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place & such a benefit is much needed for, of the four Com-
-panies that Marched out with me, The four European
Officers, three Serjeants, three Subedars, five Jemedars
& one hundred & fifty Havildars Naigues & Sepoys
are sick, two Men are dead & it is supposed that many
will die in a few Days Captain Candlers Company are
also weakened near a half, Another Trip to Geringy
Jumpada &c. among the Hills will render the Com-
-pany's Troops (Forces) in this Circar totally incapable of pro-
-tecting it By the Number of Sick I have mentioned
you may conclude that if there should be an urgent
Necessity to take the field against an active enemy
the Whole of our Force collected would be insufficient
& that in such a case Detachments must be called
in, which would leave the Newly Sequestered Land
in Jeopardy - I have a Letter from Nandaporum ac-
-quainting me that a very large body of Maharat-
-tas had Entered the Westodah Country, have taken
a Fort & that their Number indicated Something
more than the Conquest or Plunder of Westodah Vic-
-heraindae apprehends being attached and there-
-fore requests Assistance which he Supposes Can-
-not be refused because Should the Enemy overcome
him they may penetrate into this Circar. the Distance
is not great

Wrote to you the 25th of April to
permit two Artillery Men to be here to take Care
of the Guns Ammunition, to which you have
not Replied, I think it is Necessary that the Guns
have a proper Number of men to Work them in
Case of an Occasion, especially as the Companies
are so much Weakened

In Respect to the Management

of the Kimmedy Country I think that one of the Na-
tives under proper instructions may have everything
to do in the following way, but that he should not
have the Military of the Country under his Orders
they should be regulated by some one that the Com-
pany can at any Settled place have Dependance upon
the Orders of the Board, that any one who refuses &
Sport But in Respect to the Persons that are Leaving
away with Considerable Sums their Number
must be Spread by degrees & then retained for the Defence
of the Country against the Hill People should
Obedient to the Company independant of
the Manager of the Farms & Customs the System should
their Maintenance which is liable to many Inconve-
nience, they Should have regular Pay & Plan their
Work Dependance on their good behaviour. By this
Means a Settled Part of the Number of Men that they
are now will be Easy for Supporting, the Troops
Should also be Paid for Clothing a Change of Money
Knives Scissors Sugar with a Glass & Liquor to keep
them Return to their Country they are Subject to the same
Disorders Illness may Encourage & get the better
of it once they Inhabitants might in Future be little
Subject to it as the Natives. As to the Hill People
towards the Western Plains are Inclined they are Shave
from them Jam told that little is got from them
& Enquiries may still be had that Enough at Present to
a head Man of Silk Cloth with 4 Rupees they

(return

The Friendship of the Hill People easily acquired

return agreed Dance for the Common Use of the
Corps of Beam Cloth is quite Sufficient to make
them Friends

The Standing Force of the Country
is near 12,000 Men they are Supported according to
the Feudal System & have Sufficient for their Main-
tenance they generally give half the Produce of
their Land to the Farmer, the other makes up their
wages

Their Knowledge or Charge of what
is meant and not to be obeyed Wherever they go, &
Both from the Village Quarter date or from the
Chief from the Royal Following the Plan I
have mentioned seems to me the most likely
way to put the Country on a permanent footing
it was the way Tacked at Wadiarpollam, that
Straight is proved by the Tranquility of the Coun-
try ever Since

Extract of a Letter from Mr Stratton to
Capt Matthews dated 27 May 1775

from Mr Stratton
the Measures suggested
by Capt. Matthews
referred to the Board

It gives me the greatest Con-
cern to hear of your Indisposition, as well as of the
Officers, & Men, who went with you on the late Ex-
pedition. Sincerely wish you may fall on Such
a Plan for Settling the Country as to make it unnec-
sary for any large Force to proceed thither.

As I know that the Affairs of the Province
of the Kimmedy Country Required some Judg-
ment of the Plan you propose for Management
nor can I take upon me to Act in the present Mode
without first hearing the Approbation of the Pre-

and

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and Council & Port all Things pertaining your Office & Station, in the Manner directed. Acquainting you with a particular Account of the Armed Men in the Kimmedy Country & the Allowance made them for their Subsistance & you will be pleased also to make the same inquiry and acquaint me in what Manner you would propose to have the Number you think Necessary for the Defence of the Country, Armed, Disciplined & Regulated Grounds. When Orders you would Recommend and their being put in Execution, whether you would choose to take them into Pay at once, or only as they may be wanted from time to time as they are brought to the same Ground. Orders with such other Light as may fully Instruct the Necessity & Advantage of adopting your Recommendation from the Mahrattas for the Defence of the Kimmedy Country, I cannot think it can be done to Advantage. You will receive herewith Enclosed a Letter from the Naib Subah of Vizianagrum dated 14th Instant, which has not yet reached me, but I am informed by Letters from Ganjam that the Rajah of Vizianagrum is in Arms against his Uncle the Rajah of Pallacole, who has applied for Assistance from the Nabob, and that the Rajah of Vizianagrum has applied to the Mahrattas for Assistance, which he will procure from them, on Condition of his acting in that Country & they will be joined by the Detachment from Ganjam.

I did not Apply to the Naib Subah for any Assistance from the Nabob, as I am persuaded he will not grant any, but I have sent Orders to the Chief of Ganjam to Assist the Rajah of Vizianagrum with such Number of Sepoys as he can spare, not exceeding 200 Men, and with the Gun Ammunition, but I should be glad if you would write to the Nabob, desiring him to order the Gun Ammunition, that I may send it to Ganjam, as there is no Gun Ammunition but what is in the Fort, and I may have occasion for it.

I am with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Rind the following Letter from Lieut Roach

Fort St George
6th June 1774

Lieut Roach to Engineer

Lieut from Lieut Ross Commanding Engineer to Mr Banks Engineer Corps

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

Honble Sir

I have herewith the Honor to lay before you the Drawings of Mr Banks a Young Gentleman who is desirous of becoming an Engineer. As he is well Recommended for Diligence & good Conduct by the Gentleman he has been with & the Specimens now before you & the fair Character he bears that he will prove a very useful Servant to the Company Should you be pleased to favor him with the Vacant Commission in that Corps

I am with Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & most Humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Agreed that Mr Banks be entertained in the Service as a Practitioner Engineer.

Read Letter from the Nabob Dated 7th Ultimo entered in Consultation by Correspondence No. 70 with Extract from Letter of Intelligence from the Subahs Camp.

Mr Johnson the President of the Committee of Works delivers in the following Extract from their Minutes.

Mr Department.

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works Dated 4th May 1774.

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Extracts from the Minutes of the Committee of Works recommending certain Regulations for the Lascar Establishment

1

The Committee thinking that the Lascars might be rendered a more serviceable Body of Men & less burthensome to the Company if the following Regulations were made concerning them, Resolve that they be recommended to the Board Viz.

2

That all Lascars at the Presidency & Out Garrisons be examined & all unfit for Service discharged

3

That a Register of all the Lascars at the Presidency & Different Garrisons specifying their Names, Age & Length of Service be forthwith made out, & kept by the Clerk of the Comm.ty & that in order thereto the Several Paymasters should be ordered to send in Lists according to their Respective Commands & that whenever a Lascar dies, deserts, or is discharged or entertained, the Paymasters at the Garrison in which such Casualty may happen do report it to the Clerk who should enter the same in that Register

4

That hereafter no Lascar be discharged or Entertained without Permission from the Commanding Officer nor by any Paymaster without Permission from the Committee of Works or the Corps Chief of the Subordinate Establishment to which such Lascar belongs

5

That the Lascars in the Garrison of Fort St George be divided into Companies to be allotted as follows Viz.t

2 for the Engineers for the Service of the Works

2 for the Artillery for that Service

3 for Guard Duty

6

That if the Artillery should at any time require the whole of the five Companies they may then be given to the Engineers & when the Engineers require it the Lascars may be taken from the Corps to which they are attached for such Particular Service

7

That as the Charge for Invalid Lascars is always increasing & may shortly become a great Burthen & as the Pay of a Lascar is more than that of a Sepoy the Committee think it will with reason be deemed a Stoppage for this purpose & that it cannot be expected but as the Fund prepared in the Maintenance of such Lascars as may by Wounds or long Service become incapable they will with Cheerfulness so consent by Regulation

8

The Stoppages recommended for Cloathing Allowance for Charity & for Syrangy & Convoy pice according to Custom, amount to 6 ½ Fs. pr. Month each Lascar. The Committee think that there is no Necessity for the Lascars to give Publick Charities & that it is probable there are great Abuses in the Collection of the Sums raised upon them by the Syrangys They are of Opinion therefore that in future no Syrangs or Convoy pice should be permitted to be received from any of the Lascars for any whatever, & that the Stoppages for Cloathing & Invalid Fund for Invalids should be 6 Fs. pr. Mo. which the Lascars can well afford, as well as for their Subsistance 1 Pay 3 Fs. for which is 13 Fs. more than a Sepoy receives.

9

The Number of Lascars in Madras & Out Garrisons is nearly 1500 the Stoppages for 1 Year.

5 ..... 45,000 pr. Stock at

42 Fs. Pay is 3420

Cloathing 1500

Ballance 1920

10

But as the Pay of the Syrangs and the Head Convoy at Madras is judged by them & as they are now prohibited from making any Stoppages

from

from the Lascars as heretofore; the Committee think that the following Addition Should take place be made to their Pay Vizt

To the Head Syrangs at Madras 5 Pr Month is	60.0.0
To the other Syrangs @ 3 Pags Pr Month each	504.—
To the Head Conicopoly at Madras 5 Pr Month	60.—
To that there will annually remain Pagodas	1304 for

the Maintenance of the Invalids & Considering there are but 25 at present the fund will probably increase to answer any Demands which can with Propriety be made on It

11 The Committee think that the Money annually Stopped Should be paid into the Company's Cash under the Head of Fund for Lascar Invalids & that it be recommended that Interest be carried to its Credit during such Times as the Company pay Interest to others

12 That a List Should be made out of the Lascar Invalids & Pensioners now paid by the Company & that they Should be examined by the President of the Committee, & the Chief Engineer with the Assistance of a Surgeon, that if any of them be unworthy to be continued on the List they may be Struck off & that in future no Invalids or Pensioners Should be Admitted but Such as are approved of by the Committee for which Purpose such as are recommended Should be Sent to Madras to be examined as above & a Register kept of those now receiving Pay as well as of any others who may be hereafter admitted with a Number affixed to each Person's Name, & that a Certificate signed by the Clerk be delivered to every Lascar Invalid with the Number in the Register in the following Form

No. name Age Length of Service, why Invalided when Pay P Mt

13 Agreed also that it be recommended to the Board that the Paymasters at the Garrisons do Send into the Clerk a Monthly Account of the Stoppages in their Hands & in Case they approve thereof that the Clerk do make out an annual Account Current of Stoppages for Lascars Cloathing & the Expence of making up the Coats, to be yearly entered on Our Proceedings

14 As the Business of the Comr by these Arrangements will be Considerably increased & is otherwise of such a Nature as to require Assistance of a Person conversant in the Malabar Language & the Clerk declaring that not finding himself able even now to do all the Business alone he has hitherto at his own Charge kept a Writer to assist him, The Committee being willing to give him every reasonable Assistance & Encouragement as his whole Time & Attention must be taken up to Conduct this Employ to Satisfaction It is Agreed to recommend to the Board that he be allowed ten Pagodas P Month for a Writer

A true Extract
W H Torriano
Clerk

The

Approved by the Board

The Board approve of the Regulations recommended in the foregoing Minutes & direct that the Necessary orders in Consequence be issued

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml. Johnson
J Wm
Geo. Stracey
Francis Fourdan

11

Wrote the following Letter to Capt. Edmund Pascal

To Capt. Edmund Pascal
Commanding at Chingleput
Sir

Letter to Captain Pascal to deliver over the Command of Chingleput to Capt. Mackarell.

As the Invalids under your Command are ordered to do duty in this Garrison & Captain Mackarell being appointed to the Command of Chingleput You will therefore be pleased to deliver over the Command of the Fort to him together with such Orders & regulations as you may have received necessary for him to be made acquainted with.

Upon the Arrival of Captain Mackarell with the Recruits you will be pleased to direct Capt. Black with the Corps of Invalids to proceed to this Place and you will further direct the Pensioners to proceed to the Garrisons from whence they Came You have Permission to remain at Chingleput a reasonable time until You can Settle Your Affairs

Fort St George
11 June 1774

I am
Sr
Your most Obt. Servant
A Wynch Govr.

Letter to Captain Mackarell to proceed with the Recruits to Chingleput.

And also the following Letter to Capt. Mackarell

To Captain Timothy Mackarell
Commanding at Pondamalee
Sr

On the Receipt hereof You will be pleased to march with all Convenient Expedition with the Recruits Under your Command to Chingleput

Capt. Pascal has received

orders

orders to deliver over to You the Command of the Fort together with Such orders & Regulations as he may have received necessary for you to be made acquainted with.

Fort St George
11 June 1775.

I am Sir.
Your most Obt Servant
Alexr Wynch Govr.

Monday 13 June

At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr President
Henry Brooke — George Dawson
P. M. Stone — Samuel Johnson
Edward Stracey
Francis Fowdar

General Consultation read

The President acquaints that two Europeans from this Garrison have been brought back by a Party of Rabbit Soldiers & that he at the same time received the following Note from the Nabob requesting that those two Men might be Spared

Note from the Nabob requesting the two Europeans Deserters

A Translation of a Note from the Nabob to Mr Wynch
Dated the 8 of June 1775

I send you two Europeans who you gave me reason to think were running away by the Boatman to the Port of Silwan & were conducted to a Grand by my Deputy at the Said Port & Sent them.

What can I say more

A Translation of a Note from the Nabob to Mr Wynch Dated the 11 of June 1775

I understand that you have demanded the two Europeans sent by my Deputy at the Port of Silwan & have dispatched to you, a Mill Burnage with a Note

I do not know of what Nation they are but if they are Englishmen, as in order to inforce the Regulations of the Company I sent to you those who had come under my Protection, I earnestly hope as a great favor, that no harm may happen to their Lives which I shall Esteem an Obligation conferred upon me.

What can I say more.

He intercedes in their behalf

The Forgiveness of Desertion amongst the Europeans of late under Corporal Punishment & discipline is very necessary The Board therefore cannot interfere in behalf of the aforementioned Delinquents, who must Suffer Such Punishment as the Sentence of a Court Martial Shall think proper to Inflict

Not complied with

Robt Young Committee for the Examination of the Papers to be handed from the Cutcherry

Conformable to the Order of the Honble Court Signified in Para: 15 of their General Letter of 8th Instant, a Committee was appointed the 10th for the Examination of the Papers handed from the Cutcherry & the following Report is now received from them

A Committee having sat at Fort St George agreeable to the Order of the Honble the Court of Directors to examine the Papers received from Europe on the Ship Europe Capt Thomas Nash Commander do find that they agree in every thing with the attested Papers Received from the India House except Jacob Singleton whom Reported by Mr Wm Moffatt Surgeon of the Ship to have been Discharged at Gravesend

Jno Wood Cd
C. James Jr Cd A.
Robt Wood Junr
Jas Anderson
Secretary

Europe Spoke with at Kimmedy

The President acquaints the Board of Foreign Consult Spoke at Kimmedy the 20th Ultimo

In Consequence of which the following Appointment is ordered to take Place

John

John Greenwell appointed Ensign

John Greenwell Ensign to Rank from 1st Instant. Date of Commission 13th Inst.

Read the following Letter from Mr Whitehill

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

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr Whitehill

I have the Honor to forward you herewith the Proceedings of a General Sepoy Court Martial held at this Place the 20th Ult.

Ensign Philip Stauton of the European Battalion at Elloor having addressed the accompanying Letter to me desiring Permission to resign the Service I beg to be favored with your order thereon

The Commanding Officer at Elloor having represented to me that they are much distressed from the want of Medicines at the Cantonments & having sent me an Indent I have the honor of enclosing it to you

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
7 June 1774.

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam
Sir

Ensign Stauton requests to resign yr Service

My bad state of health since my arrival on this Coast prevents me from doing my Duty therefore beg you will be good enough to request the Honble Govr & Council of Fort St George to accept of my resignation & at the same time please to assure them of my Sincere thanks

for

for the honor they have done me

I am Sr with the greatest Respect
Yr much Obliged & Assd Obt Servt
Philip Stauntons

June 6th 1774.

Agreed
Archd Gillon appointed Ensign

Agreed that Ensign Stauntons Resignation be accepted & that Archd Gillon be appointed in his Room. Date of Rank 13 Instant Date of Commission D.

A Wynch

Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J Hons
W Tracy
Francis Jourdan

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Esqr.

To George Stratton
Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

The Rest. Vizagapatam
Deputed Vizagapatam
& Sund. Off. Pittman
to Ganjam

The President has communicated to Us your Letter of the 27th Ult. with the translations of two Persian Letters which you had received from Vizeramdeo on the Subject of the Incursions of the Mahrattas into the Westward Country

Assistance
Protection

We approve of the assurances which you have given Vizeramdeo, & are entirely authorized & directed to assist & protect him as far as You can at Vizagapatam consistently with the Peace of the said Country & within the Limits of the Company's Lines

When you have occasion to write to Vizeramdeo, you will make use of the Names of any Persons Places not generally known, You will also send him some trade notes of Explanation

[You have our Leave to write a Letter of Congratulation to Vizeramdeo on the Success of his Arms, & to assure him of our Friendship & Protection, but you will not enter into any Engagements with him, or promise him any Assistance of Troops or Money, nor enter into any Correspondence with him, but what relates to the Affairs of the Company, & the Protection of their Subjects]

You will also send a Letter of Congratulation to Sundoo Pundit on the Success of his Arms, & assure him of our Friendship & Protection, but you will not enter into any Engagements with him, or promise him any Assistance of Troops or Money, nor enter into any Correspondence with him, but what relates to the Affairs of the Company, & the Protection of their Subjects

Sund. Pundit

We have directed Mr Pittman to proceed to Ganjam, to assist in making out Estimates of such Works as are still wanting to compleat the Fortifications there after Mr Colsfords Plan, & you will be pleased to transmit such Estimates to us for our further directions on that head

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
A Wynch & Council

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Estimates of such other Works as are further required for compleating the Fortifications at that Place according to Mr Colsfords Plan you will then furnish Captain Pittman an Order to proceed thither

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
A Wynch & Council

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And likewise the following Letter to Ganjam

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief of Ganjam

Sir

We have directed Mr Stratton to Order Capt. Pittman to Ganjam, to assist in making out Estimates of such Works as are still wanting to compleat the Fortifications there after Mr Colsfords Plan And you will be pleased to transmit such Estimates to us for our further directions on that head

Letter to Ganjam Capt. Pittman ordered thereon

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
A Wynch & Council

Fort St George
5 June 1774

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Gov. President
Joseph Smith . George Dawson
Henry Brooke . Samuel Johnson
J. W. Stone . Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdon

Read

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the Proceedings of the General Court Martial held upon Wm Seaman & John Beddler in this Garrison

The Sentence of a General Court Martial on Seaman & Beddes for Desertion Approved

Crimes Sentence Approved by the President & Council & ordered to be carried into Execution

Desertion on Wm Seaman To be Shot to Death on John Beddes one Thousand Lashes

N Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
[illegible]
[illegible]
Francis Jourdan

18

The Prisoner Seaman under Sentence of Death for Desertion addresses the Nabob.

The President this Day received a Letter from Captain Chesshire, the Captain on duty, transmitting a Letter wrote by the Prisoner William Seaman, under Sentence of Death, to the Nabob, as entered hereafter, and desiring the Presidents directions upon this occasion. He the President ordered the Secretary to collect the opinions of Council, whether the said Letter be forwarded to the Nabob & the Majority being of Opinion that it should it was accordingly Sent

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Honorable Sir

Letter from Captain Chesshyr on the Subject of Seamans Letter to the Nabob.

The prisoner Seaman now under Sentence of Death, in the Main Guard requests the indulgence of the accompanying Letter being conveyed to his highness the Nabob, Hog the Honor of your Commands relative thereto and am with the greatest Respect

Honorable Sr
Your most Obt & most Hble Servt
Robert Chesshyr
Captain of the Day

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr &ca &ca

To His Highness Mahomed Ali Cawn Bauhauder, Nabob of the Carnatick

The humble petition of William Seaman Gunner of ye Company of Artillery

Humbly Sheweth

Petition of the Prisoner under Sentence of Death to ye Nabob

That your poor unfortunate petitioner, being now under Sentence of Death, by a General Court Martial, for Desertion, which Your humble Petitioner, never intended to be guilty of any such Crime But was led into bad Company, through the Effects of Liquor

which

which was the reason your petitioner was guilty of so
ignominious a Crime.

