this Year		1775.15.33.
1767	April	30	By D.°	D.°	1624.16.40
1768	April	30	By D.°	D.°	901.14.73
1769	April	30	By D.°	D.°	2478.24.68
1770	April	30	By D.°	D.°	3336.20.15
1771	April	30	By D.°	D.°	648.9.14
1772	April	30	By D.°	D.°	2305.5.70
1773	April	30	By D.°	D.°	657.6.40
					13807.3.33
			By Balance		369.8.66
				Pagodas	14176.12.19

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A.W.Torriano

Clerk to the Committee of Works

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Dr Stoppage for

1773 April	30	To Ballance as Ledger	369.. 8.66
1773 April	30	To Cash	1200.. .. ..
1774 April	30	To Cash	600.. .. ..
1774 March	30	To D°	495.. 3.42
			2664.. 12.. 28..

To Ballance 393.. 24.. 44..

Pagodas 3058.. .. 72

Account Stoppages
from Compleat Batt.
for one Year.

Sepoy Stoppages from a Compleat Batt.
for one Year. Pof. 2041.33.38.
Half Mounting for D° 1208.13.9.

Fort St George 25 April 1774
E & W^m Hamilton
Dep^y

The Expence of Cloathing a Compleat
Company of Lascars is as follows P. f. C.
1 Sepoy Scarlet for 16 D° 1..10.0
1 Do Blue 16 D° 6
Taylors Cooley 7.. 1..31.0
1 Tindal, Aurora 1 D° P. 1..6..4 P. 1..10..
½ a Y^d of Ordinary Blue @ 31.. 16 P. 2454
Taylors Cooley in Coat 3..40.. 14.. 5.16.54
10 Lascars 1..8 D° of Ordy. Red 10..3 P. 79.8.
16½ Y^ds of Ordy. Blue @ 3 P. 14..12
Taylors Cooley & Coat 3..40 8.. 6. 101.26.
109.1.54
Agents Commission on 5 P Cent 5.18.70
Pagodas 115.. 20..44

Note The Monthly Stoppages
1 Sepoy 6½ .. 6
1 Do Tal 1½ .. 18
1 Lascar 3½ .. 350 374 for 1 Month — for 12 Months P. 106.36 The Lascars not
L. 2249. Paid by Government

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Lascars Cloathing

1773 May	By Cash		1021. 18.23
June	By D°		49. 2.–
July	By Cash		97. 31.0
Sept.	By Cash		64. 38.40
Oct.	By Cash		41. 3.10
Nov.	By Cash		562. 17.50
Dec.	By Cash		55. 23.50
1774 Jany	By Cash		592. 2.19
March	By Cash		573. 8.40
		Pagodas	3038–72

Observations of the Board thereon

Vide pages from the Account of Lascars Cloathing pages that
April 1773 the Balances Pagodas 1978–5.66
and from the Account of Lascars Cloathing pages from 1st May
to the 31st Dec. 1773. That there has been collected on this
Account on the Coast 264 18. 35.60
Total Pag.s 4135. 41. 46

The Expence of Cloathing
and Allowances to Lascars Officers for 10 Cumpanies
Battalions for one Year 1773. are Pag.s 1440. 0.68
For 6 Cumpanies 2 Topaz Battalions 1773 . . . . 1206 1. 28. 27
For Invalids, Pensioners & Lascars 1773 . . . 268. 16. 43
The Amount of Cash Advanced by the Military
Paymaster 1773 . . . . . 8541. 31. 40
The Amount of Cash Paid the Captains &c – 9566. 28 4847. 29. 18
Deficient Pag.s 711. 29. 52

1773

But the Amount
of Stoppages from a Compleat Battalion of
Lascars in one Year is . . . . . Pag.s 2061. 33. 68
The Expence of Cloathing a Compleat
Battalion in one Year – . . . . . Pag.s 1440. 25. 16
The Allowance to the Captain 500. 1940. 25. 16
Pag.s 100. 8. 32

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So that the Ballance which is in favor of the Company will Shortly clear off the balance which appears against them in the Expence of Cloathing & Allowances, Consequently any future encrease may be applied to the Clearing off the Balance due for the Account of the half Mounting

From the Account Stoppages for half Mounting from 1st May to Dec. 31. 1773 it appears that the Amount of Cash Stopped at Madras & the Out Garrisons was ..... Pags 12280.33.1

Advances made to the Agent at Manilipatam for 1774 ..... Pags 2750.0.0

Stops for 3 Battalions on hand which will Serve for 1774 ..... 3780.0.0

6533.—.—

Pags 18813.33.1

The Amount Current of Stoppages half Mounting stands Debited on the General Book 30 April 1773 ..... Pags 11651.13.26

From 1st May to 31st Dec. 1773 Advances paid to the Agent at Madras 3886.27.1

Ditto to the Agent at Manilipatam for the provision of Stops for 1774 ..... 2750.—.—

23287.40.27

Total of the Stoppages 18813.33.0

Deficient ... Pags 4474.7.26

Which may be cleared off as before mentioned by the Proceedings of the Sepoy Stoppages

The Stoppages from a Compleat Battalion of Sepoys for half Mounting for 12 Years Pags 1208.13.9

The Expence of the Stops 1216.21.19

Deficient ... Pags 8.8.10

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It appears that there have not been any Accounts transmitted from Vizagapatam or Ganjam of the Stoppages for Sepoy half Mounting at those Places, or of the Expence of the half Mounting it is necessary therefore that Regular Accounts of the Same Year 1773 be Sent in, And as from the Accounts before Received, it appears, that the half Mounting was estimated at less Expence than it is here the Board are in hopes, that a Saving has accrued which may in Some Measure assist the Clearing off of the aforementioned Ballance.

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It likewise appears that the Stoppages at Guddalore has been Suspended with half Mounting, tho' there have not been any Stoppages received on that Account. Ordered Therefore that the Paymaster be called upon for the Same, & for the reasons for not Inserting them in his Account Current, agreable to the Military Regulations.

have

Lascar Offreckonings

By the Account Stoppages of Lascar Cloathing		
there Remains a Ballance of	Pag.	393.24.Lbs
The Accounts for 1773 for the Subordinaries are not included in the Above & may be Estimated at		1000
So that there is in hands	Pag.	1393.24.Lbs
But the Cloathing a Compleat Company of Lascars amounts Only to	P.	116.20.Lbs
And the Stoppages of a Company amounts to		106.3.—
So that there is Requisite for this Cloathing each Compy. Pagodas		7.26.Lbs

only

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4to Fort St George 16 May 1771

The further Investigation of the fore-
going head differed as the Board have it under Consid-
eration to make Some new Arrangement in the Lascar
Establishment.

The Consideration on Lascar Affairs coming to be deferred

W Brooke
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam Johnson
J Hollond
C Stracey
Francis Fowke

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Commodore Hughes arrived with the Salisbury & Tow Horse

16 This Day Morning his Majesty's Ships Salisbury Captain Watkins with Commodore Sr Edwd Hughes & Tow Horse Captain Sommers

At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esqr. Gov. President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan

Monday 23. May 1771

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Ensign Underwood

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr.
President & Council
at Fort St George

Sir & Your Honors

Lett. from Ensign Underwood to Council to Go for the benefit of his Health

I humbly beg leave to Solicit the Indulgent Permission of the Honorable Board to my going a Voyage During a few Months for the benefit of my health the internal Disease alluded to by Doctor Parley, in the Certificate which I have the Honor to enclose, having reduced me to a Valetudinarian State, since the Beginning of the Year 1771 & at this time I am not recovered, am I disposed. With the most profound Respect & Esteem I remain

Sir & Your Honors
Most Obedient Humble Servt
Thomas Underwood
Ensign

Fort St George
May 21st 1771

Certificate from the Surgeon

These are to Certify that Ensign Underwood has long had a troublesome complaint in his Bowels which has weakened & relaxed his Constitution much. On those Accounts a Voyage to Sea may be of Service to him

Gilbert Parley
Surgeon Agent

Madras 20 May 1771

Fort St George 23. May 1774.