Your humble petitioner therefore
most humbly hopes that your Highness will take the Premises
into your Highness Pitiful consideration, as your Petitioner always at all times Discharged his Duty becoming the Name & Character of a
Soldier and was the Non commissioned Officer that
had the Command of the Six Pounders at the late Siege
of Tanjore, when the Enemy attempted to Storm our
Trenches at which Time your Petitioner
got wounded. In the mean time also my Comrade at
the Gun got killed and wounded another Gunner
man — all which your Highness Petitioner has
forth in truth, as a Dying man, & the hopes through
the Help of God and your Highness that your gracious Highness will Mitigate your utmost Intent
to save Your petitioner Life which must certainly
Will be a caution & Warning to your Petitioner
And your petitioner in duty bound shall Ever
pray for your Highness's & & & Health Wealth
Prosperity & the Years, Both in body & Soul.

19 A Letter from the Nabob was entered here after the Body
of the Day entered the Sunday was devoted by the Pre-
sident to take the Opinions of Council whether the
Nabob's request for the pardon to the Prisoner under
Sentence of Death should be complied with and the
Board being of Opinion that we had Encouragement
enough to grant the Request of the Prisoner
under consideration, thought proper to Respite the
Execution & to answer the Punishment of the Law
Pagoda Bidder.

The Prisoner respited.

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To the Honourable Alex^r Wynch Esqr

President and the Gentlemen of
Council of Fort St George
Nabob Waulaw Jaw Ummeer ul
Hind Omdatul Mulk Ausuphjud
Dowlah Hamgur ad Dean Khan
Behawder Sepher Jung Sipoy Sau-
lawr. Wishes Health Happyness & Long Life

Letter from ye Nabob requesting a respite for the Prisoner under Sentence of Death.

This Letter requesting it as any
singular Favour of the Governor & Gentlemen of
Council, That the life of the unfortunate Brave En-
glish Soldier who writes the accompanying Petition
may be Respited, which will give great Comfort to
his Highness in these days of Scarcity.

Chepauk
19 June 1774.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 26 June

Alex^r Wynch Esqr Governor President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
J M Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan.

The Minutes of last Consultations read & approved

The Board taking into consideration what has passed as entered in the preceding Page, respecting the Prisoner William Seaman under Sentence of Death: The President reports that the Nabob called upon him very early this Morning & Solicited in the most urgent Manner the Pardon of Seaman Representing that Favour of a Similar Nature had been granted him by former Governors.

Since the Nabob has Interested himself so much & so strenuously in Favor of the Prisoner, and as there is reason to think that an Insult

as

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of this request would give him the greatest disgust but in the probability of his ignoring Orders to this purpose and to superintend any Disorders in future The President knows that both the Peruvian Seamen & Bedoes be confined until an Opportunity offers of sending them to Bencoolen & that they be fully Pardoned & removed from this Establishment to the Military of that Place as Seamen & B. Pardoned & removed to Bencoolen

ordinary where they will be removed from all Temptations to Desert, & may become useful Soldiers to the Company. The Question being put the Majority of the Board are for the Presidents motion

Notwithstanding the Majority of the Board have granted the Nabob's request from a Conviction that it is a Step that might be offensive to many of his Subjects they are so fully sensible of the Consequences of similar Applications from that Quarter, & the disagreeable alternative to which this Government may be reduced in either omitting a Necessary Punishment, or incurring the highest Enmity to the Nabob by carrying it into Execution, that the President is desirous to present to the Nabob the undeniable Necessity of complying Punishments & request he will not impute to intended disobedience to his Commands as such Delinquencies must on this Coast frequently occur & materially hurt the Company's Affairs.

Sentiments of the Board & the Minutes thereon

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

Read the following Letters

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieut Lyon Lieutenant of the Europeans in the Service of the Nabob

I have the honor to be Sir & Sirs

Fort St George 20th June 1774

Your most obedt & most humble Servant

Wm Lyon Lieut

transmitting to you a Certificate from the Surgeons Recommending me on Account of a long & troublesome Disorder of a Nervous kind to try a Voyage as the most likely means of re-establishing a decayed Constitution

I have therefore the honor of the Honble Board to request me such Leave and to provide in the Ship Cons Capt Neale to China & from thence if Necessary to the Cape of good Hope it being the Opinion of the Surgeons that the Voyage to China tho' it will be of great service will not entirely eradicate the Disorder & that the Cape will be found to be attained any where sooner more entirely

I have the Honr to be Sir & Sirs
With the greatest respect and
your most Obt Hble Servant
Wm Leybourne Lloyd
Lieut of Artillery

Fort St George
June 20. 1774.

We do certify that Lieut Lloyd of Artillery has suffered much from Nervous Complaints for a great length of time & is now so much weakened & debased by them that a Voyage to Sea would be absolutely necessary to his recovery.

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June 20. 1774.

Gill. Baston
Fd Anderson
} Surgeons

To the Honble the President & Council
of Fort St George
Greeting

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieut Lyon Lieut Lloyd of Artillery for whom we have delivered the Certificate for the recovery of his health

Having for these two Months past laboured under a very Dysentery by which my health and Constitution is very much decayed & having tried the Effect

Different parts of the Coast and not having received any benefit from it, it is the Opinion of the Surgeons that as my Bowels are so much relaxed that my going to a cold climate is the most likely means of reinstating my health, for which I have the honor of Inclosing to the board a certificate from the Surgeons requesting the favour of your permission to proceed in the Honble Company's Ship Cons commanded by Capt. Newte to China for the recovery of my health and if I do not get better at China I beg leave to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope which being a much colder climate will in all probability reestablish a decaying Constitution, But if I am so unfortunate as not to get better at the Cape of Good Hope I most humbly beg this Honble Board will permit me to proceed to England.

And hope this Honble Board will make such favourable mention of me to the Honble the Court of Directors as to induce them upon the recovery of my health in England to permit me to return to the Presidency with my Rank.

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt Hble Servt
Robert Tutt
Lieutenant Fireworker

Fort St George
June 2. 1774.

Fort St George June 20. 1774

This are to certify that Lieut Tutt of the Artillery has long laboured under a Dysentery which has weakened his Constitution so that we think a Voyage to Sea will be necessary for the reestablishment of his Health

Gilbert Parley
Jno Anderson Surgeons

Granted

Intelligence from the Maharatta Country

I agree that Lieut Lloyd & Lieut Fireworker Tutt be permitted to go to Sea for the recovery of their health.

Read Several papers of Intelligence received from the Nabob the Posture of affairs in the Maharatta Country. It appears that the ~~Subjects~~ Subah

Subah is extremely diffident, & in doubt whether he Winter at Aurungabad or to return to Hyderbad. His Vizier Rivum Uddowlah, presses him to prosecute the War but the Subah Seems more inclined to return. Raganaut Tow is with Tooryee Haleur, who is said, intends to espouse his cause.

N. Kynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J. H. Young
C. Stracey
Francis Jourdan

25d This Day the following Letter was despatched to Fort Marlbro

To the Honble Richard Wyatt Esqr
President & Govr &ca Council
at Fort Marlbro

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort Marlbro with the two Deserters

Upon the Admiral Pocock we have embarked for your Presidency William Seaman Gunner of Artillery, & John Beddes, Private of Infantry of this Establishment, the former of whom was lately adjudged to Death by the Sentence of a Genl Court Martial & the latter to 1000 Lashes for Desertion

Nom but circumstances of a very peculiar Nature could have induced us to burthen you with these two Men, tho' as Soldiers they have on former occasions conducted themselves with Courage & propriety, but as the Nabob made it a request of a most pressing Nature, that they should be pardoned we were induced from that Motive to remit a Punishment which we were of Opinion they amply merited

Your Honors &ca will easily conceive how very improper it would be to let them Remain on this Coast, when they might some time or other find an Opportunity of again deserting & of perhaps drawing others into their Schemes On your Establishment the same temptations for desertion, And we therefore are to hope that when they find themselves in a strange Country & their Crimes forgot, that they may render good Service to the Honble Company.

We are with Esteem
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedt [illegible]

Fort St George
25 June 1774

At a Consultation Present

Monday 27 June.

Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved
Read the following Petition from Mrs Souffrain

To the Honorable Alexander Wynch Esqr
President & Governor of Fort St George &ca

The humble Petition of
Jean Suffrain Widow of Bartholomew Suffrain deceased

Sheweth

Petition from Mrs Souffrain

That your Petitioners said deceased Husband was for Several Years an Assistant Surgeon in the Service of the Honorable English East India Company but did not Acquire any fortune, On the Contrary he has left your Petitioner in great distress with One Child without any thing to Support and maintain either your Petitioner or her Child, and your Petitioner is also Pregnant, your Petitioner therefore most humbly hopes The Honorable Board Company will be pleased to take her distressed Situation into Consideration and be pleased to make your Petitioner some Allowance for the Subsistance and Maintenance of herself & her Child your Petitioner's does also most humbly Implore your Honors Aid & Assistance to Obtain such Allowance

And your Petitioner as in duty Bound Shall ever Pray &ca

Fort St George 27th June 1771

Granted

At the Board are convinced that Mrs Souffrain is a real object of distress having been left in very Indigent Circumstances by her Husband & is Agreed that a Certificate be granted her, on her taking the Oath prescribed by the Regulations.

Deliberations of the Board on means for remodeling the present Hospital Establishment or adopting a more eligible system

Having great & many reasons of Uneasiness at the Hospitals on this Coast have often been the Subject of discussion at this Board and various modes for putting the Hospitals upon a different Footing have been recommended but the Inconveniences attending a Separation have generally ever Balanced the real advantages. The Subject is however one Humane & it must therefore be presumed that altho' the Consideration of these heavy expences is worthy of attention it must of equal Importance with that of the loss of Men which may arise from the Numbers who are commonly thrown into the Hospitals, especially when we advert to the small Military Establishment of the Coast and the heavy charge the Company are at in bringing the Men to this Country.

Sensible to find the Hospitals upon a Certain proper System is that the Surgeons derive all their advantages from the Settlement of the Hospitals because in all Garrisons there will be Malingerers who for fear of being sent to an Hospital to their Duty in the Garrison will under false Pretences shun themselves into the Hospital and have continued there as long as permitted

It is also our Direction that Mem. Light Casks should be sent to the Hospitals where Surgeons from the badness of the Water to which all such Casks are Subject to contract disorders difficult to be radicated

when merely dressings to such Wounds, without Confinement might have been sufficient, especially as large Hospitals in hot Climates, cannot be kept clean and by the admission of such often every Hospital is greatly increased to the danger & detriment of the whole

Having thus pointed out the Inconsistencies of the present plan it remains to consider of another which may be free from those Evils two occur. One that of putting the Hospitals under the Charge of Surgeons to be supplied with all things necessary for them by the Company: the other that of allowing a Sum proportioned to the Number of the Military consideration of Cloathing Victualling, Laundry Medicines & all other Incidental Charges

To the first there are many Objections it has been tried but found very expensive which was the reason for adopting the present Mode It is not to be expected that the Surgeons will be so attentive to the care of the Cloathing or Victualling or of any thing in which Savings might be made on the Part of the Company as if they were on their own Account, for Notwithstanding all that has been, or may be Urged, the Interest is the Strongest incentive to Oeconomy as well as Industry Were such a System to be adopted the Patients would be well taken care of. But the Expence from past experience would in all probability be rather increased than lessened. And as it would deprive the Surgeons of the only Means of acquiring a livelihood, disgust & dissatisfaction would ensue And all those of the Profession would who should be entitled any thing in the Service

That

that would enable them to live without the Com-
-pany, or to practice at home, would leave the Coun-
-try to the great danger & Inconvenience of this Service
for it must be observed that the Surgeons have no
prospect of a rise to render the Service an Object of
much Importance to them, & their Allowances
are less than those of a Lieutenant. When these
things are Considered and that Men of a liberal
Education, must be encouraged to enter into and
remain in the Service, it is Evident that a mode which
would Secure them a genteel Maintenance, &
afford a prospect, in length of time, of an Indepen-
dency, is the most eligible. If then the annual
Expences of the Several Hospitals were to be settled
Calculated for any precise time, & compared with
the Number of the Europeans in the Military, Such
an Allowance might be made to the Surgeons in
General as would Save a Sum not inconsiderable
to the Company, and yet leave an handsome
Allowance might be made to the Surgeons. The
Service would reap Advantage from it, because
the Surgeons would find it their Interest not to
admit Malingerers into the Hospitals, and
to take the greatest care of the Sick, in order to their
quick discharge and the Officers who attend daily to
visit the Hospitals would See that the men were
properly Cloathed & Supplied properly with Nece-
-saries.

The subject to be further considered

The Board after Mature Deliberation on the foregoing Remarks are of Opinion that
the latter Mode is the most eligible, it is therefore
Ordered that the Account of the Expences of the Hos-
-pitals on the Coast from 1st May 1770 to 30th April

1773 Specifying the amount for each Year be pre-
-pared & laid before the Board, when this Subject
will be further considered.

A Winch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J H Hone
C Stracey
Francis Fourdan

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8th Dispatched the following Letter to the President & Council of Fort William

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr President & Govr & Cn Council of Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Fort Wm. sent by the Speke Capt. Jackson with 5 Recruits.

We have taken the Liberty of this opportunity of the Speke Captain Jackson sailing for Bengal to Embark for your Presidency five Recruits who we received here from the Coast Newly.

The Captain will have to receive from your Honors & the Victualling of them from the Day of this Embarkation

We are with the Utmost Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servants

A Wynch

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At a Consultation Present

Friday July 8th

Alexr Wynch Esqr Govr President
Joseph Smith — Geo Pearson
Henry Brooke — Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone — Edwd Stracey
Francis Sourdain.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

General Court Martial on Lieut. Chollet.

Read the following proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Trichinopoly on Lieutenant Peter Chollet for leaving attended with Offs to be ignominiously cast by Mutt Hon

Acquitted by the Court

Richardson Lieutenant Chollet is acquitted by the Court but the Sentence disapproved by Lieutenant Col Billingham. The President reports that Lieut is again under arrest by Major Sam Fitz Gerald, for assaulting & beating M. William Richardson subsequent to the said trial & Issuing the arrest of Ensign Cades Smith

Sentence disapproved by Lt Col Billingham

Lieut Chollet again put in arrest for assaulting M. Richardson

Ordered that a Warrant be sent to Major James Fitz Gerald Commanding at Trichinopoly in the absence of Lieut Col Billingham authorizing him to assemble a General Court Martial for the trial of Lieut Chollet.

A Warrant sent to Major Fitz Gerald for his trial

Read the following Letter from Gingee with an Extract from their Consultations

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have herewith transmit You our Consultations of the 5th Instant and having taken into our most Serious Consideration the Representations therein laid before us by the Chief relative to the affairs of the Guzerat Tomindary, and the Paraccot Rajah. We now beg leave to offer your Honor &c our Sentiments on that Subject.

Letter from Gingee on the Subject of the Guzerat Tomindary & recommending Rajah Sing to be restored to the Tomindary of Paraccot

By a perusal of Mr Colebrooke's Letter on the Subject of the Guzerat Tomindary We observe that the Stipulated Tribute has always been greatly inadequate to its Value, & that the late Rajah had even shewn himself very backward in paying even that pretending that he was likewise obliged to pay an annual Tribute to the Mahrattas which by all we can learn is entirely without Foundation

We

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We find likewise that the present Ballance due from his Tributary is very considerable, which the ungrateful Rajah has refused to discharge except in such Articles totally inadmissable, as the Inhabitants upon being formerly confirmed in the Zemindary and desired to pay his Tribute annually, the pretensions also of Lakshma Bunge who is the late Brother of Pratasinna to be founded in Justice & therefore totally unsupported, these affords We think a prospect of valid advantages to the Company by enabling Us to recover the Ballance due from the Rajah to raise the Tribute & to weaken the Power of that Zemindary for all these reasons we are clearly of Opinion that Lakshma Bunge should be set up in Opposition to the present Brother, and the circumstance of this having been set up on the Company's protection at the Instigation of the Chief may be pleaded We think to give him an additional Claim to their favor & Support.

From the foregoing circumstances We cannot but regard Lakshma Bunge's coming over to Us as a most fortunate Event and the Consternation occasioned by it in the Garrow Country would point out the present as the most favorable juncture for commencing our Operations, but the great Scarcity of Grain the Want of Water, & the near approach of the rains, cannot be made it advisable to wait until after the Monsoon, more particularly as it is probable the Situation of Affairs at Vizagapatam may then admit of our being assisted by the other five Companies of the 2d Coast Battalion, which We could wish might be ordered to join us to ensure the Success of this Expedition. We therefore submit the foregoing circumstances to your consideration & to have your answer &c Should a Supply of

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Proceedings against the Garrow Country We request that you will Order the Chief of Vizagapatam to furnish Us with the other five Companys when they may be required, & as the Few Artillery Men belonging to this District are little better than Invalids that Your Honor &c will be pleased to Send us a Supply of as many as can conveniently be Spared

We have directed Capt Brandrell to deliver in an Indent of such Stores as will be required for two Battalions & the Storekeeper is Ordered to make every Necessary preparation that the troops may be in readiness to take the Field immediately after the Rains

We next proceed to give your Honor &c Our Sentiments concerning the Murder of the Company's Jaspardar in Paracoot Country particularly mentioned by Mr Cockford in his Letter to you of the 3d Dec 1773 from which it would appear that the said Murder was committed, or at least connived at by the Paracoot Rajah

So flagrant an Insult on the Company's Authority would of itself undoubtedly merit the most exemplary punishment and particularly when We consider how necessary it is, that the Persons of the Jaspardar whom We are often obliged to employ in collecting the Company's Revenue should be protected from the like attempts the important Service however which the Paracoot Rajah has already rendered to the Company by having been chiefly instrumental in bringing Lakshma Bunge and the great Assistance which We may further expect from him when we proceed against Goomsur, by having a free passage for our Troops

Thereby

the right this Country and on your Commencation for the Supplies of Provisions and Stores which will on that Occasion be necessary to defend our Force by Detachments for Escorts, and even as to encamp during your Hon.rs Stay at this Boundary upon the making proper Submissions on the most public manner for his misconduct, these Circumstances of the death of the Late Rajah demonstrated by the Chief and We think in some Measure to alleviate the Guilt he has already felt by your displeasure by having been kept out of his Country for the Space of eight Months which We may presume has had a proper effect in bringing him to a Sense of his Duty & will serve to convince the Mysore Boundary that Insolences will never be suffered to pass unpunished by your Hon.rs of your Resentating the Cavanah Rajah We request that you will be pleased to authorize us to do it as soon as We may judge convenient as We are of Opinion that his being first in possession of this Boundary as early as possible will greatly facilitate such Measures as it will be necessary to adopt for the March of our Detachment into the Gooty Country

In consequence of your Order of the 1st March, the Accountant having furnished us with a Statement of the Balances due from the Amildars Zemindars to 30th April last, has laid the same before Us and We now transmit it to you, It appears that from that the Zemindars in general are indebted to the Company in very considerable Sums and the Chief alleges as that Notwithstanding repeated Applications they still continue to be backward in their Payments having

of this Deficiency in their Payments We find they assign the failure of the Crops last Year as the principle one, but with regard to the large Sums of their Balances they say that it is partly owing to the Tribute demanded of them, having been paid at a Time preceding that they were before paid to Government, and accordingly We find that a full Years Tribute has never been actually received from them, and partly to their having been indebted for a twelvemonth the Arrears on Mr Colfords arrival here in 1768 when Warr and Dearth was raising Disturbances in every part of the Country We beg leave to refer Your Hon.rs to Mr Colfords Letter of the 3d January 1771 wherein he assigns you certain Balances to the amount of Pagodas 2,66,149 3 2 being then in his opinion desperate and States Reasons why with respect to the present deficiency at the We are sensible the Cavanah they have assigned for it is founded in Truth, & that the produce of the Country cannot have fallen short from the Circumstances they have mentioned of the Want of Rain & the failure of the Crops occasioned thereby, yet we cannot admit their Plea in such Force as altogether to justify their Conduct the Government Business being in a agitation, would be imprudent at this Juncture to enter deeply into any Military Operation but as the Chief informs us that the Detachment at Sundaghie is at present unemployed and in Opinion that they may be joined by the two Companies from Vizagapatam and Ordered towards the Gingetty and Wolvery Boundaries Those Pagodas would be so far from Contenting as to pay down, or give Security for a Part of the large Balances due from them We have directed the

Chief

Chief to send the Detachment accordingly as there does not appear to be any danger from opposition

The Rajah of Vizianagur and Callicoote are more considerably in Arrears, than any of the Rest, but as for the reason above mentioned it would be imprudent at this Juncture to proceed against them, We have desired the Chief to demand of them Assignments of part of their Countries towards the discharge of their respective Balances with respect to the other Rajahs we must temporize for the present and endeavour to collect from them as much as possible, untill the Situation of Affairs in this District will admit of our calling them to a strict Account.