Leave granted Ensign Underwood to be permitted to proceed to Sea for the Benefit of his Health

Read the following Letter from Mr Stratton

Dear Sir

I did myself the honour of writing to You Yesterday and now forward Copys of Letters from Capt Matthews dated 22d & 24th Ultimo with my answers dated & Copy of the Orders to Captain Candler. Have not heard since from Kimmedy And therefore conclude that Captain Matthews is gone in pursuit of Gyrzoffs fleet. As the Orders from the Board did not absolutely authorize me to Attack the Swinga Man, tho' the Same was implyed, I could not otherwise than Sending a Copy of them to Captain Matthews leaving it to him to act as he thought proper which I hope you will approve, as will among having Stopped the building of the Barracks until I can have Captain Matthews Opinion which I concluded Candler had, when he proposed them being built at Nagracatacum

Letter from Mr Stratton with Copies of Letters from & to Capt Matthews

I have been favord with your Letter dated 20 & 24 Ultimo and Shall on the Service at Kimmedy as ever Shall give Captain Matthews & Ensign Conyn leave to proceed to the Presidency

I remain with Esteem & Respect

Dear Sir

Your most Obt Humble Servt

Geo Stratton

Vizagapatam
7th May 1774

To The Honble Alex. Wynch Esqr

To George Stratton Esqr

Sir

Yesterday morning I arrived at Kimmedy & delivered your Letter &c to Arzeby who very willingly gave up the

from Capt Matthews Arzeby willingly undertakes the Management of the Kimmedy District for the Company

(&c

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the Trust on him. He agrees with me that it is the best not to make his Appointment Publick for some time for the Reasons I assigned to you in my Letter of the 22 Instant Because he is certain that if it was known immediately all the Still Rogahs would Join with the Malcontents & create as much Confusion as there was when formerly the Country was put under the Management of Ram Jagnu Patre in behalf of the Company & besides it is necessary we Should endeavour to get possession of Guzzapatdoo as well as those his Adherents who may be very troublesome in the Country

The Country is under his Management so that the Making this new Appointment known now, or a fortnight hence will in this respect make no Difference

I hope then Reasons will be Satisfactory to You, Enclosed is a Copy of Orders, I have given to Capt. Caudler which may convince you that I Industriously about Fulfilling the Intentions of the Honble the President & Council I have Spread the Company's Troops all Over the Country to protect & Encourage the Inhabitants to return to their Villages & till the Land also to punish the Enemy & Some may now be Coming a waiting the Result of a Message Sent to Timmaya

Guzzapatdoo supplied by the Timmaya Rajah with Men & Money

The Timmaya Rajah a spiteful Guzzapatdoo in as full a manner as possible for him to Do. He supplies him with Money Men, Ammunition & Provisions so that I fancy he will not Deliver him up. in that Case I do not think your Instructions are Sufficiently Clear. for you Say that if they are not to deliver him up, I am to use every means in my power to Secure the Person of Guzzapatdoo as well as his Followers

Considering Guzzapatdoo and his Followers as Enemies to the Company I should make no Scruple could I Guess on the best of my own Inclination to Attack his Protector, much more those who openly espouse him but Concerning

Chas

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this Inquest from you full & Clear Orders. I can assure you that if the is not taken or those who harbour them & this Settlement sweetly furnished & the Remainder by bounty will never have Peace unless he has overmuch possession of it Therefore as the President & Council have thought it absolutely necessary to prevent Rogues that may be found against them to immediately Attack the first Proas who in any Manner declare in Guzz. put does favor

Vigorous Measures recommended

I am
Sir
Your very Obd. Hble Servant
Richard Matthews

(Copy)

Camp near Kinmidy 28th Inst 71

To Captain Candler.

Sir,

You will be pleased to March to Morrow Morning with your Companies of your Detachment & Cover them for the Security of the Western Valley to be post'd as follows Viz. At Subbah a Serjeant & 25 Men at any convenient place half Way from Subbah to Nungum 12 Men. At Buggah the European Officer & 30 Men. At Nanaras 12 Men. At Sungy an European Officer & 30 Men. At Pittapram 12 Men. The Black Officers, Havildars &c &c you will Send in proportion to the Number of Men for the Remaining mentioned as to be post'd at. The Remainder are to be at Nungum which You will consider as your Head Quarters Intelligence is to be Conveyed from Post to Post so as to give the Speediest information of any Occurrence to You. And as you will always be in Readiness to Support any Post or succour any part of the Country that may want your Assistance And Incase of any Emergency where it may appear Necessary to Draw together a greater force than you will have at Nungum (before Assistance can be had from me) the

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Parts that are nearest at least Exposed are for that present purpose to be withdrawn and after the Service is over. Stationed as before. Commanding Officers of Posts are to do their utmost to keep the Country in Peace & to encourage the Inhabitants to settle in their Several Villages & to follow their usual Occupations. They are to employ every means in their power to procure intelligence of the Disturbances of the Country & if any of the Enemy should approach their Posts, so as it may be possible to Surprize or Attack them, they are without further Orders or Delay to do so. You are to know that the Several Posts are designed to Destroy the Enemies & protect the Friends of the Honble Company, you are not to Consider yourself as Fixed to Your but as often as may be necessary you are to visit with a Party any part of the Country committed to your Charge for so doing you are to Send me Notice to the Speedy establishment of the Valley you will Cause publick Notice to be given in every Village throughout the Western Valley from Sublak to Battaly that after the 15th of May next no Indians appear in Arms, having a Match lock, Pistol Sword, or Bow & Arrow with any Incursion or Act of Hostility will be Deem'd Enemies & they are forthwith to be Seized & sent under a Guard to me without Loss of time Therefore you will Direct that every Post make this Publick around them & that no one Armed or a Suspected Person to be suffered to pass unexamined. The Officer of the Company that you are to leave to be pleased to Send to me this Evening for his Orders I must Desire that you will Return hither soon you as often as may be necessary for the good of the Service And that after you have established the Several Posts you will acquaint me with the Names of the Several Commanders.

I am Sir
Your most Obedt Hble Servt
Richard Matthews

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To Lieut. Stratton Engr

Sir

Capt. Matthews represents that the Barracks are Building in an improper Situation

The Barracks that are building for Capt. Candlin Battalion are of Mud, as are also Cheracks, consequently so much for the Loam the Kummudy Country, than was necessary they Should be at the time Set to for their removal - but the present intentions of the Honble the President & Council concerning the Kummudy Country renders Barracks at that Place they are now erecting altogether useless & unnecessary because Capt. Candlin may not have an Opportunity of Occupying them at all the Kummudy business will find work enough for him if not the Place he has chose is too far to be of that Support which may be necessary & there are Villages enough to secure the Troops during the Rains Season till it is known how matters will turn out

I am Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Richard Matthews

Camp at Coimmundatum 27th April & 1st May

Vizagapatam 2. May 1774

To Captain Matthews

Sir

I have received your several Letters I think with you it would be best not to Desire for the present any Public Buildings Repairs or Improvements & I have given Orders to do this when ever you think proper. In the accompanying Letter I have directed them to follow your Orders in every Respect but in the Management of the Revenues & in the Instructions point out to them how to act.

When I gave Orders to have the Barracks built at Nagaraut I was Concluded that it was

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The Place pitched upon by you & Captain Caudler & Lobb
him as an fit proposing to build themselves on for as
was on the Representation from you & him that the Pres-
dent & Council consented to the removal of the Sepoys
from Do not imagine that Capt Caudler would have fixed
upon any other Situation & your Letter of this Day was the first
information that I had of it you will be pleased to give me your
Opinion what Place you think the most eligible to build
the Barracks on that I may hereafter give the necessary Orders
respecting them for on the Receipt of your Letter I wrote to
Mr Barclay not to go on with those at Nayanacuttacum

I am just now favoured with your Letter of the
27th Instant inclosing Copy of your Orders to Capt Caudler
which I think very proper & must convince every one that
you are hearty in the Case I am pleased to hear that Upby
accepts of the Trust reposed in him & hope he will prove
himself deserving of it

I send you herewith Extract of the Presi-
dent & Councils Orders to me on the Subject of Guzzi Justice
& his Followers being received which I think imply that
the Zemindar who affords him any Assistance or declares
in his favour must be severely punished for the Words
"by any means" justify my giving you them Orders

I am Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
Chas Stratton

(Copy)

To the Honble Mr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Councel
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of your Orders I wrote
to Guzzi just now & have now the Honor to inclose you a Copy
of

Mr Jones Wrote with the Letter to Guzzi & Sent me the Answer & translated the Inclosure in the Letter from the Rajah of Vizianagram

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of my Letter with his Answer thereto, as also Translate of the Representation delivered to me by the Person whom I suspect to be his Letter but as this Differs somewhat from the one given to me by his first Vackeel Oppoorah Canacarauze (which I had the Honor to transmit to the President the 16 Inst) I thought it necessary to send it to Guzzeputdoo that I might have from him an explanation which I was to depend upon Both these Vackeels assure me that they have made use of every Argument with this Master to come Down here, but they fear he will not be prevailed upon, which determined me to return Comatcharauze with a Person from hence whom I have Directed to give Guzzeputdoo every Assistance of Protection & that he might rely on all Justice being done him I also Desired Guzzeputdoo to Inquire the will Send to me his principal Man, Commanda Pallatoe, from whom I shall obtain every Information respecting the late Troubles and transmit the Same to You

Two Days since I had the Honor of transmitting to the President a Copy of the Orders sent to Capt. Matthews & Mr Bazett By with Copy of the Letter I wrote from the former Dated the 29 Ultimo since which I have not heard from him

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Geo Stratton

Vizagapatam
the 11 May 1774

Translate of a Letter wrote to Guzzeputdoo
Dated 5 March 1774

I have received a Letter from you by Comacca

(Vauz)

Mr Stratton to
Guzzeputdoo

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Ruiz and also another by a Person the Contents of which I am perfectly acquainted with. I am glad to find by what you write that You are not to blame and that your fault has proceeded from the misconduct of others Now soon as you receive this Letter, if you will be pair him immediately and throw yourself entirely upon the Company's protection you may safely confide in them & be sure of receiving every Assistance from them and impartial Justice Shewn You in your business

Translate of a Letter from Guzzipuetdoo to Geo. Stratton Esq. Dated 17 April

Guzzipuetdoo to Mr Stratton

I wrote you a Letter before which I hope you have received & understand the Contents Now I send to You my Buxy Polnaicarra with this Address which I have not sent a Dubash because from him you will learn every thing. At all times I am wishing the Company's favor which is thankfully with all my heart. I as well as my Country belong to the Company whom must Shew me favor by Confirming me in the Rajahship by Pre-laudoo & Azeebeg my ill Actions I am induced to this Condition from which I hope to be relieved & I trust to your good name to effect this business & to forget my past Conduct this will procure you great Credit, you are the Master of my Country & to you I have entirely left the Settling of my business

To Guzzipuetdoo Dated 2 May 1774.

Mr Stratton to Guzzipuetdoo

Your Letter by Borooz oo Polnaicarra I have received & understand the Contents. As You desire me to him, I shall dispose him to tell me of Matters respecting Yourself accordingly deliver to him the Accompanying Representation which I send you as it differs considerably from the one given to me by Opendoo Comaroo and as I know not how to give Credit to

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That the Same time Drew Sands &c. for that purpose & then Guzzy paid Doc vat out in Company with Royal By & Co.

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at the same time delivered over to him the Dist & Zamindary of the Country & Guzzapatdee made over to him the Ancestory Treasure saying that he required no more than Sufficient to maintain himself & the rest of the Sums to be collected & paid to the Poorsatgy on Account of the Companys Ballance the same Year above a Lack of Rupees had been paid in but on account of considerable Sums being collected the following year induced Vizia arrauze to come down to Simmedy when he appointed Juggunnaddee to be the Royal & Varrauz Pattadee his Vuzeer & Designed to oblige upon Guzzapatdee Arzu Beg & ca having been already taken & put in confinement but Guzzapatdee betook himself to the Hills & the Zemindars joined him & Plundered all Vizia arrauzes Tents & Preparatory who finding that nothing could be done with them Sent for Arzu Beg & Returned back the Country to them, but upon what terms or Promises is not known, after this Vizia arrauze left Simmedy & Guzzapatdee returned back & as usual Corresponded with the Companys Officers there. Now again Guzzapatdee told Arzu Beg to Discharge off the Companys Ballance Saying if that was done he would be happy, and bid him to be attentive there to, especially as he was no Stranger to the animosity that Subsisted between the Poorsatgy & his Ancestors Some time after this when Arzu Beg Seized upon all the Effects of the Guzzapatdee & detained them to the Custody of Bavazee who inflicted divers Severities & extorted Exhorbitant Bribes from them & at the Ende Assisted them upon promise of prosecuting & following Guzzapatdee and Arzu Beg reported that he had taxed them Pagoda in Order to make up a Sum to discharge the Companys Ballance and desired Guzzapatdee not to trouble himself any more on any persons telling him that his part he had been prosecuted, for that he would pay in all the Money he had Collected. Yet the

next

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Langer Rajah & desired that Nanu should go to them, but the Jaggannautdas told me the Rajah himself upon the arrival of the Peons from Guzzapatdas and Nozid Beg told to the Poospatys whose are an invariable Enemies to this Family. The Poospatys had Signified that they intended to assault Jugganautdas the Rajah. They took possession of Tonnendalum & Gunnyporum Country and moreover coveted the whole Country & had Some thoughts of depriving Guzzapatdas of his possessions which induced Us to keep up a Sibundy. On Sooberoys coming to Our Country We were making ready a Collection We desired Us to discharge our Sibundy & was complied with. When Goandall Chetanah came We told him that he will not be paid until his Affairs was finally determined & Settled by the Company and as Narrainy Pattadoo and Chavara Patapadoo were going up to Vezagapatam for this purpose. Vencapermaul went them & brought them back. On Pennauls arrival at Chimmidy the Rajah Guzzapatdas favoured him greatly & he confided that who promised paying Salt Peons over the Rajahs private Paddy field as well as all over the Country He made the Rajah give him a Bond for all in two Months & placed Guards on the Gates to all them the Rajah remained himself, but told the Affairs that Pennaul wanted not let the Money be collected & that he had Disturbances thereon Directed that he would Satisfy him. The Same night Pennaul said that there was not to be got by favouring such People (meaning the Affairs) for that he had taken great deal of trouble and in spite Standing which he said that the Village had been given him was taken back. but the Poospatys had promised giving him Tonnendalum Country if he would brought them Guzzapatdas & that

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an Consideration of the Charges to establish them if he did not chuse it, Shortly after the Undersigned arriving upon the Rajah which coming to the Knowledge of the took his family & fled when the Seapoys firing of their Pieces shot & killed two of the Rajahs Woomin Servants two upon Pattapahdoor People & Servants fell upon the Seapoys & a Scrimmish ensued All Night Pattapahdoo sent out with an Intent to drive away the Company posted at Old Simmidy

Thus has the ill Conduct & unwise management of Pattapahdoo & Azeze Bey Guzzapatdoo is now Compelled to take Shelter amongst the Hills to subsist upon Roots &c but such as Grains & Drink are the Necessaries of Life

Azeze Bey does use his utmost Endeavours to entice the Rajah to Return, but being sensible as a Person who can do nothing, thinks it time to his Interest to follow the Company's Fortunes & during you might be glad as you are in the Power of

The Seapoys not Satisfied with the Companys appointment of Guzzapatdoo Appointed appointing Suggeranadoo the Rajah, which Guzzapatdoo heard was their Intentions before the above accident happened