The Chief having received from the Military Secretary some late Regulations relative to the Employ of Commissary General, by which it is directed that Some one shall act here as an Assistant to the latter, We have appointed Mr Oakes to that Service & have ordered Copies of the Said Regulations to be delivered to the Paymaster to Mr Oakes, & to the Surgeon for their guidance

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
John Holland
Thos Dyneley

Ganjam
18 June 1774

Ganjam 5th June 1774

Extracts from their Consultations on the foregoing Subject

At a Consultation Present
Chas Smith Esqr John Holland
Thomas Dyneley

The Chief lays before the Board for their Consideration the following particulars relative to the Affairs of the Geemsoor Zemindary

Kissen Bunge Rajah of Goomsur died in December last, having appointed his Second Son to succeed him in the Zemindary; this Mr Cotsford informed the Chief of when at Madras, & at the same time intimated to him that he thought it might prove a fortunate Event for the Company, as it might enable him to raise the Tribute considerably, that paid by the late Rajah being greatly inadequate to the real Value of the Zemindary, In consequence of this Information the Chief on his arrival here made it his first care to obtain all the Intelligence he possibly could concerning the State of Affairs in the Geemsoor Country, As the late Rajah had bequeated his Zemindary to his Second Son in prejudice to the Eldest, the endeavouring to prevail on the latter to come over to Us Seemed to afford the fairest prospect of accomplishing the End in View & the Information which the Chief received pointed it out as the most Obvious plan to be pursued, It soon appeard that the Elder Brother Latchema Bunge, at the apparently on good terms with the reigning Rajah, was greatly dissatisfied with his Situation, that he esteemed himself deprived of his Inheritance, and was well inclined to assert his Rights, and to enter into any Scheme which might be formed for his Advancement, The Chief therefore secretly encouraged him in his Disposition, and gave him the assurance by Cowle, that if he would withdraw from Goomsur & put himself under the Company's Protection, he might depend upon their favor & Support. The Rajah

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of Daracotah being attached to Sachuna a Bungesh
had married his Neice manifested an Inclina
tion to attone for his late misconduct, by offering
his Services on this Occasion, the Chief accordingly
empowered Captain Bandanell Commanding
the Troops at Atka, which plan his contiguous
both to the Daracotah & Gunnoor Country fitted
him with the Management of the negotiation,
& he entered himself effectually, that on the
Works every thing was agreed on & on the 15th April
Sachuna Bunge actually left Gunnoor & arrived
at a Fort in the Daracotah Country, as had been
previously concerted between him & the Daracotah
Rajah where he was met by Captain Bandanell
with a Detachment of our Troops, a few Days
afterwards conducted to Atka

It is well known that Gunnoor
is a Rich & fertile Country & that the possessor of it
must have no proportion to the Revenue; this M
Colford was very sensible of & would long since
have compelled the Rajah to measure his Tribute by
times and circumstances had been favorable the
Chief flatters himself that it may soon be in his
power to make our own terms, to decide this war
by letting the Brothers, or settle it in which
ever manner shall be most agreable to the wi
dom of the Honble Board at Madras, & the hopes
it may be effected without much Blood Shed
it is to be presumed that the engaging Rajah now
who are resolved to support the pretensions of his
will soon be induced to make such concessions rather
than run the risk of loosing his whole Territory
from this Land the two Brothers will be contin

with what ever part of the Country they may
chuse to attack how convenient that it is much
greater than he would have obtained without
our assistance

It is said that they are very
almost constant in Gunnoor, & in daily
expectation of being attacked by our Troops on
which these no Overtures have as yet been made
on the part of the Virginia Rajah nor is it
probable that any will be made, as it seems
to be an invariable rule amongst these people
never to Submit until they see a Force in the
Field ready to compell them

The Chief the above says before
the Board a Letter from Mr Colford to the Presi
dent and Council dated 30th Oct. 1773 relative
to the affairs of this District, in which he informs
them of the Apprehension of the unsteady conduct of the
Daracotah Rajah for which the Detachment took
possession of this Country, from hence it would
appear that the Company's Talwadar in the Dara
cotah Country was murdered in the Month of
May last by the order or with the consent of the
Daracotah Rajah, some circumstances however
relative to this Affair have lately come to the
Knowledge of the Chief which tend to lessen the
Rajah's Offence the next wholly to exculpate him
The Country people say that the Death of the Tal
wadar was entirely the effect of private Revenge
that he had caused several to be killed, & that the
Relations demanded Justice of the Rajah, which he
being unable to Grant they dissuaded him from
to take it, and he neither Ordering, nor forbidding
this

they assembled their Friends & the Head Men of the Talapoldar
Their Interpreter said that some time before the
Affair happened, the Talapoldar treated the Rajah
with the greatest Insolence, of which he intended
to complain to Mr Calcraft, but unfortunately
by the death of the Talapoldar in the interim, to get
a presumption of his guilt & the troops marching
into his Country, & Mr Calcrafts Departure from
Ganjam effectually deprived him of the means of
Vindicating himself. In Justice to the Paracoty
Rajah the Chief thinks it incumbent on him to
acquaint the Board, that the gaining over Talapoo
Bungo could Scarcely have been effected without
his Assistance, All the Barriers & Roads leading to
Goomsur had been well guarded ever Since the death
of the late Rajah, & none allowed to pass through them
except those who were known to be friends, or near
relations of the family, the Paracoty Rajah was re-
duced to the Evasion of Goomsur for Safety and
being distressed for want of provisions sent to Goomsur
supplies from his Nephew Sachema Bungo by means
of this Interpreter the Chief here, who forwarded the
Letter & the Correspondence carried on which terminated
in his coming over to us as above Stated, but the fur-
ther execution of this affair should it be necessary towards
the Detachment into the Goomsur Country, the
Paracoty Rajah's Assistance may still be offered
us, for the Chief is informed by Capt Brooke
that there is a Road through his Country lead-
ing to the very heart of Goomsur, which if Mar-
shall should pass through will afford us many ma-
terial advantages, as we should then cut off the

Obliged to march through the Goomsur Troops
would be forced out of Barriers, and some in particu-
lar which is very strong by Nature & well fortified
we should likewise be obliged after leaving proper
Guards to send out considerable Escorts, which would
harass our Troops, a Circumstance always to be
avoided if possible whereas if the Paracoty Rajah
is in our Interest we shall march immediately into
a Country in which open between Us
& our Enemies, a great deal of time & probably
many Lives saved, The Chief therefore Submits
it to the Consideration of the Board whether the
important Service already performed by the Pa-
racoty Rajah does not entitle him to Forgiveness
for his late misconduct, especially as he has al-
ready felt the displeasure of the President & Council
in having been kept out of his Country for the
Space of eight Months & whether an account of the
Assistance which we may for this respect from
him it may not be proper to recommend to the
Honble Board his being restored to his Country
before the Detachment takes the Field, that he may
wait our orders of this Service in our operations
against the Goomsur Country.

The Board proceed to take the
above into Consideration & having observed by
a Sentence in Mr Calcrafts Letter on the Subject
of the Goomsur Tumindary that the Stipulated
Tribute has always been greatly inadequate to its Value
& that the late Rajah had ever shewn himself very
backward in paying even that, & pretending that
he was likewise obliged to pay an annual Tribute

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to the Mahrattas which by all Accounts have no
entirely without foundation, the Board therein
finding that the present Balance due from Hirdi
remindary is very considerable, which the ongoing
Rajah has refused to discharge except on conditions
totally inadmissable, the Interests upon them
previously confirmed in the Zemindary, and do
not having his Tribute remitted, the pretensions
also of Lachema Bunge, whom the Elder Brother
appearing to be grounded in Justice, & therefore justly
supporting them affording a prospect of solid advan-
tages to the Company, by enabling us to recover the
Balance due from the Rajah, because the Tribute
from whom the Zemindary, for all these reasons
the Board are clearly of Opinion that Lachema Burg
should be supported & not oppose in pretensions to the
Younger Brother, & it is therefore agreed to recommend
the same to the Honble the President & Council

From the foregoing Considerations
the Board are of Opinion, in regard to Lachema
Bungis coming over to us as a most fortunate Event
& the Consternation occasioned by it in the Garrison
Country would point out the present as the most
favorable juncture for commencing our operations
but the great Scarcity of Grain, the want of Water &
the near approach of the Rains, concur to make it
advisable to wait until after the monsoon more
particularly as it is feared the Situation of Affairs
in the Bimmendy Country may then admit
of something assisted by the other Five Companies
of the 2d Bengal Battalion which We could not bring
to Ordered to join Us to ensure the success of this

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Expedition Agreed therefore to Submit the foregoing
Circumstances to the Consideration of the Honble
Board & in Case they should approve of our proceedings against
the Garrison Country to request that they will order
the Chief of Vizagapatam to furnish us with the
other five Companies when they may be required and
as the Jew Battallion belonging to this Garrison
are little better than Invalids that they may be shared
to Send us a Supply of as many as can conveniently
be spared

Ordered that Captain Barsden be directed to deliver
in an Indent of such Stores as will be required for two
Battalions & that the Storekeeper do make every neces-
sary preparations, that the Troops may be in readi-
ness to take the field immediately after the Rains

The Board now proceed to take
into Consideration the Murder of the Company's
Sepoy at Sea in the Paracoote Country as represented
by Mr Colesford in his letter to the Honble Board of the
30th December 1773 now before them which Inward
appear that the said Murder was ordered, and hard
rewarded by the Paracoote Rajah

So flagrant an Insult on the
Company's authority merited & still undoubtedly
must merit the most exemplary punishment and par-
ticularly when We consider how necessary it is that
the persons of the Sepoys whom we are often obliged
to employ in collecting the Company's Income
should be protected from the like attempts, the im-
portant Service however which the Paracoote Rajah
has already rendered to the Company by having ban
chiefly instrumental in bringing over Lachema Burg

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& the great Assistance which we may for the present
from him whom We proceed against & Governour by
having a free passage for our Troops through his Country
& a supply communication for the Supplies
of Provisions & Stores which will make it less necessary
to divide our Force by detachments for Forts
endure the Enterprize recommended to the Society of the
Honble the Board, more especially as the encrease to
of the Rents of the Jaghir to be recommended by the Chief
and Council will enable Him to attain this Object
he has already fell the best Disposition of the Hon'ble the
Board by having been kept out of his Country for
the Space of Eight Months which We may perceive
has had a proper effect in bringing them to a Sense
of their Duty & will serve to convince the other Zemindars
that Such Offences will not be suffered to go
unpunished. Agreed therefore to recommend to the
Hon'ble Board that Mr Barwell may be instructed in
his Zemindary upon his making proper Submis-
sions, on the most public Manner for his mis-
conduct & should they approve thereof that they will
likewise authorize Mr Johnstone to come to Terms with
We may judge convenient as We are of Opinion
his being put in possession of his Zemindary as early
as possible will greatly facilitate the Measures
it will be necessary to adopt for the March
of our Detachment into the Guntoor Country

In Consequence of the Orders of the Hon'ble
Board of the 10 March, the Accountant having handed in
to Consideration a Statement of the Ballances due from the Zemin-
dars to 30 April last and laid the same before the
Board, it appearing therefrom that the Zemindars engaged

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the Chief also informing us that notwithstanding
repeated Applications they still continue in arrear
backward in their Payments, the Board think it neces-
sary to take into their Consideration the measures
proper to be pursued as well for the Recovery of their Ba-
lances, as for the Collecting of the annual Tribute

Upon Enquiry into the Causes of this
Deficiency in their Payments, We find they proceed
the Failure of the Crops last Year as the principal
ones, but with Regard to the large Sums of their Balances
they say that it is partly owing to the Tribute demand-
ed of them having been fixed at a Sum exceeding
what they were before paid to Government and accor-
dingly received a full Year Tribute has never
been received from them Countries & partly to their
having been detained for a time by the Marattas
on the Coast of Coromandel when Narain-
der was raising disturbances in all Parts of the
Country it was not be improper here to refer the
Hon'ble the Board to Mr Caldfords Letter of the 3 January
1771 wherein he advises the fixing of certain Ballances
being therein his Opinion desperate & States the
Reasons thereof. With respect to the present de-
ficiency although we can scarcely think the Reasons they
have assigned for it sufficient to justify it, that the
produce of the Country must have fallen short from
the Circumstance they have mentioned of the Want
of Rain & the failure of the Crops necessary & thereby
yet we cannot admit this plea in such Force as entirely
to justify their Conduct

The Gramour Burmese having given in
Intelligence of his being appointed to command at the Fortress to
not to deeply in to any Military operations, but as the

Chief

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Consequences the Board that the Detachment at St George is at present much employed, and is of opinion that if they were joined by two Companies from Bengal they could be employed towards the Eighty and Malabar Countries, those Regts would then be consistently dated as to pay down a proper Security for a part of the large Balance due from them, & it agreed that the Chief be desired to send the Detachment accordingly as there does not appear to be any danger from Opposition

The Regts of Bengal consider that a Reduction would be very inconsiderably in their Favor at this Port, it would be very imprudent at this Juncture to proceed against them, Mr Ross of Opinion that the most advisable Measure would be to obtain from them Assignments of part of their Emoluments towards the Discharge of their Deficiencies & that Lt Col Adam should be desired to ascertain the proportion of the Allowances that may be made over to Us the Chief is then further desired to demand of them such Assignments — With respect to the Black Regts we must temporize with them for the present & endeavour to collect from them as much as possible until the Situation of Affairs in this Part of India will admit of our calling them to a strict Account

The Chief having received from the Military Secretary at Madras various Letters relative to the keeping of Bengal Recruits, by which it is directed that none shall be sent there as an Assistant to the latter Regt at Wallajahbad be appointed to that Service & that Copies of the said Instructions be delivered to the Paymaster

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to Mr Oakes & to the Surgeon for their guidance

Charles Smith
John Holland
Tho.s Dynely Jr

Determinations thereon deferred

Agreed to defer coming to a determination on the preceding Subjects, until the Circumstances set forth by the Chief & Council have had a further consideration

Read the following report from the Engineer in consequence of his having been ordered to Survey & Report the State of the Barracks at Pomamalee for the European Battalion

Fort of Pomamalee June 28 1774

The Engineers Reports of the Barracks of Pomamalee

This Fort is in good Repair but a Stone Chunam Wall which forms a part of the Curtain or Gateway is so Shaken & the Cornice in so ruinous a Condition as to be in Danger of doing Mischief by falling in, that if the Men have time should be lost in taking it off, & as there is an outward and Gateway Entrance, this may be done without affecting the Security of the Fort & may be repaired at leisure whenever any Alterations of the present or the additions of new Buildings may be thought Necessary

As the Regiment now Cantoned here is not completed with its Officers those who are with it are well provided with Quarters, but should the Complement be made up there will not by any means be sufficient Lodgings for them, as must appear by the following Statement of the Quarters necessary for a Battalion Complete, and the Number this Place affords

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An European Battalion compleat with Officers consists of

1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
9 Captains
12 Lieutenants
16 Ensigns
39 To which must be added
2 for the Surgeon & Sepay Officer
41

In the Garrison there now are 17 Quarters
On the Esplanade 2 Do
19

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So that Quarters for 21 Officers will be wanted Should the Regiment be compleated to its Establishment The two Quarters lately Built on the Esplanade are considered as the field Officers, & if Quarters for 8 Captains are built near them (Supposing one Captain always in the Fort) he with the Subalterns may be tolerably lodged in the Fort. The Quarters in the Fort are rather confined being but one Room & a Godown with a front & back Veranda running along the whole length of the Building. The Quarters intended for the Commanding Officer consists of five Rooms & a Godown equal in like to the Fort. The Barracks with their Officers & for the Men have been considered as sufficient for a Battalion compleat the Hospital at present is not Tenable by removing up a Slight wall five feet in height between the Columns of the Veranda much Space will be gained & it will be [illegible]

Expence of doing it appears by the annexed Estimate

The Quarters which the Surgeon inhabits (being a Bungalo built on the Esplanade by the late Capt. Tolland) is in a very ruinous State insomuch as hardly worth the Expence it will incur to render it clean & Water proof neither of which is it at present. The Walls being of Mud wood are greatly infested with white Ants & the Props which Support the Palmeira Rafters are quite decayed under the Surface of the Ground. The Expence of cleaning whitewashing & new covering it is Shewn by the accompanying Estimate

The Ajutant & Quarter Master having Families which the confined Quarters in the Fort are by no Means calculated to accomodate them, The Commandant prior to my arrival gave Orders that another Room Should be added to each of them. This is effected by inclosing the Part of the Veranda attached to the Quarter is begun & when finished will amount to the Sum charged in the Estimate

The Number of Workmen at present employed here appears by the accompanying Return. The Additions at the abovementioned Quarters & the Repairing the Guard Beds is the Chief of their Business at present

The Quantity of Materials remaining at this Garrison is specified by the accompanying Return of them.

George Maule
Sub Director & Capt. of Engineers

Return

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Return of Materials remaining at Poonamalee.

Burnt Bricks		No	40,000
Raw Do			25,000
Chunam		Parr	10
Jaggery		Maund	25
Sheathing Boards	(new)	No	66
Do	(old)		10
Comare Boards			20
Nails	6d	N	1100
Do	12		3000
Do	8		400
Do	6		1500

Poonamalee
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Geo Maule
Sub Director & Capt of Engr

Return of Artificers employed at Poonamalee
June 28th 1774

1 Mastry Bricklayer
1 Carpenter
10 Cooley Bricklayers
7 Do Carpenters
1 Sawyer
2 Smiths
2 Hammerman
2 Bellas Boys
20 Cooties
11 Boys at 1½
19 Do at 1½ } 1st Day
16 Women

Geo Maule

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Estimate of Repairs at Poonamalee

Estimate of Repairs	Inclosing Veranda of the Hospital								
	Bricks	No 15000	@ 33 ½ P.M.	13	6	50			
	Chunam Parrat	22	@ 11 Pag.	2	-	-			
	Jaggery Maund	½			33				
	Sand				22				
	Pots & Ropes				4				
	Bricklayers			9	33				
	Cooties			12	24				
	Boys			8	16		47	12	50
	Compleating the Quarters of Ilt Adjutant & Dr Masters								
	Bricks	No 10000		7	29				
	Chunam Parr	44		4					
	Jaggeree Md	3		1	23				
	Sand			1	1				
	Bricklayers			6	22				
	Cooties			8	16				
	Boys			5	25				
	2 Doors & Frames compleat			10					
	10 Windows Do			15			59	32	
	Cleaning White Washing & Roofing the Surgeons Bungalo								
	Cooties for 10,000 Cadjans cutting			6	42				
	Narr Bundles	100		3	21				
	Straw Do	500		11	27				
	Cooties for Cutting & Carrying Palmeiras	360		18	36				
	Chunam Parrat	5			20				
	Bricklayers			2	4				
	Carpenters			4					
	Cooties			10	20		58	2	
			Pagodas				165	4	50

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Sub Director & Capt of Engineers

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Repairs ordered

It appearing from the foregoing Report that the Repairs recommended by the Engineer at Poonamalee are necessary & can be done at a Moderate Expence Resolved that the Same be carried into Execution with all Convenient Expedition

Maharatta Intelligence

The President lays before the Board Sundry Papers of Intelligence from the Maharatta Armies, Dated from the 3 to the 13th Ultimo from which it appears, that the troubles in those parts Daily increase.

Letter from the Nabob

Read Letter from the Nabob No 73 as entered in Country Correspondence with Bills for Pag. 154,000 on Account of the Jaguire Poonamalee, & Current Charges Rents, Ordered that the Same be acknowledged when the Bills become due & the amount Received.

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J M Stone
Edwd Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 11 July

Alexr Wynch Esqr Govr Presd
Joseph Smith . Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke . Saml Johnson
J. M. Stone . Edwd Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Colonel Langat Vellore

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr Presd &ca Council of Fort St George

Honrable Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Lang expressing his Doubts on the Sentence of the Court Martial held on William Holloway

The accompanying Tryal of no less moment than the life of a man, I flatter myself I may without apology request your perusal of it & the assistance of your Advice & Opinion thereupon

I have With the utmost attention read & Considered the whole, & tho' it appears to me beyond a doubt that the prisoner assaulted & bruized the deceased & thereby occasioned his death yet I cannot agree with the Court that he is therefore guilty of Murder & deserving of Death

As the Prisoner himself observes there is not the smallest proof that he was the first aggressor, or that he bore the Slightest malice or hatred to the Deceased, On the Contrary it is admitted that the Strictest friendship & harmony subsisted between them, I therefore humbly conceive that, as the Fact was neither wilful nor premeditated

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the Prisoner is or are properly guilty of, Man Slaughter according to the most literal construction & generel acceptation of the word, & that Sentence passed of this Opinion which nothing but your confirmed Judgement can ratify, however I may lament the fatality attending the punishment due for the assault & Battery I can not consent to the taking away his Life

My situation therefore is not a little distressing I cannot without some uneasiness reflection on my single Judgement, controul the Sentence of Fourteen Gentlemen upon Oath I cannot take away Life under such contradictions to my own sentiments & Power which is a power I wish to exert in this Case but not by your Warrant Vested in me

From these Circumstances you will readily conceive that I am particularly interested to Mercy, to which also I am bound by the Oath I am under by the President's Verbal Recommendation in the Name of the Board

I shall be directed entirely by your Sentiments & shall be pleased happy if your Opinion be spared with your Approbation

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

The Metical Cause of Lieutenant Martin's Death is set forth in the following Letter from Colonel Lang & William Melhuish a Corporal in the Battalion at Vellore was brought

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and brought to a trial for assaulting and occasioning the death of his Comrade The Assault is clearly proved & the Surgeon depose that a Bruise on the discased received from the Prisoner was the immediate cause of his Death The Prisoner in his defence chiefly rests on the following Points, his being in a State of previous Inebriety from Liquor at the time the Quarrel happened that there is no Proof in the prosecution that the Prisoner was the Aggressor & that on his part there could be no malice prepense as he & the deceased had always lived on terms of Intimacy and Friendship — The Court Martial found the Prisoner Guilty & Sentenced him to be hanged

Colonel Lang being by Warrant Vested with the Sole power of approval & Disapproval of the Sentence The Board are unwilling to give an Opinion upon seeing that apart when their duty does not Oblige them to it But as Colonel Lang gives us to understand he is furnished with sufficient lights on the Nature & Distinction of the Crimes of Murder & Man Slaughter it is agreed to transmit him Extracts from the last Proceedings & to leave the final determination to his own Judgement

The Board declining giving an Opinion

Read the following Letter from
S[ir] Rob[er]t Rumbold

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Gentlemen

I have had the honour of receiving a Letter from his Majesty for His Highness

Letter from S[ir] Robt Rumbold intimating his receiving a Letter from his Majesty to Mr Hebbert

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My situation therefore is not a little distressing I cannot without some misgiving upon my Single Judgement cancel the Sentence of Thirteen Gentlemen upon Oath I cannot take away Life and direct contrary directions to my own conviction & Power which is a power I wish to avoid in this case not by your Warrant I stifle me

From these Circumstances you will readily conceive that I am particularly interested to Mercy, to which also I have been for this induced by the President's Verbal Recommendation in the Name of the board

I shall be directed however chiefly by your Sentiments & shall be glad to find myself prevented by your Approbation

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
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Sir Robt Rumbold

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The Board declining giving an Opinion

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the Nabob with Directions to deliver it in a proper manner, I am now to acquaint you that I mean to do this on Sunday next the 16th Instant about Nine OClock in the Morning, with the usual honors & Salute, no doubt but you will give what assistance you can on that Occasion.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
W: Harland

Alexander Wynch Esq
President & Council
Fort St George.

Ordered that the Usual Honors be paid upon this Occasion.

The Sascars in this Garrison having Sometime ago entered into a Combination & Absented themselves from Work being Dissatisfied with the late Regulations relative to the Stoppages, W Johnson the President of the Committee of Works & Lieut Col Ross were directed to Enquire into the Matter & Report the Grounds of their Complaints, for Orders thereon. Accordingly they attended the Board & W Johnson made the following Report

The Substance of an Enquiry into the late Conduct of the Sascars by Samuel Johnson Esqr & Lt Col Ross the 25th June 1775

Report from Mr Johnson & Lt Col Ross relative to the Dissatisfaction of the Sascars

Considering the Conduct the Sascars have been guilty of, We do not suppose they could have taken such a Step without the knowledge, We therefore in Order to come at the Truth thought it proper to promise them that if they would inform Us of the whole of this Transaction We would use our Endeavours to procure [illegible]

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even tho' it should appear he was in fault. He promised he concealed nothing from Us. It appears from this Information that the Sascars were made acquainted with the Intentions of the Committee regarding the Alteration in their Stoppages, some Days before they were paid, when they expressed a Dissatisfaction & particularly at the Stoppage of the Charity Money, that the Head Syrang with the approbation of the other Syrangs undertook to prepare a Petition setting forth their Grievances which was to have been laid before the Committee. We find he did prepare the Petition, but that it was not delivered. It appears that the Sascars were dissatisfied on Receiving their Pay Notwithstanding that they did receive it & returned to their Work. The next Morning they absented themselves, which, when the Comptroller & Syrangs & Sindahs found, W Johnson not being in Town they reported it to Mr Stone & Lt Col Ross, On being questioned by Lt Col Ross at that Time as to the Cause of this Desertion they repeatedly declared they knew of none, & it was not till a Days or two after that the Comptroller acquainted Mr Johnson of their having a Petition, which they had designed to have immediately delivered, the Head Syrang put off, observing that it wanted Alterations & Amendments. The Comptroller on being asked whether he thinks the Sascars were induced to absent themselves at the Instigation of Officers, or acted from their own Will, says he thinks it was by the Instigation of their Officers, who were dissatisfied at the Stoppage of the Charity Money, which they said to receive & apply as they thought proper, & therein that the Sindahs who at the time of the Publication of the proposed

Regulation

Regulation were given to understand that their
Pay was to be increased, Joined themselves disaffected
Sid by its being continued as usual

Narrain, the Head Syrang being
examined as to the Effect the late Stoppages had upon
the Lascars, reported as the same as before set forth
by the Committee, and acknowledges to have received
to prepare a Petition, with the Assistance of the
other Syrangs & Tindals which he Says the Lascars
but did not know when the last Came to the meeting
being asked why he did not inform Col Roy of their
Petition at the time he was asked if he knew any
Reason of the Dissatisfaction of the Lascars he refused
to give any Satisfactory Answer.

M Tennant's Brannimy being
examined declared not to know any thing more
than that the Lascars were dissatisfied at the Monthly
Stoppages, & that the day after they were paid they
disappeared

The other Syrangs & Tindals being
likewise examined it appears that they all knew
of the Petition & of the Dissatisfaction of the Lascars
& that they concealed the knowledge of the same
& did not Report what had passed between the Lascars
& them, at the time they were engaged to go
station in the Stoppages & that they are the
deemed to fix on the particular Lascars they
to return they were sent to know the Reason
Dissatisfaction first Committed to, these & them
the Names of three of four of the Companies
but one of the other Sarrangs being Ordered to bring

to dinner & did not go near Work till the Evening
And even also found that in the Morning of the 8th Certain
Lascars were Stationed in all the Roads to prevent
others from coming to their Work which Method
conceive could be long concealed from Vigilant
Officers who had passed those Roads

their dinners

Resolutions thereon

And it appears from the foregoing
Report that the Head Syrang has been particularly
culpable in the Combination amongst the Lascars
who had no cause of complaint as their Wages had
been considerably increased. Resolved that he be dismissed
the Company's Service, and as it is likewise
appears that the other Syrangs & Tindals knew of the
dissatisfaction of the Lascars & so far from reporting
the same to Mr Robinson or Colonel Roy,
that they rather encouraged the Combination
it is further Resolved that those Syrangs be reduced
to the Rank of Tindals & the Tindals to the Station
of Lascars, to remain, until their future good
Behaviour shall Entitle them to a restoring of promotion & further that the Lascars who first absented
themselves or encouraged others to do so be corporally
punished

The Subject of the Letter from Gingee further considered

The Board proceeded to take into
Consideration the Subject of the Letter from Gingee of
the 18th Ultimo entered on the preceding Consultation
recommending Vajendra Sing to be Entrusted to his
Zemindary & the Force which will be required for carrying the Same into Execution

As Vajendra Sing had rendered
himself obnoxious to Government by the Murder
of the Company's Sepoy at Arcot, as set forth in Mr
Botsford's Letter of 29th Dec. 1773 & as it was evidently

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the Intention of the Board by the Appointment of the Zemindar to Set an Example to others & to Shew that Such Inroads to the Company's authority must & must with the Severest Punishment. I was in hopes for Mr Smith to have set Pagoda Boy in any Capacity which could give him hopes of forgiveness without previously Consulting the Board & therefore offer as evident from the Letter recommended consideration that the advantages which were expected from the Assistance of the Zemindar preponderated in the Opinion of Mr Smith & that time with the Negociation Agreed to, before Sending any final directions from Mr Smith, if he has entered into any Engagements with Pagoda Boy given him any Encouragement to look for the Company's forgiving & forbearance. That the Board may entertain of the Prosperity of the Measures & is never their Interest any to pursue the Opinion of the Company's good Faith in the Minds of the Zemindars & to support the Credit of our Chief both of which must be affected by our breaking any Engagements or Promises made by Mr Smith &c. The Board cannot allow any weight to the Argument used by the Chief & Council in favor of the Restoration of Pagoda Boy to his Zemindary that Material Advantages may thereby be derived to any Operation which may be undertaken against Gunnoor, for it is known that if the Zemindar gives the Assistance of the Company equal if not greater Assistance may be given to the Troops on that Service than if the Country were to be left in the Hands of Pagoda Boy

It appears that the late Tajah

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of Gunnoor Bequeathed the Zemindary to his second Son in Prejudice of the Eldest and as the Chief & Council seem to think that the right of Inheritance was the Eldest, it becomes necessary to enquire into the Established Custom of Succession amongst the Zemindars & for this purpose it is Agreed to Examine Moodoo Kistnah &c for the Company's Interpreter.

Moodoo Kistnah being Called before the Board & the Necessary Questions put to him respecting the Customs of Succession amongst the Zemindars in the Following Manner—

"That according to the Known Laws & Customs of the Zemindars the Eldest son Succeeds to his Father, but if he has any objection to the Eldest Son, he may set him aside & nominate any of his other Sons to be his Successor; but this act must be done with the approbation of his Relations— If the Zemindar has no Children alive at the time he has a right to adopt a Son from the Family of his Near Relations & declare him his Successor which must never the less be done with the Consent of his Relations— But the Government has the Power to Confirm such Election or adoption or to Set aside as they may judge proper."

From the Circumstances which have come to the knowledge of the Board respecting a Succession to Gunnoor & the foregoing account of the established Customs of Succession amongst the Zemindars, it is to be inferred that Rajah Bunge the Second Son to the late Tajah of Gunnoor as well as his other Brothers was illegally set aside by the Elder Son, who does not appear to have

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been confined by his Brother, would most probably in the course of eight Months have fallen upon Some Means to have Claimed the Zemindary or at least to have Complained to Government of the Injustice which was done to him & from the known Attachment which these People bear to their Ancient Usages & Customs, it is Natural to Suppose that the Eldest Son would have found many adherents to Support his Claim had he been unjustly Set aside

Altho' it is the general Maxim for the Son, by right of inheritance to Succeed to the Zemindary of his father, Nevertheless it must be still a more invariable Rule that upon the demise of a Zemindar, the heir apply to this Government through the Chief & Council for Confirmation & no one is to be Considered as Zemindar in right untill he has been approved by the Board

Admitting therefore from the foregoing Premises that Kissin Bun[illegible] the 2 Son of Gunnoor is the Right heir, The Board Agree to Confirm him in his Zemindary, on the following Conditions Viz. That he discharge in proper time the Balance due by him to the Company; That he agree to a Jumabundy, more adequate to the Value of the Zemindary, than what he at present pays. & lastly, in Consideration of the premises which we apprehend have been made to the Eldest Brother, that he, the Reigning Vajah do Settle upon his Said Brother a reasonable Sum for his Support

But as it is probable from the

present Contumacious disposition of this Zemindar as represented to us by the Chief & Council, that he will reject the foregoing proposals, it is therefore necessary to Concert the proper Means for bringing him to Obedience, Orders will be accordingly issued for a Sufficient Quantity of Military Stores to be Sent to Ganjam & directions will be given to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to give what Assistance they can in forwarding Such Measures as may hereafter be resolved upon

Ordered that a Letter be prepared to the Chief & Council at Ganjam, conformable to the Intention of the foregoing Minutes

A Munch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml. Johnson
J. H. Hone
O. Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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The following Letters were this Day wrote by the Secretary & Dispatched Vide Cons 8th & 11th Instant

To Major James Fitz Gerald
Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Major Fitz-Gerald to assemble a General Court Martial on Lieut Chollet.

Accompanying this you will receive a General Warrant empowering you to cause General Courts Martial to be held at Trichinopoly during the Absence of Lieut Col. Bellingham The Consequence of which you will be pleased to give the Necessary Orders directions for the trial of Lieutenant Peter Chollet.

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Wm Petrie Secretary

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To Colonel Ross Lang
Commanding at Villore
Sir

Letter to Colonel Ross Lang respecting the Sentence on Wm Holloway.

I am directed by the President & Council to return you the Proceedings of yr General Court Martial on Wm Holloway

As your application to them seems to have been Occasioned by your Doubts whether the Crime for which the Prisoner was tried, comes under the Denomination of Manslaughter, or Murder they have directed me to furnish you with the two enclosed Extracts from the best Law Authorities which they think will be Sufficient to direct your Judgement

I am Sr
Your most Obt Servt

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At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 12 July

Alexr Wynch Esqr Govr President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Saml Johnson
J. Mt Stone " Edwd Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved Read Letter to the Chief & Council at Ganjam Draft of which was ordered to be prepared last Consultation, Approved & Ordered to be wrote fair

As the Military Establishment of the Coast is greatly reduced by the loss of Europeans at Tanjour by the Number of Soldiers who have lately applied applied for & received their discharge from the Service, and as a very inadequate Supply of Recruits are expected this Season from England. Resolved that application be made to Sr Robt Harland, to permit Such of the Marines, belonging to the Men of War who are Ordered home, as are willing to Enter into the Company's Military Service, to remain in the Country for that purpose.

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J M Stone
E Stracey
Francis Jourdan

12 In consequence of the Resolution of Yesterday The following Letter was this Day wrote & dispatched to Sr Robt Harland

To Sir Robert Harland Bart

Rear Admiral of the Blue
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India
& his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary —

Sir

Letter to S. Robt Harland respecting the Marines —

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 9th Instant & directions are given for the Usual Ceremonies on the delivery of his Majesty's Letter to his Engrss the Nabob

As our Military Establishment is considerably reduced by the loss sustained at Ganjam the Number of Men who have lately received their discharges from the Service, & as we have reason to expect but a very inadequate Supply this Year from England, we are induced to request you will permit such of the Marines, belonging to those Ships intended this Season for Europe, to remain in the Country, as are willing to Enter into the Company's Military Service — Your Compliance with this Request, if it can conveniently be done, will be rendering a very essential Service to the Company We have the honor to be

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Sir
Your most Obedient
& most Hble Servts
A Wynch &c Council

Signed & Dispatched the following Letter to Ganjam

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief &c Council at Ganjam

Gentlemen

Letter to Ganjam relative to Daracoote & Gumsoor —

We have received your Letter of the 18 Ultimo with an Extract from the Minutes of your Consultation, & a Statement of the Balances due by the Several Zemindars in the Itchapore District.

From our other Department you will receive our Instructions respecting the Balances, and We shall here proceed to give you our Sentiments and directions on the Steps you have already taken & the Measures you recommend to be pursued respecting the Zemindaries of Daracoote & Gumsoor

By the Enclosed Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 13 January 1774 you will clearly perceive that it could not be our intention to restore Rajender Sing to his Zemindary The Murder of the Company's Tassaldar when in the Execution of his Office, to which even from the most extenuating accounts, be tacitly consented, was a Crime of too atrocious a Nature to be passed over with Impunity — As your Chief was present when the Subject was discussed at the Board, we are Surprised to find that Rajender Sing charged with a Crime which rendered him Obnoxious to Government, Should have been employed on the part of the Company in the Management of Your Negociation with Lalchema Bunge — We have Nevertheless agreed to defer giving you our final directions regarding the Zemindary of

nevertheless.

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of Paraute, until We know whether you have
succeeded or any & what Engagements
with Rajender Sing. Whether you have given
him any Promise or any Reason to expect that
he would be assisted in the Measures he is
pursuing against you with
Respect to the advantages you tell us
to desire from the Expectation to be received from
Rajender Sing in case of this being assisted
in the Zemindary of Paraute in any Opera-
tions we may undertake Against the Gumsoor
Zemindary, which if the Country be in the hands
of the Company the Troops to be employed on
this Service will think may receive at last equal
if not more essential Assistance, than if
it were in the hands of Rajender Sing
Unassisted as we are of the
particular Customs of the Zemindary in your
District. We cannot give you Such Power
Orders as we could wish. But as
will be required for you to Send us
ticulars and Power to Send you
And as the Necessity of the case may
you to have recourse to Arms, We shall give
you our Sentiments and leave to your Pru-
dence to act as may appear for the Interest
of the Company and compatible with Justice
We are advised that it is the
Custom amongst Zemindars in general for
the elder Son to Succeed his Father, but that
in particular Instances as want of Capacity,
Disobedience or that Son to whom the Father hath

hope.

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right to divide with the Elder and give the Zemin-
dary to another, which is generally done
in the presence of their Relations, & with certain
Ceremonies: Now as the Elder Son hath Never
complained to the Government of any Injury
done him, much less applied for the Zemin-
dary, we are led to conclude that the Se-
cond has Succeeded according to the Usages & Cus-
toms of the Country & the peaceable Residence
of the Elder with his Brother for upwards of Months
seems to confirm it. But we are to Observe that
we do not Mean to preclude any Competitor
to the Zemindary from Notice & Claim, but
only to intimate to you that it is inconvenient
for this Government to enter upon Subjects of
this kind except upon Regular & proper Complaint
before them.

You will further Observe that
Althe' by right of Inheritance a Son is to Succeed
to the Zemindary of his Father, nevertheless
on the Death of a Zemindar, the heir is to apply
to this Government, through you for his Con-
firmation, and that no one is to be considered
as Zemindar until he shall have been ap-
proved by us. Since Sd as you will make known
to all the Zemindars under your Government

Admitting from the fore-
going Premises that Vizeram Bungo is the
legal heir we agree to confirm him in his
Zemindary on the following Conditions
That the discharge in proportion to the Balance due
by him to the Company That he Settle with you

elders.

Jo

for a Jemabundy more adequate to the Value of the Zemindary than the present, and that he Confer on his Brother Latchema Bunge a Reasonable Allowance for his Maintenance We do not wish to interfere in the family Disputes of the Zemindars Yet the promises which have been made to the Elder Brother render it necessary on this occasion for us to have him provided for

From the manner in which you write of the Zemindar we apprehend he will not Agree to the Terms mentioned by us and We therefore have directed that you shall be Supplied with the Necessary Stores — We shall likewise desire the Chief of Vizagapatam to assist all he can to the forwarding of such Measures as may be resolved Upon — And we shall only Add that if the Zemindar be Refractory and oblige you to take up Arms that You depend upon your exerting every endeavour for the Speedy Reduction of his Country

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12 July 1774

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
A Wynch & Council

At a Consultation Present

Monday 18 July

Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr President
Joseph Smith
Henry Brooke
J. M. Stone
Geo Dawson
Edwd Stracey
Francis Jourdan
@ Mr Johnson Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from Ensign John Gun, with the Surgeons their Certificates, of the Necessity of his taking a Voyage for the Recovery of his health

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr
Governor & President of the Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Ensign Gun applies to go to China for his health

It being recommended to me by the Doctors (whose Certificates I have the honor to enclose to you) to go to China for the benefit of my health which is much impaired from a Succession of Sickness since my arrival in this Country I hope I shall have your Indulgence to proceed accordingly

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& very Humble Servant
John Gun

Madras
July 18th 1774

Certificate for the Surgeon

This is to Certify that Ensign Gun having been long troubled with a violent Cough and pain in his Breast, for which he has taken many Medicines at different places without much benefit, is now advised to make trial of a Voyage to Sea by

Dr Buckanan
Surgeon

Cuddalore
8th June 1774

These are to Certify that Ensign Gun is Consumptive & requires a Voyage to

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Sea for the recovery of their health
Gibb. Paslie
Sam. Anderson } Surgeons

Granted

Agreed that Ensign Swan be permitted to proceed to China for the recovery of his health

Recommendation for a Promotion of a Havildar to Jemadar in Capt. Kelly's Battalion — Approved

Read the following Letter from Sr Robt Harland

Alexander Wynch Esqr President
& Council of Fort St George
Gentlemen

Letter from Sr Robt Harland recommending the Havildar to be a Jemadar in Capt. Kelly's Battalion

Sam Swan Serjeant belonging to the Honble Company's Artillery having represented to me that his health is much impaired by the Climate of this Country, and that he is desirous of returning to Europe, I have given him leave to proceed to China for the recovery of his health, as I am willing to encourage all Gentlemen in the Military Service as far as is in my Power to do, and as I have no Power to discharge any of the Men belonging to that Corps even if they could be any Loss to the Service, I would beg leave to recommend to your Honble Board to grant him a Certificate to enable him to return to England

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Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Rt Harland

To William Petrie Esqr.
Secretary

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. Lang

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Letter from Lieut. Col. Lang

You will be pleased to acquaint the Honble the Governor & Council that by Extracts they have been pleased to send me their Judgement has been directed to the Satisfaction of my Conscience

And that I have thereupon approved of the Sentence of the General Court Martial & ordered the Prisoner Wm Holloway to be executed the 7th Day of next Month

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Ross Lang

Vellore
18 July 1774

General Smith's Recommendation of Edwd Mellon to the Military Fund

Read the following Recommendation of Edwd Mellon a Private to a Pension from the Military Fund

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandel

Whereas it is Ordered by the Regulations for incorporating the Officers of the Honble Company's Military Fund for the Relief and maintenance of European Officers & Soldiers who by wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of Just that Service in India that they produce a Certificate from their Commanding Officer as one of the Requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Fund I do hereby certify that Edwd Mellon formerly of Loughlin Bridge in the County of Carlow Ireland about forty one years of Age in a private Invalid

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Soldier on this Establishment, has served the Company upwards of five years, & by the wounds he received at the Explosion of the Magazine in Trichinopoly in the year 1772, he is rendered incapable of further Service in India & returns to Europe depending on the provision Made by the said Military Fund

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

Given under my hand at Fort St George the 12th Day July 1774
Joseph Smith
Brigr Genl

Read the following Letter from Ensign Sutherland with a Certificate from the Surgeons that his health requires his return to Europe

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

Ensign Sutherland applies for leave to proceed to Europe

It having been my Misfortune to Contract a Severe Cough & Cold in the Champaign of last Year against Tanjour in which I had the honor to serve as Assistant Engineer under Lieut. Col. Ross which afterwards increased & affected my Bowels during the Siege when I had no time or opportunity to use the Necessary Remedy. The Surgeons advised me to make a Voyage to Bombay & upon my Application to The Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr the President he was pleased to grant me his permission. I repaired thith

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in a Worse State of health than before, I am strongly advised by Mr Pasley to procure a passage upon one of his Majesty's Ships now about to depart for the Cape of Good hope as the most likely means to give me a chance of recovery, whilst I am also told that a longer delay may be dangerous, & that the Chance of recovering at the Cape failing I may be under a necessity to repair home. Therewith & as I have hopes that Captain Cranston of his Majesty's Ship the Intrepid will do me the favor to grant me a Passage home, I herewith deliver to the Board a Certificate of a Surgeon testifying my ill State of health and humbly request that they will be pleased to grant me their permission to repair to ye Cape, from whence it is my intention to return in the Ships of the next Season if my health will permit me, but as that may not be my good fortune I am further to request of the Honble Board that they would be pleased to make such Mention of my Case and Situation in their first Letter to the Honble Court of Directors as may procure me their permission to return again with my Rank to India as my health will permit

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Honble Sr & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Erick Sutherland

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Certificate of his Ill health from the Surgeons

These are to Certify that Ensign Sutherland is now in a Consumptive State and requires a Voyage to Europe for the Recovery of his health

Gilbert Pasley
Jas Anderson } Surgeons

Granted

Agreed that Ensign Sutherland be permitted to proceed on a Voyage to Sea for his health.