Guzzapatdoo remains in Confidence of the Company and thinks himself Secure in their favor & Protection

(Signed) Boozey Patnaidoo

Copy of a Letter from a Letter which the President now lays before the Board Mr Thurston

(Seen)

It

Mr Thurston recommends that Suggeranadoo be nominal Manager of Chimmedy

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seems still to entertain an Idea that it would be most eligible
Plan to admit Sergeants to do into, at least the annual
Management of the Affairs at Nimmy by the Board
are of any Different opinion and they cannot but
expressing their Surprize that Mr Stratton should still
persist in Recommending a Measure which has
been repeatedly Shewn to be inconsistent with good Policy
Disapproved
incompatible with the Company's Interest & which
The Building of the Barracks Postponed
Seems to have no immediate Necessity for Barracks
were at the Place which Captain Matthews recom-
mended it is Resolved that the Directions for Build-
ing them be postponed for the Present. Ordered
that Mr Stratton be advised Accordingly

Read the following Letter from Mr Charles
Smith with a Copy of his Orders to Lieutenant Vandaurt
for Marching into the Sourunga Country & a Copy of his
Letter to the Rajah

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr.
President & Govr & Co Council
Honble Sirs & Sirs Fort St George

Letter from Mr Smith. a Detachment sent to Sourunga

I have had the Honour to be favoured with
your Commands of the 13th Ultimo & in Obedience thereto have detached
two Companies of Sepoys into the Sourunga Country, directing
the Officer commanding them to take Post as near to the Town
of Sourungapur, as he conveniently can. I have wrote to the Commdr
informing him, that this Detachment is not sent to Molest or
disturb them, if in Peaceable Property, but to demand that he com-
mediately deliver up Guzzy Pundoo & his Followers, shewing
that the Worst of Consequences may ensue, & he will have this Com-
mandary. As I am very Doubtful of Guzzy Pundoo's being actually
in the Sourunga Country, I thought it proper to caution the

Officer

be the most

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Officer not to proceed to Extremities but on full Conviction of his being there & then not without Consulting the Officer Mr Stratton may send thither. Big leave to enclose you Copy of my Instructions to the Officer Commanding this Party. Copy my Letter to the Commandant & have the honor to remain most Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & very humble Servt

Charles Smith

Ganjam the 3 May 1774

To Lieutenant John Mordaunt

Actg Commanding Officer of the Detachment from Vizagapatam

Sir

On Receipt of this you will please to March with the two Companies of Sepoys with all Expedition into the Sourunga Country & take Post as near to the Town of Sourunga as you conveniently can. On your Arrival there you will send the enclosed Letter to the Rajah & inform him that You are not come to molest or hinder him, but to Demand that he immediately deliver up Guzzapatdoo & all his Followers whom Shamsunder Brahmin he believes are in his Country & Protected by him. Should the Rajah decline Delivering up Guzzapatdoo & allege that he is not in his Country, you must endeavour to find out whether it really then is or not, & in Case you should have Certain information that he is there you are to acquaint the Rajah thereof & that You have my Orders to take him Prisoner. Should he persist still to deliver him up, but if notwithstanding such Warning he still persists in protecting Guzzapatdoo You will then use every Means in your power to secure him, by proceeding to Extremities & taking the Town & Country of Sourunga if Necessary, but as Mr Stratton

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Stratton has probably sent a Party over to the Sawanga Country You will be pleased to converse with the Commanding Officer there before you proceed to Extremities & act with them for the good of the Service, endeavouring to Seize Guzzy Putdas, advising me of your proceedings from time to time & following such Orders as you may receive from me.

Copy
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(Copy)

I am Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Charles Smith

To Henry Rhuendon
Royal Sawanga tree

A Shaw is my reason to believe that Guzzy Putdas is in your Country & protected by you Shaw sent a Detachment after him & the Commanding Officer will Deliver you this Letter & Shaw desired him to inform You that he is not come to molest or disturb you, if you act properly, but to Demand of you, that you immediately deliver up Guzzy Putdas, that an End may be put to the troubles committed by him; if You are wise you will obey this Order as Shaws misfortunes will attend you & You will lose your Sawanga, as the Officer has any Orders to Seize Guzzy Putdas by force, & if you refuse delivering him up to take your Country from You

What can I say more

(Copy)

The President reports that Nabob has sent to the Sawangas

The President reports that on his Application to the Nabob for the Necessary Directions to his Amuldars to Assist by Land & the Dispatches Provisions during the Survey: but the Nabob appeared much Alarmed at the Idea of Surveying his Country, & requested that

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to be respected from an General Knowledge of the Country and as the Company have so often recommended any Measures to be pursued to Obtain the End the Board think it proper that a Letter Should be wrote to the Nabob on the Subject in hopes that they may thereby overcome his Objections & obtain his Consent to a measure equally Beneficial to his Government as to the Company & Settlers are accordingly ordered to be Wrote

Letter wrote to the Nabob on the Subject

Read the following Letter from Capt Clifton

To the Honble Wm Wynch Esqr
Governor President & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt Clifton respecting this Bank

Beg leave to lay before you through the Secretary, such Matters as I think Material to the contended Point between Captain Mackay & myself in order to determine which I am to present to you, the General Orders Dated Fort St George June the 19th 1772 G.O. Bank. Oxford Vs. Angelo

The Honble Court of Directors having signified in their Commands of the 27th November last to Disapprove of the Full Commissions as Captains of Artillery granted to Captains Stuart, Kennedy, De Morgan Oats & Mackay with the Pay of Next Rank & the Court that the said Commission & Brevet & Brevet Only be granted to them as Captains with the Rank ordered by the said Commission; & the Court further that those Gentlemen do only Draw Pay as Captain Lieutenants until they shall Succeed to Companies, but Captains Stuart & Kennedy having succeeded to Vacant Companies to Commence from the Establishment, the above Orders can only Extend to Captains De Morgan, Oats & Mackay who are hereby Ordered to Draw Pay in future as Captain Lieutenants of Artillery Commensurable to the above Orders & Brevets will be granted them pursuant to the Commands of the Court

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& to do Duty in his Corps or Company: by Such Commission only: Consequently a Captain in Such Commission must have Prior Succession of Rank & Rise serving in the Same Regiment or Corps which Gentlemen I hope you will be pleased to consider from the Nature of the Honorable Directors Commands, & the Orders of H.M. Depn, & that any one Granting Captain Mackay a Captains Brevet, you will be pleased to specify him as Captain Lieutenant of the Artillery either by Commission, or Specific Order for his Said Commission of Captain of Artillery being Disannulled

Should Shew the honor of your acquiescing in this Matter, as it appears to me, When I hope you will be pleased to grant a Board of Officers to Determine the Point whether Captain Mackay by Brevet can ever Command one in his own Corps, even tho' on what is Called Detachment, or that you will Confer on me the favor of a Brevet from the Date of my first Commission on this Establishment which Would prevent all future Alteration, would give me no greater Rank among those Corps, but with the Company which is the total Intention of a Brevet

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I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
With the greatest Respect
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Charles Clifton

Capt. Mackay
Brevet Captain

Upon a Reference to the Company Orders it appears that Captain Clifton was to be appointed a Capt of Artillery on his Arrival from Europe and Captain Mackay being only then a Captain of Artillery by Brevet, must in his own Corps be Commanded by Captain Clifton. But in the great detail of Duty in the Army, when they act from their Rank on the General Establishment and not merely as Officers

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of Artillery the Board Commissioners will operate in favor of Captain Mackay & give him Rank of Capt. Lt. Colonel.