Letter from the Nabob

Read letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No 75 requesting to be Continued in the Management of the Jaguire. Referred to the other Department.

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J Stone
E Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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20th This day sailed his Majesty's Ships Northumberland Zear Admiral Sir Robert Harland, the Intrepid and Warwick for Europe, Also the President & Buckingham for Trincomalee

Monday July 25 At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Governor President
Joseph Smith George Dawson
Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
John Maxl Stone Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Sr Robt Harland.

Alexander Wynch Esqr Governor of Fort St George

Sir

Letter from Sir Robt Harland respecting Lieutenant Dixon of Marines

Having Ordered Lieut Dixon of his Majesty's Ship Marine Forces into Arrest for not repairing on board his Ship when ordered so to do I take the liberty of acquainting you herewith that he may be prevented entering into the Service of the East India Company or any of the Country Powers I have the honor to be

Sir

Northumberland in Madras Road 20th July 1774

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Rt Harland

Read the following Letter from Major Fitzgerald commanding at Tuchinopoly in the Absence of Lieut Colonel Bellingham

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed

Letter from Major Fitzgerald enclosing the Proceedings of a G. Court Martial on Lieut. Elliott & Judgement of the Board.

I entend Shave the Honor to Send you the Proceedings of the General Court Martial of the 20th Instant held at this place Pursuant to your orders to me for that purpose

The you Empowered me, by your late Warrant to Approve, or disapprove the Sentence Proceedings &c to Hear it and as you will find it the unprecedented Young Man Prisoner the Service have Subjected Me to make to your wise Determinations

Trichinopoly the 20th July 1774

I have the Honor to be Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servt James Fitzgerald

Major Fitzgerald being empowered by his Warrant to Approve & disapprove of the Sentence of General Court Martial appointed by him in Trichinopoly to try Lieut. Elliott in the present case, before he transmitted the Proceedings to the Board, can by no means entertained doubt respecting any particular Point which he was told to have removed by their Opinion and Advice. But as this does not appear to be the case from the Tenor of the foregoing Letter, The Board cannot agree to the suggested Order therefore that the Proceedings of the Court Martial on Lieutenant Elliott be returned to Major Fitzgerald for his Approval or disapproval. The Secretary who is directed to Signify the Sense of the Board to Major Fitzgerald is likewise ordered to inform him that in case upon the perusal of the Proceedings it appears to him that the Crime is proved against the Prisoner

he must approve or Disapprove

his approbation of the Sentence, becomes a matter of course & the former Conduct of Lieut. Elliott (for which he was fined dismission from the Service, but was restored with the loss of Rank on account of his Youth & inexperience) entitles him to the Mark of Lenity from the Board

Read the following Communication from General Smith to entitle Mrs Hannah Wilson widow of the deceased Lieut. John Wilson to a Pension on the Military Fund

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

Mrs Wilson recommended for the Pension

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Military Fund for the Relief & Maintenance of European Officers and Soldiers, who by Wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India, or the Widows of such Officers that they produce a Certificate from their commanding Officer as one of the Requisites to entitle them to the Pension made by the said Fund. I do hereby certify that Mrs Hannah Wilson a Lieutenant on this Establishment died at Masulipatam in the Month of April 1771 that his Widow Mrs Hannah Wilson was left in very indigent Circumstances and is hereby recommended to the Honble Company as entitled to the Pension made by the said Fund.

Given under my hand at Fort St George July 20 1774

Joseph Smith Brigadier General

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

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Mr Watson having gone through the Forms prescribed by the foregoing Ord. Ordered that a Certificate be granted & that he be paid the Arrears due on the Said Pension from the time of his Husbands decease conformable to the Orders of the Honble Court in their General Letter Novr 24th

Certificate granted

The President informs the Board that Commodore Sr Edward Hughes upon the departure of Sr Robert Harland intimated a desire of communicating to the Council his Majestys intentions in Sending him to India & being informed by the President that the Council were to meet that day, the Commodore Hughes had accordingly come into the Fort for the aforementioned purpose

Sr Edward Hughes introduced to the Board

Commodore Sr Edward Hughes being accordingly introduced addressed the Board to the following purport

communicates to the President & Council the Intention of his Majesty's sending Ships to India

That he took the earliest opportunity of congratulating the President & Council that he had the honor of being appointed Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in the East Indies with Orders to Support the Interest, Trade & Settlements of his Majestys Subjects in India, That he will make it his Study to act conformably to those Orders and to cultivate Harmony and good Correspondence with the Company's Servants Sr Edward Hughes added that he could not avoid this Opportunity of thanking the Board for the Attention they had shewn to him since his arrival in the Settlement & for providing him with so good accommodations

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The President thanked Sr Edwd Hughes for intimating that he had been pleased to communicate & assured him that Nothing on the part of the Board Should be wanting to promote Harmony and a good understanding

After which Sr Edwd Hughes retired

The President acquainted the Board with the death of Lieut. Donald Macleod at the Cape of Good Hope on his passage to Europe on the Northingtons for the recovery of his health, In consequence of which a Cadets Commission is to be granted to the Name of Lieutenant & Mr Robt Halliburton being recommended by the President & Council as admitted to the Vacant Ensigncy, as our accounts have been received from the Company of their Intentions to Send out any Cadets this Season for the Coast

Lieutenant Donald Macleod dies at the Cape of Good Hope

Lieut Traill

Ensign Halliburton

Read the following Letter from Mr Stratton at Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizagapatam

I have the honor to send you herewith a present state of the Guns & Carriages in this Garrison, with an Indent for Military Stores which I am to request you will give Orders to be complied with as soon as possible as they are much wanted, particularly the Scarpey Powder for there now in the Store Room there has been entirely unserviceable

I

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Vizagapatam
13th July 1774

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

Ordered that the Indent be delivered to the Committee of Stores & complied with as far as shall appear necessary.

Read the following Letter from Mr Stratton with copies of Letters from to him from Arzebeg.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch
President & Governor &ca Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Stratton respecting affairs in the Kimmedy Country Letter ... applies for permission to take possession of the Saloor Country Mr Stratton takes possession of Saloor Fort

I have been honored with your Commands dated 27th May and 15th Ultimo

As I could entertain no hopes of seeing Guzzepeetdoo I sent a person to him with the representation of Bury Putnaidoo, and desired he would send such Persons to me as he would place a confidence in he accordingly deputed Comarcadoo Pattaloo and Beragee Pattaloo who arrived here a few days since & they have delivered me a Letter from Guzzepeetdoo with a long representation made by his Order which shall be transmitted to your Honor &ca so soon as they are translated

Agreable

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Agreable to your Orders I shall not suffer Tugganautdoo to interfere in any respect in the Management of the Kimmedy Country which I could not do effectually without keeping him at this place for he is much respected at Kimmedy and has been invited to return by the Principal People there As he is destitute of every means of Subsistence for himself & Servants I have at times 2 different advanced him a thousand Rupees which I hope your Honor &ca will approve and at the same time permit me to recommend that a Monthly Allowance be made to him by the Honble Company of 500 Rupees which I am informed will barely pay his Necessary Expences

I have the Pleasure to acquaint your Honor &ca that the Kimmedy Country is in Tranquility and Arzebeg gives me every assurance that nothing shall be wanting on his part to keep it so, and which on the part of the Company every Rupee of the Revenue I have the Honor to send you herewith Translates of three Letters from him, and so soon as he forwards to me an account of the Revenues it shall be transmitted to you

I shall pay due attention to your Orders respecting the Quarters and Barracks for the 5 Companys of the 3d Circar Battalion part of whom are in Pandals & near Ennungalum and the rest are stationed in the Kimmedy Country. If it meets with your approbation I will give Orders for the Barracks to be built immediately after the Rains

I have not yet been able to learn

further

further with respect to the Situation of the Western
Country than that it is of great extent, and lyes West
and on the Borders of Vitheramdeu, which is within
the limits of this Circar being among the Hills on the
other side of the Pass & his principal residence is at
Narrainpatam. The Marattas make frequent incur-
sions into the Western Country, & think it not impos-
sible but they will pay Vitheramdeu a visit,
should they not succeed Semroo against the Western
Rajah, who is called Dullapust Deo & is of the Rajah's
cast Jam endeavouring to get a particular account of
this Rajah's Country, which If Semroo pleases shall
transmit the same to you In a former Letter Sargunaid
gave you an account with the death of Jenakeranzy, to whom
I succeeded, in his life time an annual Allowance
of 400 Rupees each and to his Widow 500 Rupees
soon after his death Jam deen deranze without
other arguenting Letteramanze entered upon
possession of the Country & having declared himself
Rajah Visited the Tarnum & entertained a large
Sibundy At the same time Jenakeranzy Widow
leaving in her Interest two of the other Brothers
Juggarauze & Oppa Wauze formed another Party
and also entertained another Sibundy both continuing
in the Fort & Country to what long this answer
does not Know carried them had not Letteramanze been
taken to prevent it, Letteramanze on this first Rupture
finding Trouble, wrote them to discharge their Sib-
undy, & seem to be contented with what had been Settled
or given them by their deceased Uncle, but they paid
no attention thereto which Induced the Rajah to offer
them Jaghires to possess themselves of this Country upon

as a reason that he had already lost a large Sum
by Jenakeranzy's death and that the Jaghires
were allowed to remain in possession of the Fort they
would settle by quiet the whole Country & he would
then find it difficult to recover any part of the large
Arrears due from them, He desired Measures ap-
peared to me the most proper I prevailed with
much difficulty on the two Partys to come down
here, & having asked them which would have pay-
ment for the Balance due from their deceased Uncle
to Letteramanze, they told me that his death this
became null & void, but was it otherwise they were all
utterly incapable of discharging it

Letteramanze being acquainted
with this offer, desired to put Semroo in the Manage-
ment of the Country, observing me at the same
time that unless I also took possession of the Fort
it would be out of his power to collect the Revenues
For the Sibundy kept by the two Parties who were
in the Fort would always occasion Trouble in the
Country - in consequence of which I obtained an
Order from the Heads of the Partys to declare delivery
up the Fort to such Sepoys as I should send to
take possession thereof assuring them that if they
Should achieve just compliance I would engage that
Letteramanze should make them the same Al-
lowances they agreed on with their Uncle, but being
satisfied with these assurances they each of them
gave me an Order which I sent with a Tomadas
& 50 Sepoys who peaceably got possession of the
Fort leaving on various pretences obtained pos-
session admittance for himself & Party for not
withstanding

Notwithstanding the Order they want to trespass
Our entrance

Salabut being a part of the Rajahs
Jaghire he has appointed Some to put him in pos-
session of the Fort which Shaw refused to deliver
Tomorrow your Honor &c. orders I must by leave to
offer as my opinion that the Fort be immediately
pulled down, as Work on this to be the most effec-
tual method of putting an End to the Contentions
that will ever subsist among the Nephews for
whilst it remains standing they will Make ways
of this Great and by the Forts falling into the
hands of an Enemy may be attended with
bad consequences for as being situated on this
Side of the Pass the
this means best Communication will by
which by this means
in possession of the Pass &c

Vizagapatam
the 12 July 1774

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

Translate of Letters from Vizeg to
Geo Stratton Esqr

Dated 22 June 1774

I received your Letter & comprehend
the Contents. You desire me to send you an Account
of the Revenues of this Country with the particu-
lars specifying [illegible] is due, recoverable &c and to

send you an account of such Sums as I might have
collected [out of this Years Revenue a great part had been collected]
collected in ready money and Grain by Guzzi-
put Moodeen I carried two senior my garrison at Shaw
taken especial care not to be at any unnecessary
Expences & secured the Company's Revenues in hopes
of acquiring their favor & the President and
Council have been pleased to appoint me the
Managers of this Country Tho the have not in my
power to preserve their properties, but I cannot
help the accidents which might happen nor can
Shall? What has past to which I must be attributed
to Providence however I omit nothing in my
power towards the Company's benefit and dis-
a Person who understands the Country Affairs
be sent hither examine affairs here, You will then be
made acquainted with the [illegible] difference be-
tween the former and present State of this
Country - I have forwarded 10,000 Rupees of
the Revenues and by you will be pleased to send
me a Receipt for it I will draw out the Account
required and Send it by Vizagapatam Pattadar

Dated 25 June 1774

Your Letters have been duely
received You are surprised at my delay in forwa-
ding you the 10,000 Rupees which I promised sending
by Vizagapatam Pattadar As the Farmers are greatly
distressed in this Circumstances and I have been
greatly distressed in this employed for about ten
days past in accommodating & Settling their affairs
and Rangapa arriving at the same time com-
municating every thing to me I have dispatched him
with the Sum of 10,000 Thousand Rupees which
You

you will Speedily answer Shave been prescribed another Collection, yet as the Farmers are but lately settled it must be done Steadily & cautiously You say that the Company was pleased to approve our Management of this Province respecting to make the Country yield them an Benefit than formerly— What I was sent here Guzzy Pundoo had already collected a great Share part of the Revenues in Specie & Grain which he paid away to his own &c Soon after the Rebellion was depredated & disturbed the Country for above three Months Shave sat by Sent for the people belonging to the Pungamahs &c and spoke to them on this Subject and I will forward to you by Bangogue an account particulars of the produce expences &c of this Country wherein you will be pleased to be informed of everything Hope to be called to a Cash of the Companies Revenues & thereby prevent this favourable What might happen for the future Shave to prevent Providential dispensations but I will not be answerable for any part I will Cultivate the whole Country & when the Crop is reaped will get people to Survey it, & Make them shew the Company how much pains Shave taken to benefit them Moreover you are pleased to Say that you are informed by Flying reports of my Correspondency as well as sending Cloth Provisions & Confections and even ready Money to Guzzy Pundoo Sometimes as you order me I Send for them she was with Guzzy Pundoo & to assist me has even an Agent & therefore cannot possibly answer Country Town daily but shall be glad if you can prove the truth of my having sent any of the

but should be glad if you would prove the truth of that concerning my having the Answered Letters A Baanmy brought me a Message that from Guzzy Pundoo, saying that he would proceed to Bundavanam, or that if I would support & Maintain him he would Petition to the Hills You desired me to inform Captain Band Matthews of every circumstance and Accordingly acquainted Capt. Matthews of the above & returned the Baanmy promising to let him know of the Answer Received, I did also speak to them about it on their arrival from Shave received Intelligence of Guzzy Pundoos designing to come down to Seringapatam with two Hundred People he has made ready & Shave sent People to Spy & know his Intentions & wrote Captain Matthews of letting him know concerning any News I have wrote him concerning the Grant of Sadaya You are perfectly acquainted with the Manner of my Correspondence & Intimacy with Guzzy Pundoo Sir to be doubted with a Snake all the Brought set with Milk should be void of its Venom, for I cannot at all think he retains it towards us Poison Therefore I will never be prevailed upon to do similar as they of Injustice do for any one, this in behalf of Jaggernaut Doo concerning whom I shall say more to you, for the future I will write you daily of every circumstance

Dated 25 July 1775

Shave received your Letter and understand the Contents As the Company have taken this Country under their Protection & honored me with the management thereof You say I should

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr Prest
Joseph Smith „ George Dawson
Henry Brooke „ Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone „ Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Stratton including a representation in favor of Guzzepuldoo, & a Letter from him to Mr Stratton also an abstract of the receipts & disbursements on the Kimmedy Country Revenues

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Stratton with a Representation delivered to him in favor of Guzzepuldoo & an abstract of the Kimmedy Revenues & Disbursements

In my letter dated the 12th Instant I had the honor to acquaint you of the arrival of Cormanada Pattaloo & Birage Pattaloo & I now transmit Translates of the Letters they brought from Guzzepuldoo & of the Representation they have delivered to me in his name by which it appears that Buxy Pulnaidoo had no Authority from Guzzepuldoo to make the one Sent to your honor &ca the 12th May & these Vackeels also tell me that he is of little Consequence & was only sent to know my Sentiments with Respect to their Master as

Commanada

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Pattaloo had before been deterred from proceeding any further than Calingapatam

The above Vackeles expressed their acknowledgements for my having sent a person for them and assured me that their Master Guzzepuldoo was ready to come to Vizagapatam provided I gave my Word that he should not be made a prisoner or his life taken away, They referred me to a representation I received from Canaca Tauze (sent to your Honor &ca 10th February last) which with the one they now delivered, stated every Transaction respecting the late Troubles in the Kimmedy Country That they hoped on the perusal of these Papers some Allowances would be made by your Honor &ca in behalf of their Tajah who being a youth was unable to Judge for himself & therefore Obliged to rely on the Councils of his Uncle Pretapdoo to whom he unfortunately gave the Management of the Kimmedy Country & thereby involved himself in the Troubles that afterwards happened That if your Honor &ca would give him up his Country he was ready to pay the same Jemabundy he had done formerly & at the same time would engage to give any Security your Honor &ca might require for the due performance of the Engagements he might enter into with the Honble Company I told these Vackeles I had already assured Guzzepuldoo he should have every Justice done him, but that it was out of my power to make them any further promises without first receiving your Honor &cas Orders of which they should soon be acquainted In the meantime I directed them to write to Guzzepuldoo that if he wanted the Company's Protection he must desist

from

from committing any disturbances whatever in the Kimmedy Country to which they immediately assented on my giving them Assurances that Guzzepeutdoo should not be molested until I had received your Honor &cas directions respecting him I accordingly gave Coormanada Pattadoo two Hircarrahs with whom he is returned to his Master and I have wrote to the Chief of Ganjam that he is at present to desist from taking any Measures to secure Guzzepeutdoo's person, all which I hope will meet with your Honor &cas approbation

I have also the honor to send you an Abstract of the Produce of the Kimmedy Country with an Abstract Account of the Sundry disbursements out of the Revenues thereof which I received from Arzebeg who has likewise sent me his Accounts with the Honble Company which they shall wait on your Honor &ca as soon as they are translated

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt.
humble Servant
Geo Stratton.

Vizagapatam
the 21 July 1774

Translation of a Writing delivered by Coormana Pattadoo & Byragey Pattadoo in behalf of Guzzepeutdoo at his own desire, to set forth to George Stratton Esqr.