The Board cannot take Cognizance of the Dispute at Tanjore, as it has already been Determined by a Board of Officers

The President lays before the Board several Papers of Intelligence which he received from the Nabob respecting the Operations of the Soubah & the Mahrattas & likewise a Paper of Advice that the Fort of Sirah had Surrendered to Hyder Ally Cawn

Sirah taken by Hyder Ally

The President acquaints the Board, that he is informed, that it is impossible to make out Accurate Estimates of the Expence of building Cantonments, without the Engineer being upon the Spot when such Cantonments are intended to be built. That the presence of the Chief Engineer has till now been required at this place to Superintend the Works which are carrying on, but, as he cannot be Spared the President proposes, that Lieut Colonel Bap be Directed to proceed to Conjeveram & Wandewash to post his Division of the Army in the most Convenient Situation for Cantonments & to form Calculations of the Expence required for Carrying this Measure into Execution

Lt. Colonel Bap to proceed to Conjeveram in order to estimate the Expence of Building Cantonments

Ordered accordingly

W Monckton
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
W Ross
Wm Henry
Francis Fowke

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25 May. This Day the following Letter to the Secretary from Captain Cook Commanding at Palamcotah was rec.d

To William Petrie Esqr.
Military Secretary
Sir

Letter from Captn. Cook &c.

I have Days ago had the Honour to receive your Letter of — May 1774 and in Obedience to the Orders of the Board President & Council I have this Morning had the two Prisoners Mathew & Ben Mahomed drawn to the Place of Execution & every part of the Ceremony performed after which I had them cut down Negociated them with their Pardon & Discharged them the Service in the Manner Directed. I then called out the Commd Jemadar & Non Commd Officers of Abdals Battoors Company who was present when the Disturbance happened & in front of the Troops discharged them the Service Viz.t and remain at five Havildars & three Naigues I now enclose you the Name &c.a of the Jemadar & will fill up the Havildars & Naigues Places from the other Companies of the Battalion

I have Signified to Lieut Grant the Board's Disapprobation of his Conduct which has given them infinite Concern & am well persuaded he is extremely sorry that he should have been led by a Mistaken Notion of his Duty, to do any thing to give them Offence & I think no Doubt but his future behaviour will be such as will merit their favor.

I have read the Orders of 29.th May 1770 to my Officers here & will send a copy of them to the Officer Commanding the four Companies of my Battalion at Madura —

I beg you will be pleased to inform the Board that it has never been a practice in my battalion to

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punish Seapoys without a Court Martial except on very extraordinary Occasions & when an immediate Example was Necessary, that Regts guilty of Mistakes through inattention when under arms, are generally ordered to drill for a Number of Days, More or less According to the Nature of the Offence the reason given me by Lieut Grant for deviating from this Practice when he made his Report to me on the Morning of the Disturbance was, We had at that time a Numerous drill, and rather than increase it, he thought it better to give them a little Gentle Chastisement in Grant of the Battalion & therefore Ordered the Sergeants to give each Man four or five Sticks on the back with a Common Rattan, I must own Sir at the time this was reported to me, I did not conceive it to be a Breach of the Orders of the 29th May 1770. which may account for my not taking an earlier Notice of it, but as I am now better informed of the Meaning of the Board in this Order, beg you will be pleased to assure them that my utmost Endeavours shall be used to prevent any Deviation from them in future

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Wm Cook

Palamcotah
17 May 1774.

27 This Day the following Letter was wrote and dispatched to M Stratton at Vizagapatam pursuant to the Resolution of last Consultation

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief of Vizagapatam
Sir

We have received your Letter of the 18th Inst enclosing Copies of your Letter to Guzz[illegible] and his answer

Letter to M Stratton conformable to the Minutes of last Consultation

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& the Representation of Buxy Putnaidoo your President has likewise communicated to Us your Several Letters to him with Copies of your Orders to Capt Matthews this Letter to you, & the Accounts of his Expedition to the South in Pursuit of Guzzapatydoo.

You are well acquainted with Our Determination not to allow Juggannautdoss either directly or Indirectly in the Management of the Renter ship Country. That We think it unnecessary to reply to that part of your Letter to the President where you recommend that Jaggannautdoss be appointed Nominal Rajah of that District

It appears from Captain Matthews's Letter to you of the 27th Ultimo that there is no immediate Necessity for erecting Barracks for the Sepoys even at the Place which he recommended for that purpose, you will be forbid therefore to put a Stop to the Same for the present

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Alex Wynch
& Council

At a Consultation Present

	Alex^r Wynch Esq^r	Governor. President
	Joseph Smith	" George Pigson
Friday	Henry Brooke	" Samuel Johnson
27th May 1774.	T. W. Stone	" Edward Stracey
		Francis Sourdain

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved
The following Letter from Quarter Master Watson
is now Read.

To

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To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lr from Lieut Watson

It was with the utmost astonishment & Concern, that I saw myself Publickly Superseded in General Orders of the 16 Instant for a Crime with which I am Charged by Information on the Proceedings of a General Court Martial on Capt Davis, without having been permitted to take any Steps in my own Vindication, which with all due Submission to the Court & Reference for the Judgment of the Honble Board I conceive to be incompatible with the fundamental Maxims in our Law, that no one is to be Condemned unheard in his own Defence

This Hour I was Called upon the third Day of the Courts Sitting and asked those Questions by the Prisoner) on a Subject rather foreign to the Crime for which he was tryd as will appear by the Proceedings of the Court. I offered at that time to Acquaint the Court with the Part that I had acted in the Business of the last Mountseing, and to Shew clearly that I could not be Instrumental in firing the Pagoda: But I was not heard on any own Exculpation, & the very Question was put to Capt Wood evidently Tending to found a Charge against me

Allow me Honorable Sir & Sirs to appeal to you for Redress & to Declare in the most Solemn manner, that I was entirely unacquainted with the Taking away of the Articles of that Mountseing Nor did I Interpose in the Matter any otherwise than by Obedience to the Orders of my Commanding Officer

&c

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I can from Circumstantially that the Rates were fixed by the three Sergeants, delivered & given on oath Come to the Lt. Colonel Commandant by him upon

This being the Real State of the Case I therein myself with Confidence on the Justice of the Honorable Board earnestly requesting that they will be pleased to withdraw that Odium which is so laid upon my Character by the Publick Reprimand

I mean not to Reflect upon the General Court Martial - God forbid they are Gentlemen of Honour & Judges upon Oath - But some Allowances must be made for the Feelings of an Old Soldier who for Twenty Years has served his King & Country without Reproach Even from his Enemies Am not Severely Censured for a Crime which his Heart tells him he is Innocent of

I have the Honor to be with profound Respect

Honorable Sirs

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servt
Henry Watson Lieut 9th
A.B.C. 9 Brigade

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The Board are Still Convinced that the Conduct of Lieutenant Watson merited the severest Censure. There was not a Doubt but he had acted a very Culpable part but the Majority of the Board conceiving to Gently thought that a Reprimand in public Orders was preferable to a General Court Martial the Consequences of which might have proved Still more prejudicial to Lieutenant Watson - His Family & Situation in Life pleaded in his favor

Remarks

The Board cannot avoid remarking that in the Letter now before them Lieutenant Watson acknowledges that he was entirely unacquainted with the Value of any of the Articles. Altho' it appears from the Evidence

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of Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour that he had directed Lieut. Watson to obtain the best Information he could & to Estimate the prices of the Articles for half Mourning So that admitting all that he Says, it amounts to this that although he was on guard himself by the Exorbitancy of the Rates, yet being by the Orders of his Commanding Officer, & allowed the Amount to be imposed upon by those who Set the Valuation on those Slops. However if Lieutenant Watson thinks himself aggrieved the usual Order for a Court Martial will be ordered on his Application, by the Sentence of which he must abide. Ordered that the Same be Signified to him

their

It having been Determined last Consultation to write to the Nabob on the Subject of the Survey the Draft of a Letter is accordingly produced. But the President informs the Board that in the Course of Several Conversations which he has had with the Nabob on this Matter he the Nabob has expressed great Uneasiness at the Undertaking & Seems Alarmed last Something more than a mere Survey is intended, that in his the Presidents Opinion the writing to him will answer no purpose, and will probably encrease his Apprehensions which he thinks ought by all means to be avoided, as the Object in View is not of such a pressing Immediate Consequence but that it may be postponed for Some time without any bad Consequences & the President thinks proper to move that the Letter do lie upon the Table, & that the Preparations for the Survey be Stopt until the Nabob can be prevailed upon to give his Consent, or until a Change of Circumstances shall Render it Eligible

Relating Respecting the Survey

last

postponed

The Board proceed to take the Same into

Carried by a Majority

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in to consideration and after Mature Debate, the Majority are of Opinion that it is more advisable to defer the Undertaking, & for the reasons Set forth by the President, to postpone Sending the Letter to the Nabob

The President Lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Stratton enclosing Copy of Capt Matthews Letter to him

Sir

Letter from Mr Stratton

I have the honor to Send you Copy of a Letter from Capt Matthews dated 12 Instant and Extract of another from him dated 13 I have in Consequence wrote to Ganjam with respect to Guzzepat and shall having fixed to Guinvaar. Shall direct the Barracks & Quarters for the Six Companys of the 3 Coast Battalion to be built at the Place pitched upon by Capt Matthews. I have received a Letter from Anjengo which I shall forward the Instant they are translated. I have the honor to remain with Respect & Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Geo Stratton

Vizagapatam
15 May 1774
To the Worshipful Alex. Wynch Esqr

Copy
To George Stratton
Sir

Letter from Capt Matthews to Mr Stratton giving an account of his Expedition to the Hills in pursuit of Guzzepatties

Having procured Intelligence of the Situation of Guzzepat does near Surungah and that a Party of three hundred Men were posted among the Mountains halfway between Gurungy & the Sprung Country. I determined to take two hundred Men along the Mountains to meet that Party & then proceed to Guzzepat does Quarters. Accordingly Set out

Every

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Power of Attorney

Know all men by these presents that I Sarah Ann Wilson of the County of Lincoln and State of Missouri have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name place and stead to ask demand sue for recover collect and receive all such sum and sums of money debts dues accounts claims and demands whatsoever as are now or shall hereafter become due owing payable or belonging to me and have or may have any manner of means right or title cause or thing whatsoever against any person or persons whomsoever and upon the receipt thereof or any part thereof to make and give sufficient receipts or other discharges for the same and for me and in my name to make execute and deliver a full and sufficient release and discharge to all and every such person or persons as shall pay or satisfy me

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Establishment from Diggo Pandy had taken possession of Srungat two days before our Arrival so having nothing to do in that Part I started to March back and in my way put those Zemindars of the Ganjam district who Assisted our Enemies in body by Jear particularly the Murdering Man, whom Shek Dawood a Guard for Ganjam sent Boys threatening to Assist him however for their past behaviour I Demanded from him a Sum equal to the loss Sustained by the People of that part of the Kimmedy Country near him he pleaded poverty & was released in the Evening I have told them all Plainly future whatever damage is done by any people who may come from this Country no matter whether they belong that their Inhabitants & Villages will immediately be forced to make Such loss good for Instance if Cattle be drove off the Kimmedy Country & carried to their Country, alike number will be Seized upon or a Village be Burnt the Village that the Conflagration orginated by if the Culprits be not Secured & detained for will Share the Same Fate Whether it is right or not to put these threats in Execution it may have a good Effect which at all times is all Sinister. The Mountaineers, the Woods & their Inhabitants, the Wild Men & Bears have been the cause of your not hearing from me lately

I am
Sir
Your most Obed. & Humble Servant
Richard Matthews

Vizagapatam
12 May 1774
Recd Fort St George 16 May 1774.

Extract of a Letter from Capt Matthews dated Camp near Pichelly
12 May 1774. Rec'd the 15 May 1774.

I have ordered Capt Caudles to
take

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take up Ground within a Mile of the Fort of Plumandelum agreeably to my Instructions which I wrote to you for the Troops stationed at Plumandelum to encamp at, as that Position will be the best for the Security of the Rimmedy Country except they move in the Centre of Sir Eyre Coots Army towards the Northward. The President & Councils Resolutions respecting Arzeeg shall be published immediately. In a few Days I propose sending the greatest Part of my Force into Cantonments and I hope that keeping them in the Field will be unnecessary

(Copy) Rich. Matthews

Read the following Letter from Mr Stratton to the President with Copy of one from Arzeeg.

Sir

Letter from Mr Stratton

I have the honor to lay before you Translate of a Letter to me from Arzeeg dated the 5th Instant & am with Respect

Sir

Your most obedt Servant

Geo. Stratton

Vizagapatam
1st May 1774

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr

From Arzeeg to George Stratton Esqr dated 2d May & received the 13th May 1774

Letter from Arzeeg acquainting the Resignation of Managing the Country Government

I have received your Letter wherein you acquaint me that the Honble Company are resolved in taking Rimmedy on their own Account & you have thought proper to appoint me to the Management thereof (here he repeats the very Words of the Letter rd)

As you have thought proper to make Appointment it is my Duty to Submit to your Orders this

Country

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Country is very hilly & the Inhospitable Inhabitants are Mountaineers when it was under the Government of the Rajah the last Disagreement with them was attended with burning & Plundering the Villages in the Plain Countries Now that there is no Rajah, Being but a Pantalues, or Manager. I know not how the Country Will be Settled the Hill People & those that Inhabit the higher Mountains have Sent a Message to me lately telling me that I have sent Juggernaut Doss to Vizagapatam & have been amusing them all this While with promises of this Return, which had induced them to remain in any Interest but that they will no longer be deceived concluding that I am Sitting my self up as the Rajah They will therefore alter this Conduct and Act as they think proper, with this Message these People have left me Being certain what are their Intentions neither can I say that they will Commit any hostilities but there is reason for apprehension & I therefore acquaint you with it that I may follow what new Orders you may think proper to Send respecting them. The Chief Godasp. Antoo, Lachana doss & Kimgunj. Dora are Sons to the Hill People & have been the only People who may have done so much mischief in this Country, what may happen hereafter I cannot say as much as lays in my power I shall do for the good of the Company's Service & shall take every measure for their Interest without delay. By your Order Captain Matthews is going with his Company towards Tranjore what will Happen there he will no Doubt Acquaint you. By what I can judge without the Name of a Rajah here it will be the most difficult thing to Settle the business of this Country. After the New Moon I will Come to you & present in what Manner the Business must be

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conducted and as you shall then think proper
Instruct Col Watson accordingly

Read Letter from the Naiad dated the
24th Instant Entered in Comm Orders N.66. with Papers
of Intelligence respecting the Disposition of the Spanish
& Troops who compose the Army of Peganaut Row
& of the having retired with 1000 Horse to the other Side
of Narbadaw River

Mr Wynch
Joseph Smith
Co Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam! Johnson
Jeffs Hill
Thomas Jourdain

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28th May

This Day the following Letter
was Sent to Captain Clifton, agreable to the Determi-
nation of Council the 24th Instant

To Captain Charles Clifton

Sir

Your Letter of the 19th May has
been laid before the Board & I am Directed by agreement
You that the Brevet Commission given to Captain
Mackay entitles him to Command you in all Detach-
ments from Different Corps on Court Martials and
on all Duties where you may be employed together
not merely as Artillery Officers, but you becoming on
a Captain of Artillery Superceades his Brevet in
your own Corps, & consequently gives you rank of him
on all Occasions where the Artillery is employed independently
of the Rest of the Army

The Board cannot take Cognizance
of the Dispute between you & Captain Mackay at
present as they understand from General Smith that
the Matter was Determined Home by the Board of Officers

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Wm Petrie

Fort St George
28th May 1771

The following Letter was Wrote
this Day to Lieutenant & Quarter Master
Watson

To Lieut Henry Watson
Quarter Mr & Batt 2 Brigade

Sir

I am directed by the President &
Council to acquaint you that Yours Letter of the 26th Instant

Lieut Clifton

Lieut Watson

Presidency and Council

rank

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has been taken into Consideration, & that if you think yourself aggrieved by the Commander in Chiefs Orders on the 27th Instant, you may apply for a Court Martial, which will immediately be granted to You.