This Representation is drawn out as if made by Guzzepeutdoo himself (the Custom usually observed

Letter from Guzzepeutdoo

On the Death of my father Litteramrauze

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Sitteramrauze brought me with him and introduced me to John Andrews Esqr. and recommended me in the Strongest Terms to that Gentleman, & on his writing to the Presd. and Council & interceding in my behalf they were pleased to bestow a great favor on me as an inexperienced Youth, and appointed me in the room of my Father. Sitteramrauze then became Security for the Revenues and establishment in my Country. I therefore look upon the Company as my Parents & likewise Sitteramrauze as a Brother and I never harboured any Sentiments to the Contrary. Upon the appointment of one Arzebeg a Servant to the Devanship under me he never regarded paying Sitteramrauze the Sums he became Security for & growing formidable never paid any attention to the Orders given him, but acted in a manner absolute: from whence sprung up Commotions and Enemity between him & one Narry Henry Pattadoo & from that time they began to appropriate and retain the several Sums collected out of the Country to their private Uses, disturbed its reigning peace and Tranquility and daily grew more disobedient. They also thro' persuations & harsh behaviour from time to time withdrew the Attachments and good will of my People and Attendants towards me & Arzebeg gained them over to himself preventing them & all other persons Strangers or Natives from paying due Obedience to me, but on the Contrary, to attend upon him & be Subservient to

Him

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his commands. Before this happened there was a disagreement between me & Pertabadoo regarding the Country & districts of Gunny pe-ram, but he having been at Vizagapatam and conferring with Caushee Moodellyar, was sent with a good recommendation from him and introduced to me Arzebeg. The Twas a Youth, yet as the Company was pleased to give me the Titles belonging to my family and present me with the honors and Tobes of it. Task'd Arzebeg the reason why he had not discharged the Sum due from to Sitte-ramrauze, but instead of giving me a Satisfac-tory answer or delivering an account of his Charge he left me and went away. Hereupon Pertaba-doo having seen thro' all Arzebeg's conduct under-took the Devanship himself and conducted counselled me. That the Jemabundy for my Country was only 12,000 Rupees yearly of which 5000 was to be paid me for Charges of Elephants Cloaths & Tobes & the residue 7000 Rupees only was Customary to be paid to Government. That a Country which had been stated as above, was now increased to 60,000 Rupees that those under me had only distributed the Country & had not regarded Sitteramrauzes debt, nor paid any regard to me, but on the Contrary retained the Sums by different means, & at the End of left me abruptly without delivering in any Accounts whatever. And that when Causee Moodellyar sent

him

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him (Pertabadoo) to me & advised him as we were
Relations to be of one Mind & Sentiments & that
much Confidence was reposed in him by the Com-
-pany before he was sent, & that from the friendship
which Subsisted between himself & Causee Moodellyar
he could accomplish his Ends without being con-
-trouled in the least After this Pertabadoo began
to entertain forces every day On which Task'd
him the reason of his imitating arse Beg (which I had Reason to do) by his entertaining fresh Forces
and Observed to him that We were indebted to
Sitteramrauze and likewise obliged to pay
the Companys Revenues, therefore desired him
to desist and on no account to employ any
forces. Pertabadoo on this told me that Caushee
Moodellyer gave him great hopes & that he could
profess himself of the Country without much
difficulty; That a disgrace had already laid on
me for the success or victory over Gunnyporam
and if We recovered our Country it would Remove
the disgrace; That I was no Stranger to the Intimacy
he had with Caushee Moodellyr & he would be
Answerable to the Company for everything and
that I might therefore rest at my ease I replyed
That the World knew well what it was to resist
the Company & therefore desired me not to prove
Obstinate, observing that being a youth I might
be looked upon as a plant grafted at their
pleasure & therefore he was not to persevere but
to use his endeavours to discharge Sitteram-
-rauzes Ballance but all my precautions
could not prevail on him to desist however

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on my writing to Sitteramrauze that We would
pay off his debt, & sending my Vacheel Chara-
apaundy, They carried him before you & appro-
-inted Vayamalacondah Looberay the Tashil-
-dar & sent him to me to demand the Balance
due from this Country & to which I gave my
Assent. Some time after I sent Narry Hurry
Pattadoe & Chara Pattadoo to wait on you
concerning the Company's Revenues but
ere that Ensign Wooten & Veerapermaul
were sent to this place & meeting with Narry
Hurry Pattadoe and Chaera Pattadoo & telling
them that there was no occasion for them to
go to Vizagapatam prevailed on them to
return back. Immediately on the arrival of
Veerapermaul & Ensign Wooten at Kimmedy
they took possession of all the Country put
their Chops upon the grain & did not even exempt
the produce of my Crown Lands using every
precaution that Nothing should be taken away
They also placed Centries upon the Gates as well
as Guards at the Barriers & then desired to know
how We designed paying the Company and
Sitteramrauze's Ballances, hereupon I replyed
that this was out of my power since they had
taken possession of the whole Country even the
Crown Land Produce &ca but that as We were
under the Company's Orders I would not obstruct
their proceedings & that they might of themselves
make up the Money, or if they would resign their
Charge and allow me time I would collect the
Money

* payment & desired me to give them a Bond to that purpose for the Company's Money which I accordingly did, but on finding they did not resign their Charge I desired to know the Reason when I was told that they would write to Vizagapatam to get it Ratified & that they would procure an Order for it in about eight Days which I agreed to On the Eight day in the Morning Veerapermaul & Looberoy came to me & having conversed very intimately I asked him if he had received any answer from Vizagapatam but was told that an answer would undoubtedly reach that day & so left me. Soon after they received Letters from Vizagapatam & about Three Oblock came & acquainted me that they had received Letters Ordering them to bring me to Vizagapatam & that I must immediately set forwards to which I made answer that The Company's Orders should be obeyed but it was an ill day & that I would procure money for my Expences and set out the following day & requested they would consent but they refused & on things coming to an height Pertapadoo gave me a signal to retire & when I rose up Permaul said something in English upon which Ensign Wooten got up & taking me by the hand persuaded me to follow his advice of going with him to Vizagapatam but to avoid the Inconveniences which then appeared I slipped away thro' the Jemmy Gate & went out. After that high Words passed between them and a Skirmish ensued on which both of them lost their Lives by this time the Company's of Seapoys having got ready Pretapadoo fled & on my asking the Reason

* & pay it to them here upon they said they would resign the Charge & allow me two Months term for

Of

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of his conduct & being displeased with him, Pretabado bade me hold My Tongue for I was but young & knew nothing and it Sufficed that he had saved my life When I was setting out to quit my Country Pertapadoo said to me That as I had Subdued & forced him out of the Country in the Month of August he had served me in the same manner in October While the Country was in this troubled State he took the Money which had been Collected and fled past Gunsoorah & there still remains marks of the Outrages he had Committed in divers places upon the Hills I am innocent in all these things & a Youth set up by you & thro' misfortune am now compelled to range the Hills I am all Obedience And the Company are famous for their Strict Justice & as you are well known to be fond of redressing all wrongs you must Protect & Support me I have discharged the Company's Balance & only Sitteramrawzes is now due - The Guilty Pertabado is fled beyond Gunsorah & my remaining here will Convince you of my innocency & I wait in hopes of regaining your favour - You are the only person who are to punish Offenders & favour the Innocent.

(Sign'd)

Coormana Pattnadoo

Byragey Pattnadoo

A true Translation from the Original

John Quigley

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Translation of a Letter from Guzzepuldoo To George Stratton Esqr Dated 15th June 1774

I have received your Copy of my Buckshee Bredge Putnaidoos Letter or demonstration Some time Since I sent Coormana Pattnaidoo to Confer with you upon the Subject of my Affairs but he meeting with Captain Matthews in the Road & that Gentleman having by some means or other put him in a fright, he immediately returned back to me, it was after this that I sent Bredge & told him that if he met with Captain Matthews he must consequently use his endeavours by a courteous behaviour to gain that Gentlemans Interest & then to proceed to Vizagapatam, where he had directions to wait on you & to acquaint you that Coormana Patnaidoo could not Compleat his Ends on account of Captain Matthews who stopp'd him on the Road but to procure a person from you & bring him along with him in Order to remove all Obstacles on the Road in which Case I told him that I would Send Coormana Pattnaidoo or any other discreet person to confer with you in my behalf & vindicate me from all Assertions but I never desired Bredge to you any such papers as you have sent me, & I have now wrote to him this in order to acquaint you hereof Furthermore the Company having blamed me for Pretapadoos Massacring or killing Ensign Wooten were on that Account

resolved

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resolved to drive me from the Hills - I have now sent Coormana Pattadoo & Byragey Pattadoo to Convince you of my innocency therein And whatever they might deliver you in writing please to reckon as from myself - Pritapadoo who led me astray & committed so many Inconsistencies is absconded from me & retired into the district of Tuggernadurn with an assurance of my Innocence. I therefore wait in hopes of your kind favor & you will be so gracious as to enquire into the Premises & restore back my Country. 'Tis needless to be very particular when writing to so Sagacious person as yourself

A true Translation from the Original

John Quigley

Abstract of the Kemmedy Revenues & Disbursements

Abstract of the Produce of the Kemmedy Country spe &c. the Loss of Grain & ready Money & an Acct. of Sundry Disburse All the Purganahs - - - - - - - - - - - -

Sundry Villages seperate from & independent of Purganahs Disbursements or Expences to be deducted from y above

Viz. The Produce of the Jaguire & Gifts granted to Sundries
To the Rajahs Brother - - - - - - - - - - - -
To the Principal Persons holding Offices - - - - - -
To the Inhabitants of the differents Streets - - -
To the Rajahs Attendance - - - - - - - - -
To the Goodials, Cundalaes & Sourastrums - - -
To the Purganah & Village Managers - - - -

The Pagoda Marmiams, Bramineys & Agrarum

This the Government never Receives

Paddy Garce 1943 @ 1 Lb P Garce is Rupees 27202
Collections in Money 51850
Rupees - 79052

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...fying of former & present Produce ...ments Viz.	Grain			Ready Money		
	Former Produce Garces Col.	Present Produce Garces Col.	Loss Garces	Former Produce Rupees	Present Produce Rupees	Loss Rupees
	3,165	2,361	804	79,555	63,880	15,675
	6,036	3,873.15	2162.15			
...present produce Totall being the Nett	9201	6,234.15	2966.15	79,555	63880	15675

	Grain Garce	Rupees
	50	1150
	200	
	1081	
	780	780
	619	750
	1,561	9400
	4,291	12,030

		4291			12080	
Remaining Nett	9,201	1943.15	2966.15	79,555	51,850	15675
Mannian & Charity Grounds	2253	2008	245	1725	1725	
Total	11,454	3,951.15	3211.15	81,270	53,575	15,675

A true Translation Pr John Quigley

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The Board proceed to take into Consideration the Subject of the Letter from Mr Stratton dated the 12th Ultimo entered in last Consultation and having attentively perused the Proceedings on the Kimmedy Affairs since the Revolt of Guzzepuldoo, the probable Causes which produced that Revolt being likewise considered it is Resolved to call upon Guzzepuldoo once more to Submit his actions to an impartial enquiry, & to abide the Justice of our final Determinations In Order to deprive this Zemindar of every pretence for continuing in Contumacy & at the same time to exhibit to all Other Zemindars a striking proof of our Mildness & Equity to this Government The President is desired to write to Guzzepuldoo, that if he Obeys the Summons & in three days after the receipt of his Letter repairs to Vizagapatam, the Chief & Council will receive all that he has to urge in his Exculpation & transmit the Same to the Presidency where the Ultimate decision will take place, & it is further Resolved that Mr Stratton be directed to deliver the Said Letter to Guzzepuldoo's Vackeel, in the presence of the Council at Vizagapatam

A Letter to be wrote to Guzzepuldoo by the President to submit to a public enquiry into his Conduct

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A Letter to be wrote to Guzzepuldoo by the President to Submit to a Public enquiry into his Conduct

Altho' the late Contumacious Conduct of Guzzepuldoo would have been Warranted the Immediate Confiscation of his Zemindary to the Company yet as there are many Circumstances which when dispassionately considered materially extenuate his Misconduct & as it is probable that Guzzepuldoo may have many things to represent in his Vindication, which have not yet come to the Knowledge of the Board They considered it an act of Justice to defer the Depriving him of his Inheritance

Reasons for the foregoing Resolution

Inheritance until it be known whether he will appear & submit his cause to a fair & public enquiry Guzzepeldoo, it is natural to suppose considers Sitteramrauze as his Enemy & might be afraid to trust himself at Vizagapatam from an apprehension, however ill grounded, that the Influence of his Enemy would prevail against him but the letter from the President out to Obviate those fears & will deprive him of every pretence for continuing longer in Disobedience

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Agreed to admit the sum which Mr Stratton has already advanced for the Maintenance of Jagganauldoo & that a monthly Allowance of two hundred & fifty Rupees be Settl'd upon him, until our further Orders, provided he remains at Vizagapatam & the lands continue in the hands of the Company

sum.

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Two hundred & fifty Rupees pr Month Settled on Jugganauldoo

Resolved that Mr Stratton be directed for the present to keep possession of the Fort of Saloor & to make particular enquiry into the Nature and Justness of Vizaramrauzes demands of Arrears from the Saloor Country for it appears very extraordinary they should amount to such a Sum when Mr Stratton mentions in his Letter of 26 August 1773 to the Other Department that Sitteramrauze had taken from the Tenasherauze the Remainder of Saloor Lands to the Amount of Rupees 5,5000 ℔ Annum claimed by Virtue of a former Grant to him

Mr Stratton to keep possession of Saloor Fort for the present & to Enquire how the Demands of Arrears made by Vizaramrauze on the Saloor Country have arisen

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As it does not appear necessary to build Barracks in the Kimmedy Country Agreed that the Same be deferred

The Building of Barracks Deferr'd

Read the following Report from

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the Committee of Accounts.

Military Department

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of the Committee of Accounts

We have Examined the following Accounts of the Out Garrisons

Vellore
Ambore
Trichinopoly
Velleum
Madura
Palamcotah
Ongole

for March April & May

Trichinopoly

Report from the Committee of Accounts

There is a Charge for Stationary to Lieutenant Urban Vyon & North as Adjutants to Seapoy Battalions for the Reasons mentioned in our Remarks on the Masulipatam Accounts 3 March We think this Allowance should be discontinued

Ordered that it be Discontinued

Velleum

The Adjutants of Sepoy Battalions have drawn for Stationary

Not to be Allowed

Under the Head of Charges General there is a Charge for the Subconductor of — 4 Pr

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& for attending the Stores Pag. 4
It appears by the Voucher
that Thomas Hopgood
received the first Sum for
the Other there is no Voucher
but lis Inserted as to the
Same person, it is the Du-
-ty of the Sub Conductor
to take care of the Stores
therefore it Seems extraor-
dinary that he should
be paid in two Capacities
Under the Head of Charges
General The Paymaster
has charged 1½ ft Pr Day
For a Tom-Tom as it does
not appear there were
any Coolies Employed
We do not See for what
this Charge Man has
been kept in the Service

The Paymaster Ordered
to Explain these Charges

To be Explained

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt Servts
Geo Dawson
Francis Jourdan
Geo Moubray
Andw Majendie
C. B. Dent
John Renton

Fort St George
27 July 1774

Read Letter from ye Nabob dated
27 Ultimo as entered in C. C. N 77 to the President
Letter

in answer.

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the Nabob offers a present of Paddy to the Company

Letter of the 1st Terms on the Subject of Grain the Offers 7000 Collums of Paddy which he says he had Reserv'd for the use of his own People, as a present to the Company

The Board think it improper to accept of this present of Paddy from the Nabob because it appears from Circumstances that the Offer is not Voluntary but proceeds from his having been prevented in Sending this Grain out of the Place, in Consequence of a Prohibition which has been found indispensibly Necessary. Ordered then the Paddy be Reserved & the Amount thereof carried to the Credit of the Nabob.

Reasons why it cannot be accepted

therefore

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J Wm
C Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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3d This day the following Letter was received from Ganjam

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

Letter from Ganjam

I have been favored with your Letter of the 15th June 1774

Captain Pittman arrived here on the 8th Instant & the Council have this day advis'd your Honor &ca of what he has done

Your Orders transmitted to me by Mr Secretary Petrie concerning the Accounts of Military Stoppages for Cloathing & also the Arrangements in the department of the Commissary General shall be duly complied with

Ganjam
18th July 1774

I remain with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Charles Smith

Monday
8th August
1774

At a Consultation Present
Alexr Wynch Esqr Govr President
Joseph Smith George Dawson
Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approv'd

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter, from the Deputy Judge Advocate at Trichinopoly with the Court Martial on Lieutenant Chollet

To Mr William Secretary Petrie Esqr Judge Advocate General

Sir

Letter from D.J.
Advocate Kempson

Herewith I have the Honor to Send you the Proceedings of the General Court Martial

Archive Copy

July 31 1775

Gen. Mifflin
Lieut. Gridley

Quarter Master General
Chief Engineer

Orders

Lieutenant Thos. Rice
Lieutenant Wm. Ellis
Lieutenant Wm. Campbell

Orderly Sergeant

Orderly Sergeant

Orderly Sergeant

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and the Presidency of Bombay having drawn for considerable Sums, it was Judged Expedient to make application to the Nabob for the payment of one Lack of Pagodas in addition for the Payment of one to the Kists of the present Month to be deducted from the payments he has engaged to pay after the Month of January In consequence of which a Draft of a Letter to the Nabob is now read and approved & Ordered to be wrote fair entered in Country Correspondence No. 60.

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now read

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Ganjam

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &ca Council of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Chief & Council at Ganjam Respecting their Fortifications

We have been favored with your Letter of the 21st Ultimo

Captain Pittman arrived here the 8th Instant and We enclose you Copy of two Letters We have received from him on the Subject of the Fortifications together with the Design & Profile therein Mentioned

No regular Plan of the whole of the Works intended having been left here by Colsford & your Orders being that the Estimates shall be formed on his Plan, We are prevented from receiving any further Assistance from Captain Pittman at present & have therefore permitted him to Return agreably to this Desire to compleat the Survey of the Tickelly Country

The Design and Profile We now enclose will serve to shew your Honor &ca

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the present State of the Wall & Ramparts. It appears by Mr Cotsfords Letter to the Board of the 29th April 1769 that he Supposed they might think it Necessary to have two Tavelins to the Gates & Mr Maunsell (who recd Copy the Charge of the Works from Mr Cotsford as well as We Ourselves have often heard him declare lately previous to his departure for Europe, that he meant to have recommended to the Board the Addition of the two Ravelins upon the Delivery in of his Plan of the Fort it was on the Information that in our Letter of the 2d May, We mentioned the Tavelins as part of the Works, which remained to be done on Mr Cotsfords Plan, if any Plan was Received from Mr Cotsford when he was last at Madras We request Your honor &ca will be pleased to transmit to Us a Copy of it, & direct the Chief of Vizagapatam to Order Capt Pittman to return hither that he may set about the Estimates, but if no Plan was delivered in at the Presidency by Mr Cotsford, We are of opinion it will be then necessary that an Engineer should be appointed to this Place to form one of such Works as may be deemed Necessary to compleat the Fortifications & to make Estimates of the Expence that may thereby be incurred, Your honor &ca may judge it proper at the same time to take into Consideration what Garrison of what Quality of Troops and what Quantity of Stores it may be Necessary to

provide

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provide Accommodations for in this Fort agreably to your Orders We shall not proceed upon any other publick Buildings but those We have already advised you We had in hand two Sets of Lodgings over the South Gate only excepted which are already far advanced and which are absolutely necessary for the Accommodations of the Assistants

By the Warehouse keepers Report transmitted to you in our Letter of the 20th Ultimo you will have observed that the Weavers have hitherto been very slow in bringing in their Cloths, the first Advances of Cash on this Account having been made them so long ago as February 1773 You were informed by Mr Cotsford's Letter of the 12th January 1773 how averse they then shewed themselves to making Cloth for the Company & they are still so much so, that we have found great Difficulty in bringing them to Contract on the Terms they Stand on Our Letter above mentioned by which they have engaged for a large Quantity of Cloth to be delivered Monthly than they had ever brought in before

We have judged it advisable for the present in carrying on our Investment here to Contract with the Weavers in the Ward by Sands rather than with those belonging to the Zemindaries who are at any Rate under our Jurisdiction than the former, but have not acquitted themselves so well in what

they

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in carrying on the Works and other Buildings and as he was of Opinion that they will be necessary We have purchased them the Prices being reasonable & as Cheap as We could have procured them for at Madras

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
John Holland
Thos Dyneley

Ganjam
18 July 1774

Upon a Reference to the Records it appears that the Original intention in fortifying Ganjam, was to Secure it against Country Enemies and as the Companys Finances do not admit of our carrying on any Works but such as are Absolutely Necessary at the time, it is Agreed that Mr Cotsfords Plan be given to the Chief Engineer & that he be directed to Report to the Board, what further Works are Requisite to Compleat the Same Conformable to the Original Design

Ganjam only to be fortified against a Country Enemy

secure

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooks
Saml Johnson
J W Hill
O Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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8 Wrote the following Letter to Vizagapatam with a Letter from the President to Guzzeputdoo agreable to the Minutes of Consultation the 1st Instant —

To George Stratton Esqr Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 12 & 21st Ultimo with the Several Papers enclosed

Guzzeputdoo Called upon to repair to Vizagapatam & assured of Justice. Allowances to Tuggenaudoo Salaar to be kept for the present & the Nature of Vizeramrauzes demands of arrear on the Country to be Enquired into —

All the Contumacious conduct of Guzzeputdoo might Justify this Government in immediately depriving him of his Zemindary, yet as there are certain Circumstances which may in some Measure extenuate his Misconduct, We have determined once more to give him an Opportunity of Submitting his actions to a public enquiry and to abide the Justice of our final Determination — From the Circumstances which have occurred in the affairs at Kimmedy during your Chiefship it is Natural to imagine that Guzzeputdoo considered Sitteramrauze as being unfavourably inclined towards him, & might be apprehensive of the Consequences of that Influence which he believed Sitteramrauze to possess — In Order therefore to deprive him of every pretence for Continuing in Contumacy & to exhibit to all the Zemindars &c Striking a proof of the Mildness & Justice of the Company's Government, Our President has wrote him a Letter, which is now enclosed to you with a Translate & which you will in the presence of your Council deliver to his Guzzeputdoo Vaqueel and with one from yourself, informing him at the same time

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of

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of its Contents, you will Order him to Convey it to his Master with the Utmost Expedition & to prevent any accidents it may be Necessary to Send two of your own Hircarrahs with the Said Vacquel whom you will direct to return at the Expiration of the time mentioned in the Presidents Letter & You will inform us as soon as × possible whether Guzzepaldoo obeys the Governors summons } We have agreed that what has been advanced for the Maintenance of Jugganaut-doo be admitted & that he shall be allowed two hundred and fifty Pagodas Rupees ℔ Month until our final Orders provided he remains at Vizagapatam and the Lands continue in possession of the Company

You will be pleased for the present to keep possession of the Fort of Saloor for the Company until you receive our further orders on that head and as we would wish to be clearly ascertained of the Justness of Vicheramrauze demands of Arrears upon that Country & of which we have at present some doubt, you be pleased to make the most particular enquiry into the Validity of his Claims and which appears the more Necessary because in your Letter of August 1773 you have said that Sitteramrauze had taken from the Zemindar Lands to the Amount of Rupees 55000 ℔ Annum, if so We cannot conceive how such a Debt could have arrisen. You will Communicate to Us with all Expedition the Result of your Enquiries that we may come to some final Determination respecting that Zemindary.

You will be pleased to defer the Building of Barracks, until You hear further

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Vizeram-rauze's }

Fort St. George, 8th August 1774.

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further from us on that Subject

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Alexr Wynch & Coun

To Guzzeputdoo 5th August 1774

Letter from the President to Guzzeputdoo

The Chief of Vizagapatam transmitted to me the Letter you wrote to him with the Representation of your Servants Attd from your long delay in Obeying the Orders of the Government you have forfeited your reg to Kimmedy yet Considering your youth &c Inexperience I am induced to give you another Opportunity of Vindicating yourself from the Charges against you, I therefore now write to inform you that if you will within 3 days after this Letter may be delivered to you repair to Vizagapatam the Chief & Council will hear as you may have to urge in your Vindication & send the same to me for my final Determination when you may depend upon having Justice done you. But if you fail to Obey this Order the Chief & Council have directions to convert your Zemindary into Havelly Lands you will be Considered as a Rebel to this Government

Monday 22 Augt

At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr Prest
Joseph Smith George Dawson
Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Ganjam

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

Letter from Ganjam Arguments in favor of Latchema Bunge's Claim reasons for reducing the Power of the Goomsur Zemindar Vajender Sing not yet employd by the Chief &c

We have been favored with your Letter of the 12th Ultimo enclosing an Extract from your Minutes of Consultation of the 13th January last relative to the Daracoote Rajah

Among the Reasons we have offered in our Letter of the 18th June for recommending our proceeding against the Goomsur Rajah the first and principal one was the Augmentation of his Tribute. In these Ideas We were guided by Mr Cotsfords Statement of the Value of the Zemindary transmitted you in his Letter of the 16th December 1769 confirmed by his last Letter to you of the 30th December 1773 & We are happy to find they have met with your approbation. With Respect to Latchema Bunges Claim to the Rajah Ship as elder Brother We believe such Claims are usually considered as founded in Justice The Only Instance that has come to our knowledge of this Government interfering in matters of this kind, was in the case of Munnydoo who being obnoxious to his father Bumadoo was by him set aside from the Succession Nevertheless he was invited by Mr Cotsford to come to Ganjam was afterwards in direct Opposition to his Fathers Inclinations appointed to the Management of the Pretapaghery Country & is moreover Strongly Recommended by Mr Cotsford in his last Letter to your Board to be put in Possession of the Zemindary

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Zemindary on the death of his father, altho' it is publicly known that Burma doo has appointed his youngest Son Juggannaut doo to be his Successor. Mr Cotsford urges the same reasons for this measure that may be urged in the Case of Latchema Bunge and particularly that it is founded on the Practice of the Country. With respect to Lachema Bunges not having complained to Government, and his peaceable Residence with his Brother for eight Months both may we think be attributed to apprehensions for his personal Safety. Finding his party to weak to Cope with that which declared against him he thought it prudent to wave his Claim until an opportunity should offer of asserting it with a prospect of Success & therefore seemingly acquiesced in the Establishment of his younger Brother in the Zemindary his conduct however was narrowly Watched & had he been detected in carrying on a Correspondence with this Government, the Consequences would probably have been fatal to him but we do not find that a formal Application for Redress was made by Munny doo any more than by Latchema Bunge, both of them fled to us for Refuge. Their Cases were in a great measure similar & Mr Cotsford's Interposition in support of the Pretensions of the former was we find entirely approved

An Additional Reason for our engaging in the Support of Latchema Bunge which

We

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We omitted in our Letter to you on this Subject may be drawn We think from the Misconduct of the Tajah of Sourora whom Mr Cotsford in many of his Letters to the Board represent as protected by the Goomsur Rajah in the Disobedience he shews to the Company's Authority by the Non payment of His Tribute His Annual Jemabundy is Pags 1428.30.68 and yet most he has ever paid in one Year is 563.25.57. This payment was made in the year 1769 when the Bengal Detachment was in this District, it was a Year fruitful in Military Operations & it appears to have been the most favorable for the Collection of the Revenues, Which we may therefore presume flourishes most in such Conjunctions if Care only be taken to preserve the Country from being desolated Accordingly we find that all the no Military Business has been going forward since the Month of May 1772 and the most powerful Rajahs in the Country excepting the Goomsoor Rajah have been considerably reduced yet the Revenue has not been at all improved by this Interval of Peace In the Year 1771 ending September 1772 no Money was received from the Sourorah Tajah & from Sept 1772 to Sept 1773 no more than Pagodas 221.15.34 so that the Balance now due from him including the Tribute for the Year 1773 is no less a Sum than Pagodas 7327.15.34.

We have already Observed that the Power of all the Rajahs here Seems to have been

Considerably

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Considerably reduced except the Gunsoor Rajahs and Equity appears to Us to Justify what Policy strongly dictates, that he be brought to a level with the rest in the Equity of the Measure so far as concerns the Augmentation of his Tributes. We have the Satisfaction to find you have concurred with us since you have been pleased to direct that this be made the Basis of an Accommodation with him & indeed even the Deviation from his former Engagements in so opulent a Tributary of itself seems justly to merit your displeasure not to mention a further Cause there is for it, from his persisting to retain in his possession ten Villages belonging to Government as stated by Wbatsford in his Letter to the Board of the 25th September 1768. With respect to the Policy of the Measure We are humbly of Opinion that any favorable Opportunity that may present itself of breaking the Force of the more powerful Rajahs should be eagerly embraced, for, once broken the Companys Tribute may be regularly received & less danger arise from their Revolt on the Extraordinary Exigencies of general & National Ware, & We think no means so conducive to this End as the Dismembering of the large Zemindaries. These Considerations naturally lead the Subject to that part of your Letter wherein you are pleased to express your disapprobation of the Chiefs having employed the Daracoote Rajah in his Negotiation for bringing over Lachma

Burge

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Bunge. The Chief begs leave to represent to Your Honor &c. that the importance of the Object did in his Opinion justify the Proceeding. Flattering Himself therefore it would appear in the same light to you & supported in it by the Opinion of the late Resident Mr Colsford whose Judgement in the affairs of his District has been generally approved & whose Sentiments on this Subject will fully appear by a Letter from him to Capt. Bandinel now transmitted to the President. He ventured to deviate from the general Sense of the Minute passed in your Consultation passed of the 15th January 1774. The Chief hath already stated in his Minute of the 9th June that there was no other practicable Method of bringing over Lalchema Bunge but by means of the Intercourse between him & the Daracoote Rajah. The Question therefore before the Chief was reduced to this one point, whether it was of most importance to the Company to carry their Punishment of the Daracoote Rajah's Misconduct, to the Extreme it may have merited, or to procure the Assistance of so principal a Claimant to the Goomsur Zemindary, as the late Rajahs eldest Son in order thereby to facilitate ye Reduction of a powerful, opulent & disobedient Country to a State of due Subjection to the Company's Authority. The Chief judged it most adviseable to embrace the latter Object and altho' the employing the Daracoote Rajah should if Possible have been avoided yet the Objection to it ap-

appeared to him the less weighty from the Consideration of the Rajahs having already suffered such Punishment as the Chief thought would operate with sufficient Force in the Minds of the other Zemindars to prevent any Attempts of the like kind in future, particularly when it came to be known that his Restoration was the fruits of recent approved Services & was granted him after his making suitable Atonement to Government by the lowest & most public humiliations The Chief begs leave to add that had he refused to accept of the Daracoole Rajahs Offers of Assistance He must have relinquished all thoughts of a Scheme in his Opinion evidently calculated to promote the Interest of the Company Conscious therefore of the Uprightness of his Intentions and of having been actuated in every Step he has taken by a Disinterested Zeal for his Service The Chief cannot but be sensibly affected at the Severe Censure which of the Board have been pleased to pass upon his Conduct

Such were the Circumstances with which this Subject was attended when it came before us & superadded thereto was the Consideration of the Facility our Operations might Receive from having the Rajah our Friend rather than our Enemy It is true We have had a Company of Seapoys in possession of the Fort of Daracoole almost from the time of the Rajahs Misconduct

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and he has not since given Us any Molestation but We are of Opinion he has been deterred from it rather by the Fear of inflaming your displeasure and thereby precluding all Hope of Restoration, that the Want of that Spirit which sometimes actuates, people in dispair, to do all the Mischief they can to those whom they may esteem, tho' without reason, the Authors of their Misery even when they know that no Good to themselves can result from it. It is not unreasonable to conclude that Such may have been the Situation of his Mind. We are persuaded he might have done the Country a great deal of Mischief, had he not flattered himself that Forbearance would be more for his Interest, & We are still of opinion that when our Troops are employed as they might must be if We proceed against Goomsur, he will yet have it in his power to give Us great Vexation by obliging us to Employ large Escorts for Convoys since it is thro' the Daracoote Country our Supplies of all kinds must pass & our Force including the five Companies from Kimmedy being the same We find by Mr Colsford's Letters he always thought necessary for his Undertaking may possibly ill admit of being divided In Addition to the foregoing Considerations We are further of Opinion that no ill Consequences can be apprehended from mitigating the

Severity

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Severity of the Daracoote Rajah's Punishment that can in any Degree be brought into Competition with the Vis que that may be incurred in the Prosecution of so important an Undertaking as We have now before Us from his last strenuous Efforts, when he becomes convinced that nothing else is left on which to found a Shadow of Hope The late Disturbances in the Kimmedy Country may be here mentioned. We think as an Instance in point of the power of a Rajah to do Mischief on the Principles of a desperate Resentment. There is no power We understand in that Kimmedy capable of opposing the Smallest Force, We could send against it & yet the Rajah has found Means by the Attachment of his people to him, to desolate that Country throughout & to harass our Troops, in vain in the pursuit of him

With respect to any Encouragement which may have been given to Vajinder Sing to expect to be restored to his Zemindary The Chief informs us that he has never given him any positive Assurance of it, but that he has frequently promised to recommend him to the Lenity of the Board & to use his utmost Endeavours to obtain for him their Forgiveness

We shall not fail to comply Strictly with your Orders in making known to all the Zemindars of the Country that in all Cases

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of Demise, the This is to look up to you for Confir-
-mation in the Succession to the Zemindary
& is not to consider himself as legally possessed of
it until your Approbation shall have first been
Obtained, & such has been our Conduct in the
only Instance that has yet occurred. Your Com-
-mands to Us on the Subject of the Gumsoor
Rajah, We clearly understand to be that We
are to make the discharge of his Balance in due
time, the Augmentation of his Tribute and
the appointment of a Reasonable Allowance for
the Maintenance of His Brother the Basis of our
Negotiation with him, & that on these Grounds,
We are to endeavour to the utmost of our power
to avoid entering in to Hostilities, We shall accor-
-dingly strictly attend to them, but as in the Case
of our being Obliged to proceed to Extremities you
have not informed us, whether you think any
or what Use should be made of Lotchuma Binjee's
Assistance or whether it be your Intention that
he have any Hopes given him of being put in
possession of the Zemindary, or any part of it We
request to be furnished with your Directions on these
Points, as Circumstances may arise which may
render it necessary to give him certain Informa-
-tion on a Subject so interesting to him.

We are extreamely glad to
find that your Honors &c. have given Directions

for

for our being supplied with Necessary Stores & We request you will be pleased to take the Earliest Opportunity of sending them to Us

We are with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Yourmost Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
John Holland
Thomas Dyneley

Ganjam
3 August 1774

Minutes on the Letter from Ganjam

It does not appear Necessary to enter further into the Merits of the Argument, whether or not, by the Practice of the Country Satchuma-Bunge by being the Eldest Son ought to have Succeeded to the Zemindary of his Father The Question before the Board, and the Subject of Consideration for the Gentlemen at Ganjam, is what measures ought to be pursued for the Interest of the Company in the present Situation of Affairs in the Gumsoor Zemindary

After allowing due weight to what the Chief & Council have urged on the Subject, the Board are Still convinced of the Expediency of Confirming the present Zemindar of Gumsoor in his possessions provided he will acquiesce in ye Terms required in our last Letter on this Subject Vizt the Speedy discharge of his Arrears. The Augmentation

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Augmentation of his Tribute and a reasonable reasonable
Settlement upon his Eldest Brother who has
thrown himself upon our protection; he which
conditions must now be added, the immediate Res-
-titution of the ten Villages belonging to the Govern-
-ment which he unjustly seized upon and keeps in
his possession — Altho' these requisitions are to be
the basis of the Negotiation with the Zemindar
of Goamsur, yet if it shall appear to the Chief & Coun-
-cil of Ganjam that the Compelling of him to ac-
-quiesce therein may embroil the Company with the Maharattas with
whom we understand this Zemindar is connected
or that an expedition to reduce this Country will
be Attended with much expence, if these Circum-
-stances shall appear, we think it will be more
advisable to lower our demands than to proceed
to Extremities

As We are not sufficiently acquain- acqu-
-ainted with the Country to determine what is a
reasonable Temabundy we must leave this Matter
to the Judgement of the Chief & Council but in
their Estimation thereof attention must be paid to
the peculiar Circumstances of this Zemindary, for
if a Tribute is paid to the Maharattas, or if a Con-
-siderable force is kept up for the protection of the
Country, we cannot expect in proportion from
this Zemindar, So much as from those whose Pos-
-sessions are protected by the Company's Troops

After

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After all should it be found indispensably Necessary to proceed against Gunsoor, we can have no Objections to the Chief & Council making use of the Services of Lachuma Benjo and if it Should appear that a Considerable Party in the Zemindary is attached to him it may even be allowable to promise him the Succession on his Engaging to perform the Conditions required of his Brother

Upon Rajender Sing the Zemindar of Varacoote his making Suitable & exemplary concessions, the Speedy payment of his Arrears & Securing to the Company the Expence of the Detachment Sent Against him by Mr Coteford we agree to his being replaced in his Zemindary It is however necessary to Observe that We have been led to this Resolution principally by the promises or at least Expectations which it appears he received from the Chief that his Country would be Restored to him in Consequence of Certain Services which he Rajender Sing engaged to perform Notwithstanding we have under these Limitations consented to pardon Rajender Sing yet Should his future Conduct prove obnoxious to Government we shall Consider these our Orders Respecting him to be totally revoked.

Resolved that Orders be sent to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam that upon

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an Application to them from the Gentlemen at Ganjam for Military Stores Assistance, they do detach for that purpose their Artillery under the Command of Lieut. McHugo with the remainder of Capt. Candlers Battalion of Sepoys & such a supply of Stores as may be required & they can spare.

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Ganjam.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq
President & Governor &ca Council of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Mil. Depart.

Letter from Ganjam the Moherry Rajah dispossessed of his Zemindary & Recommended to favor

You were informed by our Letter of the 18 June of our Intention of Sending a small detachment against the Chigutty & Moherry Rajahs in order thereby to hasten them in the payment of their Tribute, The Detachment accordingly proceeded from Souringhi under the Command of Lieut. Mordaunt & arrived at a small Village called Chillery where it halted for a few days that the Rajah of Chigutty might have time to Reflect on his Situation & avert the Evil which threatened him by paying down or giving security for an adequate portion of the Balance due from him. This Measure had the desired Effect & the Chigutty Rajah having given Security for 45,000 Rupees as mentioned in our Letter to the Civil Department of Yesterday's Date the Detachment marched towards Moherry & after some

time

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of Terror intended, & that it would thereby consequently become a Work to be repeated upon every trifling Occasion. From this Consideration & because We find by the general Tenor of your Letters to Mr Cotsford that it is your Intention no decisive Measures shall be taken in Matters of this kind without your Instructions. We have determined not to accept of any Terms of Accommodation until We shall pass received your Commands & in the mean time We shall proceed to give your Honor &ca. our Sentiments on this Subject

As our whole Force may probably be Shortly Employed in the Reduction of the Goomsur Zemindary it will be precedent to secure Tranquility in every other part of the District, but independant of this Consideration. We are of Opinion that the keeping possession of Moherry would be attended with considerable detriment to the Revenue, for, the Place itself lying open to the Attacks of the Country People from ye Hills, it will be expected they will make some Effort to regain it which must Necessarily draw us into further Hostilities & of Course be attended with ruinous Consequences to the Revenue, as the present is the Critical Season for Cultivating the Lands

With respect to the more extensive Plan of depriving the Rajah of his Country, the having taken Moherry could Scarcely be Considered as a Step of any Consequence towards it, there being many places of more Strength in his Country & as this Zemindary has till lately been as much

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if not more punctual in the payment of the Tribute, than any of the Test & the present Rajah is a Minor. We imagine your Honor &ca would hardly think him the fittest Person to begin with supposing it were your Intention entirely to reduce such of the Zemindars as Oblige Us to Employ Force against them, but this is a Plan which We think it would not be adviseable to adopt at this Juncture, because it will first be necessary to break the Force of the most powerful Zemindary in this District and because We are already so far engaged in that Undertaking, as to make it doubtful whether it will not be Absolutely necessary to proceed to the last Extremity. These Considerations induce us to Recommend to Your Honor &ca the Restoring to the Rajah of Mohurry his Pollam upon his paying, or giving Security for a Years Tribute & We request to be furnished with your Directions on this head as soon as may be convenient

As We were apprehensive no Opportunity might Offer of Conveying hither The Stores your Honor &ca were so kind to promise Us We have this day wrote to the President & Council of Fort William requesting that they will Send us 100 Barrels of Gunpowder by the Swallow Sloop of War & We hope this Measure will meet with your Approbation

We are with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Servts
Charles Smith
John Holland
Thos Dyneley
Resolved

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To be Restored on paying the Expence of the Detachment & the Speedy discharge of his Arrears of Jemmabundy.

Resolved that the Rajah of Mohurry on consideration of his Youth, & former good Conduct, be restored to his Zemindary, on condition that he defray the Expence of the Detachment Sent to bring him to Obedience & the Speedy discharge of the Arrears of Jemmabundy to the Company

Mohetry.