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
W Petrie

Fort St George
30th May 1774

At a Consultation Present

Mr Wynch Esq. Governor President
Monday — George Taylor
June — Henry Brooke — Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone — Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan

General Smith absent on Leave

The Minutes of last Consultations read & Approved

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer of Masulipatam with Plans & Estimates of Barracks for Officers & Sepoys at that Place

To the Honble Mr Wynch Esq.
President & Gov. & Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Chief & Chief Engineer of Masulipatam with Plans & Estimates of Barracks

The Commandant of the Garrison having represented to Us that the Sepoys are reduced to many Inconveniencies from the Want of Barracks & the Engineer having gone & the Shed in which they at present lodged as unfit for that purpose, we thought it Necessary to Desire the Engineer to furnish us with a Plan & Estimate of a Building sufficient to lodge a Battalion of Sepoys, to be constructed in the cheapest Way

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We have herewith the Honor to lay before You the Plans and Estimates which Captain Mitchell has laid before Us for Barracks for Officers belonging to the Garrison being at present very bad & inconvenient for the Number constantly doing duty here & being for the most part Old Houses at Best. The Properties of which not being able to keep them in any tolerable Repair, the Company are constantly at a considerable Expence in keeping them habitable, we thought it necessary to Direct that a Plan of Barracks for a Battalion might be prepared, and We have now the Honor to send it you together with Capt. Mitchells Estimate of the Expence.

Our Chief Engineer having laid before us the Remarks of the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of this Settlement for the Month of November last we forward herewith the Particulars of Batta Allowed & Drawn for Forts & Quarters in the Carnatic as therein Enquired

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill
Charles Desvoeux
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
31st May 1774

To John Whitehill Esqr.
& Council of Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Acording to your Late Orders
Letter from Engineer
We take the Liberty of laying before you a new Set of Plans

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Plans for Officers & Sepoy Barracks with their Separate Estimates and one General Plan of both.

In the Estimates Shall Sum'd up the different Values of the Materials now in the Hon'ble Company Stores which Shall be deducted from the Sum total of the Estimates whereby you will See the Sum total Expence of each required upon Inspection into the Expence of Repairs of Quarters belonging to the Company Officers

Madras the early Sum of fifteen hundred & Sixty Madras Pagodas, & Same of them particularly the Inspection & Estimate of Barracks are absolutely Necessable

Shall be Wanted by

Gentlemen

Your most Humble & most Obed.t Servt.

A Mitchell Lt. Engr.

Masulipatam
20th May 1774

Estimate of the Expence of Constructing intended Officers Barracks.

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Mall Bricks	13,75000	@	M.l.	11.	10	Pr	170 35 50
Pillar D.°	10,000	@	D.°	2		D.°	20
Terras D.°	500,000	@	D.°	10		D.°	195 30
Tiled Tiles	325,000	@	D.°	12		D.°	84 37
Stone Chunam	candies 1200	@	Candy	3. 15		D.°	399 14
Shirtanah Sand	D.° 1500	@	D.°	18		D.°	594 14
Jaggory	D.° 75	@	D.°	12		D.°	900 —
Fourth 7 Inches Broad	5 Inch. Mall.	100	Each	4		D.°	720
6 D.° 5 D.° 4 D.°		300	@	1. 23		D.°	430
Beams 10 D.° 9 D.°		20	@	6		D.°	120
2 Inch Planks		120	@	1		D.°	140
3 Inch Plank	Spt.	500	@	11.	1	D.°	62 23
Sheathing Planks		420	@	30		D.°	126 —
Nails of Sorts	Pounds	500	@	Candy	32	D.°	32
D.°	D.°	2500	@	D.°	15	D.°	75
Coir						D.°	25
Charcoal	Baskets	200	@	Basket	6	D.°	7 38
Tar	Gallons	30	@	Gallon	12	D.°	
				Expence of Materials			9260 6 40
Small Materials							120
Bricklayers & Coolies							2120
Carpenters Sawyers &c.°							450
Blacksmiths &c.°							110
Coll. Foundation Levelling Ground							200
							12260 6 40
The Above Materials the Hon'ble Company have now on hand the Value							7 443 17 40
The Immediate Expence of Cash							4816 35

Planks.

per Invoice

The Above Estimates is for Officers Barracks Plan No.1

A Mitchell Lt. Engineer

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Estimate of the Expence of constructing intended Officers Barracks No 2.

Wall Bricks		115,000	@	Mill.	1.	11 Lo.	Mof	143. 23
Pillar D°		10,000	@	Mill.	2		D°	20
Flat Tiles		200,000	@	D°	12		D°	52. 8
Tiles		310,000	@	D°	18.	32.	D°	124
Stone Chunam	Candies	650	@	Handy	3	15.	D°	216. 14
Mysinah & Sand	D°	800	@	D°	18		D°	313. 2
Jaggree	D°	35	@	D°	12		D°	420
Beams		20	@	Each	4		D°	80
2 Inch Planks for Windows & Doors		140	@	D°	1		D°	140
3D D°		Feet	500	@	Feet	1	D°	62. 23
Sheathing Planks		420	@	D°	30		D°	126
Nails of Sorts	Candies	3	@	Handy	34		D°	102
Iron	D°	5	@	D°	15		D°	75
Whol. Palmyras		400	@	Each	34	10	D°	360
Palmyras Rafters		7500	@	D°	3		D°	225
Tarr	Gallons	40	@	Gallo	12		D°	10. 20
Charcoals	Baskets	200	@	Bask	6		D°	26. 4
	Total of Materials							5735. 32
Small Materials								120
Bricklayers & Coolies								1820
Carpenters Sawyers &c								480
Smiths Work &c								126
Cutting Foundations Levelling Ground								200
								8481. 32
The Above Materials the Honble Company have now on hand to the Value of								4295. 18
The Immediate Expence of Cash								4186. 14

The Above Estimates for Officers Barracks Plan No 2

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Estimate of the Expence of Constructing intended Sepoy Barracks No 1.

Wall Bricks		1,92,000	@	Mill.	1	11 Lo.	Mof	1497. 23
Tiras D°		510,000	@	D°		10	D°	199. 26
Flat Tiles		340,000	@	D°		12	D°	88. 32
Chunam	Candies	1,100	@	Handy	3	15	D°	3658. 32
Sand	D°	1300	@	D°		10	D°	508. 32
Jaggree	D°	60	@	D°		12	D°	720
Beech Planks		80	Each		4		D°	80
Sheathing Planks		240	@	Hundred	30		D°	72
Joists		500	Each		4		D°	2000
Iron	Candies	3	@	Handy	15		D°	45
Charcoals	Baskets	150	@	Basket	6		D°	19. 26
Tar	Gallons	40	@	Gallon	12		D°	10. 20
	Expence of Materials						Mof	8900. 7
To Brick layers & Coolies								1900
Carpenters Sawyers &c								280
Black Smiths &c								90
Levelling Ground Cutting Foundations &c								250
Small Materials								150
Carrying Bricks from Glacis by Carts @ 12 f							Mill.	319. 22
Carrying Chunam & Sand by Carts @ 4 f							Handy	208. 32
								12098. 15
The Above Materials the Honble Company have now on hand to the Value of								7363. 29
The Immediate Expence of Cash								4734. 32

A Mitchell Mof Engineer

The Above Estimates for Sepoy Barracks No 1.

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Estimate of the Expence of constructing intended Sepoy Barracks No 2.

M Bricks		2,95,0000	M Mills	1	11	10	M	1118 31 50
Round Tiles		3,65,0000	D°		18	32	D°	116
Stone Chunam	Candies	580	Candy	3	15		D°	1929 6 —
Sand	D°	660	D°		10		D°	258 12
Jaggery	D°	30	D°	12			D°	360
Teak Planks		80	Each	1			D°	80
Sheathing D°		210	M Sup.d	30			D°	77
Whole Palmyra		450	D°	50			D°	225
Laths		4000	M	3			D°	120
Nails of Sorts	Candies	3	Candy	34			D°	102
Iron	D°	3	M	15			D°	45
Tar	Gallons	40	Gallon	12			D°	10 20
Charcoals	Baskets	120	Baskets	6			D°	15 30
			Expence of Materials				M	4482 10 40
To Bricklayers & Coolies								1200
Carpenters Smiths &c								360
Black Smiths &c								90
Cutting Foundation & Levelling Ground &c								250
Small Materials								110
Carrying Bricks from Glacis Cart Hire @ 1 Rupee M								238 31
Carrying Chunam & Sand from the Glacis by Carts @ ½ Pt Candy								107 38
								6838 33 40
The Above Materials the Mt Comp.y have now on hand to the Value of								3357 6 40
The Immediate Expence of Carts								3481 27

The Above Expence is for Sepoy Barracks No 2

M Mitchell

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The Expence for Building the Barracks too inconsiderable to be conferred at Present

but

As the Company Treasurer will not at Present allow of any extraordinary Disbursements the Board cannot Deem it improper that so considerable a Sum be suspended on the Building of Barracks at Manalipe as Mr Officer & Sepoys must therefore be accommodated in the best Manner possible till such a Charge can be admitted of

Mr President laying before the Board the following Letter from Mr Stratton with a Translate of a Letter from Vizagapatam

Sir

Herewith the honor of sending you a Letter with the Translate of the Letter received from Vizagapatam dated the 9th & 13th Instant, the Mahrattas frequently make Depredations into the Western Country and Letter from Mr Stratton respecting the Mahrattas into the Western Country

have on their own Lands the approaching Rains will put a Stop to their attempting to come in this Circar and it is improbable that they would commit any Disturbances at this time in Vizagapatam Country as the Rains are already set in at Narrain-patam which is situated about 10 Coss West from the Borders of the Western Country. I have sent Vizagapatam that Gangaraj to afford him assistance should the Mahrattas enter into his Country, but I hope it will not appear necessary

I have the honor to remain with Esteem & Respect Sir Your most Obt Hble Servt Geo Stratton

Vizagapatam 27th May 1774

To The Honble Mr Wynch Esq.r President & Gov.r of Fort St George

Translate of a Letter from Vizeramdroog dated 15th May 1776

Translate of a Letter from Vizeramdroog to Mr Stratton

Inclosing the foregoing Letter

Sir

I send you the News of the Pals many Mahrattas have of late come to Pennatoy a Place belonging to them bordering on the Mysore Country & after assembling a Sufficient Body, they surprized & took the Fort of Shavagoodda belonging to the Mysore People & made Pennatoy after this a Small Fort in the said Fort the Main body advanced as far as Watterdroog burning & Plundering & laying that Country waste. If the Mahrattas Should take Possession of the Mysore Country it will be attended with bad Consequences hence, Rogan are Master of the Country I thought it my Duty to acquaint you with this Circumstance, I shall persue an agreable Conduct as much as lies in my power, but as they are Strong I am very diffident of them, I Shall let you hear as you know their motions as early as possible, whether they extend as far as I am Sent for a Further Force

From Vizeramdroog dated 15th May 1776

Sir

I Lately wrote you a Letter concerning the Mahrattas, Since which I have hitherto remained at Shavagoodda sending from them different parties of Horse as far as Watterdroog who commit every devastation in that Country, What further may happen I shall acquaint you from time to time

Rogan I am welcome to you, that I am very ready to engage your Friendship & protection I remain in full Confidence thereof

Sir Vizeramdroog 15th May 1776

Your Most Obedient Humble Servt

The Board Direct Mr Stratton to print Vizeramdroog Intelligence

Capt. Pittman Ordered to Gurjam during the Monsoon

to give them assurances of Assistance and that I trusted that he be directed to oppose & resist the encroachments of the Mahrattas or any other Power who shall attempt to disturb the Peace of the Circars

The President acquainted the Board that he had received a Letter from Mr Charles Smith at Ganjam, requesting the assistance of a Person properly qualified to examine the Fortifications of that Place & to make an Estimate of what further Works are required to complete the Plan laid down by Mr Call[illegible]

As Captain Pittman will not be able to go on with the Survey of the Circars during the Rainy Months Resolved that Mr Stratton be directed to send him to Ganjam for the aforementioned purpose, that Mr Smith be advised accordingly & Desired to transmit to Board Captain Pittmans Estimates for their final Directions on that Head

Letter from the Nabob

Read Letter from the Nabob Dated the 27th Ultimo inclosing a Letter of Intelligence from Sea dated No 67 with a Letter of Intelligence from the Sunbahs Camp

Letter from the Nabob complaining of an Injury done at Portonovo and at Vellum

Read another Letter from the Nabob No 6866 complaining of an Injury done to the Fishing Boats at Porto Nova by two English Sailors, & to a Girl in the Fort of Vellum

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Examination has been taken respecting the Affrays committed by the two English Sailors on the Settling People at Bethe Nova and as soon as the Evidences that are expected arrive they will be proceeded against in the due Course of Law And as to the other complaint the Person sent against to the Board that he has sent Orders to the Commandant of Pellicum to have the Girl returned to her Friends

Both Matters have been taken Notice of

A Wynch
Jos. Smith.
Geo. Pigott
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnston
J. Stone
Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan

Fort St George 10th June 1774

At a Consultation Present

Alex. Wynch Esq. Gov. President
Joseph Smith. George Pigott
Henry Brooke " Sigmund Johnson.
J. W. Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan.

Friday 10 June

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

General Smith having returned from an Examination of the Invalids & Pensioners at Chingleput lays the following Return of them before the Board

Generally called the Return of Invalids & Pensioners at Chingleput

Return of Invalids & Pensioners Exam.d by Brigad.r General Smith at Chingleput June 6.th 1774

	Artillery						Infantry					
	Sergts	Corpls	Drums	Gunners	Matrosses	Artificers	Sergts	Corpls	Drums	Privates	Sepoys	
Fit for Field Duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	8	1	1	49	" 65
Garrison Duty	3	2	1	10	"	6	22	1	30	22	11	4 196 " 292
Not fit for Duty	"	"	"	1	"	2	3	"	1	"	"	" 15 " 16
Pensioners &c	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	" 84 1 87
Total	3	2	1	11	"	8	25	1	67	30	12	5 344 1 460

Joseph Smith
B.G.

Resolved that such Invalids Pensioners as appear from the foregoing return to be fit for Garrison Duty be ordered immediately to that Duty in order to relieve the 1st Battalion of the

2nd

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2 Brigade Sticks is ordered to Pondamalee under the Command of Lieut Bet Benjamin & that Capt Machard be appointed to the Command of Chingleput & to proceed thither with the Recruits of Chingleput immediately

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Geo Stratton

Capt Machard appointed to the Command of Chingleput

Sir

Letter from Geo Stratton with an Extract from Capt Matthews Letter thereto

I have the honor to send you herewith Extract of a Letter from Capt Matthews Letter Dated the 25th Instant, with my answer thereto as soon as Received from Rozulgo the Accounts I have wrote to him for, & shall transmit the same to you as also Capt Matthews further Sentiments respecting the Plan he proposes for the Management of the Rimandy Country

I am with Respect and Esteem Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant Geo Stratton

Vizagapatam 29 May 1774

The Honble Alex Wynch Esqr

Extract of a Letter from Captain Matthews to Mr Stratton Dated at Chicacole the 25th May 1774.

Capt Matthews projects Measures for maintaining the Peace of the Country

I have received your Letter of the 23d When I return to Rimandy I will post a few of Captain Cundlers Sepoys for the Security of the Country & bring my Sepoys away. The Company I have ordered to Chicacole I am with the Remains of the 3 Battn Shall add to Pondy which is a good Situation near Mundrar & Sun[illegible] I am glad you approve the Plan I have proposed for the Management of the Rimandy Country