Ordered that Draft of a Letter to Ganjam be prepared conformable to the foregoing Resolutions

Read the following report from the Committee of Stores, with an Extract from their Minutes.

their

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

Letter from the Committee of Stores

Herewith We have the Honor to lay before You, Our Minutes of the 28th Ultimo

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very devoted Hble Servts
Geo Dawson
Pat. Ross
Edw. James

At a Committee of Stores Present
Thursday 28 July 1774 — George Dawson Esq. / Lt. Col. Ross / Lt. Col. James

Extract from their Minutes ordered Regulations proposed & approved

The Clerk lays before the Committee a List of Military Stores sent in by the Military Storekeeper since the last meeting & entered in the Commissary of Stores certifying to be equal to the Musters which are now produced to the Committee

Agreed that Such Stores be Received into the Arsenal

The Clerk lays before the Committee Sundry Indents for Stores from Ganjam & Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam Masulipatam Ongole, Vellore Chingleput Vellum & the 1st Regiment of the Nabobs Cavalry — & which being examined by the Committee Lists of such Stores as can be Spared in Compliance with each, is now made out & the Stores directed to be supplied

Agreed that it be recommended to the Board that Capt Hopkins Battn at Vellum be directed not to make use of the New Arms now supplied them, until actual Service may make it necessary. Approved

It appearing to the Committee that Arms & Accoutrements are Issued to the Troops both European & Sepoy without any returns being made of the Stores in use. Agreed to recommend to the Board that the Officers commanding Corps may be Ordered to make Monthly Returns of their Arms & Accoutrements Specifying the time such Stores were received & their Condition that the Committee may be enabled to judge of the Necessity of Complying with any fresh Indents Approved

As Indents from all parts are now sent in very Irregularly Agreed that it be recommended to the Board that such be always sent in by the 20th of the Month that the Committee, sitting in two or 3 Days after Approved

after may regularly examine all such & by being furnished with the Quantity of Stores wanted in all the Outh Garrisons may Supply to each the proportion, that can be spared from hence

The Committee observe that the Returns of Stores are not made according to the Terms recommended by the Committee & approved of by the Board from any Garrison except Trichinopoly Agreed that it be represented to the Board

Ordered that the Several Storekeepers be called upon for their Reasons for not attending to this Order.

Received the following Letter from Ensign Dav^d Wilson

Read.

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

Letter from Ens^n D. Wilson applies for leave to proceed to Europe

Letters Received this Year from Europe has informed Me that private Family Affairs require my presence at Home

I have therefore to request Honble Sir & Sirs your leave of Absence to proceed to England the first Opportunity, which Indulgence will be considered as the greatest favor conferred on

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
David Wilson

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As Mr Wilsons Business in Europe is found to be of sufficient urgency to require his presence there. Agreed that he be allowed to proceed accordingly.

Granted

Received

Received the following Letter from

St George Davis

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

Lieutenant Geo. Davis applies for leave of Absence to go to Bengal

Hately received a Letter from my Mother in England directing me to comm[illegible] with my Brother Capt. Wm Davis in the Honble Company's Service in Bengal concerning the Affairs of my deceased Father Family which dont admit of being settled by an Epistolary Correspondence

My Brother having a Family & from his Rank in the Service his absence from Duty being of more importance to the Company than mine, I am tho' the Elder Brother, as well out of regard to his conveniency, as the Interest of y. Public Service, inclinable to Visit him to Settle Our Family Affairs

Be pleased therefore to Indulge me, with three Months leave of Absence to Bengal or a shorter or longer time as will be absolutely necessary for the above purpose & no more & to Set of the first Opportunity

I am
With the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
G. Davis

Vellore
16 August 1774

Granted

Agreed that St Davis his Request be granted

Read Letter from the Nabob Dated 13th Instant Entered in Country Correspondence

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82 with an Indent for Stores

Ordered that the said be complied with as far as the Committee of Stores shall Judge convenient

Read the following Honble Company's Letter to Pacifick under date the 2d February

Ordered that the Committee of Stores be furnished, with the Paragraphs which Relate to their Department & that they be directed to pay the Strictest attention to the Orders of the Company thereon

Mr Mackay rescd to the Service Para. 4 to 8 Ltre to Pacifick

Ordered that Mr Mackay be made acquainted with his Reinstatement in the Honble Company's Service

Ordered that enquiry be made to ascertain the time of the decease of St John Wilson that the Honble Court be advised thereof

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J W Wolf
C Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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The following Letter was this day wrote by the Secretary to Mr Mackay.

To George Mackay Esq.r
at Calcutta

Sir

I am directed by the President & Council to transmit to you the Accompanying Extract from the Company's General Letter Pacific

Sam.l
Sir
Your most Obl.t
humble Serv.t
P Wm Petrie Secretary

Letter to Mr Mackay advising him of his being Elected to the Service.

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Agreable to the Resolutions of last Consultation, the following Letter was this day wrote & dispatched.

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To Charles Smith Esq.r
Chief & Council at Ganjam
Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 3.d & 3.d Instant

We are still of Opinion that the conduct of the Daraccotta Zemindar Rajah Rajinder Sing is deserving of the Severest Punishment and as you Chief have employed him with the reputation of a Pardon, for certain Services which you expect he has performed & seems yourself in it as your Opinion that if he is not Rewarded it may very much retard to his Zemindary, by throwing many material Obstacles in the Way of the Measures, which you may be obliged to pursue with the Gumsoor Rajah, Can the Zemindary then be placed in the hands, that if his Assistance may be expected from him for very essential Services

Letter to Ganjam Remainder of Do. recd Letter & Additional Instructions on the Gumsoor Rajah Disturbances relative thereto Zemindar of Mohurry mentioned

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these Reasons We have agreed to Restore Rajinder Sing disputating Mean time, that he do make such further Concessions as may appear to you the most likely to have a prosperous Effect on the Minds of the People that the discharge the Arrears of his Peishcush already in arrear & the future of this Country will follow & that a time as the produce of this Country will allow & that he do make good to the Company the Expence of the Establishment which We shall find out against him Notwithstanding We have thus Consented to pardon Rajinder Sing under certain Limitations We think it necessary to declare that should his future conduct not prove to our Satisfaction particularly respecting the Services expected from him in the Operations it may be necessary to prosecute against Gumsoor we shall not allow these Our Orders in his favor to be totally Overlooked

We acquainted to you very fully our Sentiments regarding the Rajah of Gumsoor & We are still convinced of the Perfidiety of his Character in him in the Zemindary provided he will agree to the Conditions demanded Namely the speedy discharge of his Arrears, the Augmentation of his Tribute & Reasonable Settlement upon his Brother In addition to which We expect as a Security that you demand of him the immediate Restitution of the ten Villages belonging to Government, which he unjustly detains in his Possession From your Letters we are inclined to think that the Zemindar will not agree to these Conditions & that you will be under the Necessity of proceeding against him But previous to such a Step we think it proper to point out to you some Circumstances of Management which will require your most due Consideration

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The Zemindar of Gooty has always been represented to us as the most powerful in your district That he formerly paid Tribute to the Mahrattas & that even Ryn considered as in some degree connected with them We are convinced of the good Policy of Encouraging the power of the great Zemindars, We at the same time think much caution must be used in carrying the same into Execution We therefore recommend to you to weigh well every circumstance, & if you apprehend that the Reduction of this Zemindar will be attended with any great Expences, or that it may give some umbrage to the Mahratta Government, to which he formerly is said to have paid Tribute, it will be convenient to make your demands such as will induce him rather to comply therewith than Risk the Success of this Zemindary

In Estimating the Remunerandy adequate to the Value of the Zemindary you are to advert to the particular circumstances in which this Zemindar is placed If he is by the Nature of his Country obliged to pay Tribute to the Mahrattas or if he is under the Necessity of keeping a considerable Force to protect his Country from their Incroachments We cannot reasonably expect from him as much as from the Zemindaries in the flat Countries who are protected by the Company's Troops

We are not furnished with Lights sufficient on this Subject to enable Us to Determine what may be a Reasonable Remunerandy & therefore all the We shall have been glad to have had full Information from you previous to your demanding it

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If You are not in Condition to Settle this Matter to your Consideration, Subject however to our farther Determination, You will observe that We wish to be advised of every thing material, but as delays might greatly prejudice the Expedition should you be obliged to Undertake one against Gooty we must Confide in your prudence in the Management of the Rebellion of this Business

Aryen appears that the Polygar Brother Lakshmana Bungar may be of great use in facilitating Your operations against Gooty We desire you at liberty to employ his Services to the best Advantage And if he has a Party in the Country Considerable enough to assist in the Reduction of the Garrisons Rajahs We think it may be advisable in you to promise him the Zemindary and his Services to the Company their Villages and a Remunerandy adequate to the Extent & Value of the Country But you will percieve that you are not to make a finial Agreement, until you receive Our Sanction for the Same

In Consideration of the Youth of the Zemindar of Mooney & the great Loyalty & Punctuality which on several occasions has been observed in the Payment of the Peishcush of this Zemindary as appears from Mr Lake's Letters to us we are for those Reasons disposed by your Recommendation induced to restore to him Pottam, on Payment of the Charges of the Detachment under Lieut. Mordaunt which was employed in bringing him to Obedience & the speedy discharge of his Arrears to the Company

We shall direct the Chief

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of Vizagapatam to give you such Assistance of Troops & Military Stores upon your application as can be spared from hence. We have already sent you a considerable Quantity of Stores on the Pallam to Vizagapatam with Directions for their being forwarded to you by the first Opportunity.

We cannot but be unwilling that your application to the President & Council of Fort William for Powder was inconsistent with the System of the Service, but as We attend to the Circumstances which induced you to take that Step we pass it over without further Notice.

We are Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Alex.r Wynch & Council

Military Department

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To George Stratton Esq.r
Chief of Vizagapatam
Sir

Lett.r to Ganjam

Vizagapatam to reinforce the Troops under Ganjam.

As it is probable that the Gentlemen of Ganjam may in a short time be under the Necessity of making an Application to you for a Reinforcement of Troops & a supply of Stores. We desire you will immediately take order with the Military with Lt.t Mc.r Hugo & the remainder of Capt.n Bandinells Battalion to proceed to Ganjam & that you will supply them with such Stores as they may require & you can spare from your Settlement.

If the Situation of Affairs in your Circar should render it Necessary to have a Number of Sepoys sent to you in the Room of those which may be required for Ganjam you will apply to the Chief of Masulipatam, who will accordingly assist you.

We are

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We are Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Alex.r Wynch & Council

At a Consultation Present

	Alexander Wynch	Gov.r President
Monday	Joseph Smith	" George Dayson
29 Augt.	Henry Brooke	" Samuel Johnson
	John. W Stone	" Edward Stracey
	Francis Fourdan	

Minutes of last Consultation

Read & approved

Read the following Letter from Major Baillie with the Copies of Letters to Mr White hill Colonel Flint & Co.

Letter from Major Baillie with Copies from Mr White hill & Ag.t Board

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

Satisfied in regard that there are Causes employed by the Honble Company demanding utmost unsparing Occasion according to my Abilities, for the good of the Service I hope Honble Sirs & Sirs you will not think it presumption in me in case of Clear notice making an appeal to you in a Matter of remedy first started & since continued an obstacle of Circumstantiality to the general System. The two enclosed Letters of the 6 & 11 July to Colo.r Flint & the Chief of Masulipatam will explain my opinion & the first did not choose to give an Opinion & the last did as contained in a few lines from Col. Flint to me. I am sorry my Ideas here should differ from

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I am then in a Suspension of proceeding to consider both justice to my own Station as well as the Service of Necessity prevail to give the Reference. Without what I have already applyed for & the present posting. I am afraid though always Ready to do any utmost the Battalion I Com-mand cannot be Inspected in that manner Judicious so constant necessary orders & Leadings for the field I am with the profound Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Baillie

Ellore
2 Augt 1774

/Copy/

To Colonel Flint

Sir

My Idea in the Letter you & Stated of yesterday, I commit to paper to prevent misunderstanding. Sir that in a Cantonment such as this where there neither any great Quantity of Military Stores nor Regularly established Storekeepers & others with a very small additional Troops are supposed ready to take the field at a moments warning the care of Regimental Stores with all Necessary connected should remain with Commandants of Corps who Specified by their Quarter Masters must be the best Judges of their Wants & the proper Arrangement of each particular & for the purpose assigned distribution of such Bullock Peculiar, Artificers Lascars &c. as our Honble Masters think needful to Attain in the Service made in proportion amongst them. The Care at present and which I am pray allowed by you must not be the Established

Copy Letter from Majr Baillie to Col Flint on the present Mode of keeping Military Stores, & proposing that Such as are Regimental should remain with the Commandants of Corps

Custom

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Custom is that the Sole has vested in the Captain of Artillery at least as far as concerns his Corps & of the Regiment. Here the Should be Supposed most trust Worthy or are are capable. Hence Sir Suppose in the Command is the most Surprising. Still more a certain indication of things not being in their proper Channel, all you find not Equally dealt by. The Captain of Sepoys by acknowledgment has always had & continues to have those very trusts I am now obliged to apply for. I am in no private advantage to myself nor detriment to Others. I only require those just and Necessary for the Service Powers which however lies with the Regimental Commandants in Cantonments and which I suppose supposed of an anxious consideration you will think most Favourable

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Baillie

Ellore
9 July 1774

/Copy/

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam

Sir

Having understood previous to my appointment to this Battalion that the Ellore Troops were Supposed more in Constant Leading to the Field than perhaps any other such Body in the Service & for that purpose, by Order some Extra Expenses incurred I did me to enquire particularly into the State of my Regimental Storeroom which Next to discipline the Battalion I considered as first Speed between thirty & forty Marquee as many private Tents & Eighty

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To Mr Whitehill on the same Subject

a Ninety Stands of Arms but a great want of the Artificers Artificers & Lascars for the Repair and care of the Whole. This gave cause to a Letter I wrote Colonel Flint & which he says will be transmitted for your Sentiments on by this or to morrow nights Tappy At first he seemed Inclined to determine in favour of my Idea but since it Seems altered his mind I write merely to apprize you Sir what I have advanced & enquired it merely on account of the Service & that I am ready from Circumstances & Custom to prove the Propriety & truth of the whole.

I am respectfully
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Baillie

Ellore
8 July 1774

To Major Wm Baillie
Commanding the 2d Battn of the 2 Brigade
Sir

I have received a Letter from Mr Whitehill this Morning wherein he desires me to acquaint you that he will not admit of a Division of the Artificers &

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Flint

Ellore
8 August 1774

Copy Not from the Letter Major Baillie Signifying Mr Whitehills determination not to allow of any alterations.

(Copy)
Wm Baillie

The foregoing Letter being read the President lays before the Board the correspondence of Colonel Flint & Major Baillie with Mr Whitehill hereto annexed Hereafter an Hundred Dispute by the

with the Copies of Mr Whitehills Letter to Colonel Flint & Report to which the said Correspondence, which Correspondence & Copies were referred a Private Letter to the President from Mr Whitehill & the Board are perswaded that Major Baillie has been endeavored to make this appeal to them from a Regard to the Service which he conceived to be injured by the decision of this Superiour Officer. Yet as appeals of this Nature from Systems laid down by Superiour Authority when not pursued & Inquiry is instituted, may lead to great inconveniencies, We cannot but say that We think Major Baillie would have sufficiently discharged his duty in representing his Case to Colonel Flint & if he had neglected to pay attention there to he alone was answerable for the consequences

Opinion of the Board.

Explanation in what Light the Cantonments at Ellore has been considered

In regular Cantonments the proportion of Stores, Artificers Coolies & Lascars & Bullocks are we believe generally attached to the Corps under the Superintendance and management of their respective Commanding Officers because in regular Cantonments the Troops are supposed to be in Readiness to take the Field at the Shortest Notice, but Ellore & the Situation of the Troops at Ellore has not been considered in that light Nor the putting them upon Such a footing would be attended with a great increase of Expence & as the same advantages may be derived from the Troops in that Quarter on a garrison Establishment with a certain Number of Bullocks & Lascars attached to them. It is Resolved that the same Regulations be observed respecting the Stores at Ellore as the Garrison on the Carnatick & that the Paymaster be appointed Storekeeper to observe and

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The Troops at Ellore to draw the Cows Grazing at the Forts with Carnatick Provisions

follow such Directions as are laid down for that Department in the Book of Regulations

To John Whitehill Esqr

Sir

Letter from Lt Flint to Mr Whitehill advising of the present disputes between him & Major Baillie

I have received your Letter of the 9th Instant & in consequence of your having sent Mr Grant a Special Warrant to act as Deputy Judge Advocate I immediately gave out the Orders for the General Court Martial to assemble at 6 this day. I should have wrote You yesterday but was exceedingly ill

The accompanying Letter I have from Major Baillie, have sent it for your perusal & to determine thereon I gave him my Opinion I could not be allowed as the Company have them at the Expence of Building Regular Store Houses for the Reception of all Stores at Cuddalore & Cantonments they had no such thing of known very Corps was Obliged to take Care of their own & to the best of my Recollection the Troops were never Cantoned in the Carnatic, except Company at Seringapatam was soon expected but Should it be agreable to You to let them have this Dividend of Sarcam They no more can have any Objection whatever. When the troops were Ordered to return into Cantonments by the Request of the then Commandant of that Battalion I let him keep the Number of Tents mentioned in the general Return of Stores as belonging to that Corps He likewise requested to Sarcam to take care of them which I also granted The Tents being notoriously now wanted for being so decayed as Scarcely to keep out the Rain Should they be put into the General Store House they

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would be changed in that case the Regiment would not be so well furnished in case of taking the Field

When the General Court Martial is assembled, Major Baillie will be ordered to go to Masulipatam

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
William Flint

Ellore
July 11th 1776

To John Whitehill Esqr

Chief of Masulipatam

Sir

Letter from Major Baillie to Mr Whitehill

Having understood previous to my appointment to this Battalion that the Ellore Troops were very far more in Constant readiness to take the Field than perhaps any other such Body of Men in the Service & for that purpose by order on extraordinary expence incurred & done on my arrival here I enquire particularly into the State of Affairs in the Regimental Store Room which must be discriptioning the Battalion, I soon ordered a Chief care Sirkit Ground between Thirty and Forty Marquees as many Private Tents with eighty or ninety Stands of Arms but a great want of other Articles besides Artificers & Sarcam for the Repairs Keep of the Whole This gave cause to a Letter I wrote Colonel Flint which he may will be transmitted for your Inspection only this is to mention my right to Supply All such be wanted instead to determine in favour of any Idea but it seems altered his Mind. I write now only to apprise you Sir not at Present advanced any Cash immediately on account of the Service & that I am ready

(over)

from Circumstance & Custom to prove the Propriety and truth of the whole I am with the greatest respect

Sir
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
William Baillie

Ellore
11 July 1774

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam

Sir

Letter from Major Baillie to Mr Whitehill desiring that the Dispute may be referred to the Pres.t & Council

Finding no prospect appears of the Matter in dispute between Colonel Flint & me's being otherwise settled & confident of the Justness and Necessity of my own Conduct I request it may be laid before the Hon.ble President & Council of Fort St George for their decision

I am respectfully
Sir
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
William Baillie

Ellore
8th August 1774

To John Whitehill Esqr

Sir

Letter from Col. Flint to Mr Whitehill

Major Baillie has been with me on the Subject of Artificers Lascars &c on my telling him that you had approved of my conduct in not making a division of those People as it appears to you as well as to myself it was never intended from the few Artificers kept in the Service which was my reason for not Making any Alteration without your approbation I have made every enquiry & find they have always been on the Same footing as at present

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The accompanying Letter addressed to you under a flying Seal the Major gave me this Evening for my perusal, the purport I find is requesting of you to lay the Affair before the Board which for my own part I have not the least Objection Respecting the Seapay Stores I have already cleard up that Mistake to you how & in what manner it happened

I am with Respect
Sir
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
William Flint

Ellore
8th Augt 1774

To John Whitehill Esqr

Sir

Letter from Col. Flint to Mr Whitehill

Your letter of the 8th Instant I have received & in compliance with your request concerning Major Baillie's Requisition as Major of the European Battalion, Had I thought it in the least Requisite Necessary for the good of the Service his having the Artificers &c. I without all manner of doubt would have complyed with his demands as far as layed in my power it does not appear to me that any of my Predecessors were of Opinion with the Major otherwise surely some one would have altered the present Measures which have been all along observd. Herewith I have the Pleasure to Send you the general Return of Stores belonging to this Place as likewise those of Condapillee

Capt. Mitchell of the Engineers has been here & Surveyed the Barracks & Quarters he returned this Evening I am

Sr Your most Obt & very hble Servt
Wm Flint

Ellore 10th Augt 1774

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To John Whitehill Esq.r

Sir

The accompanying Letter directed to the Gov.r & Council was delivered to me by Major Baillie it was apprehended by the Board he desired me to forward it to you Sir, for you should think the Measure not proper his having Sealed & sent the Letter without your or any perusing it, he requests you will keep it till such time he can send you a Copy

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
& very humble Servant
Wm Flint

Letter from Col Flint to Mr White hill with Major Baillie's appeal to the Board

Ellore 12th Aug.t 1771.

To Colonel Flint
Commanding at Ellore

Sir

I have been prevented Sooner by other business from replying sooner to your Letter of the 13th Ellore transmitting one addressed to you by Major Baillie

All the Reasons why the Measures he Wants observed at Ellore are not sufficient now for all the purposes of the Service, as they were before, I gave an Opinion upon the Requisition made by Major Baillie as Major of the European Battalion I must request your Sentiments whether it is necessary for the good of the Service that it should be complied with If you are of opinion this, you will be pleased to give me your Reasons

I have ordered Capt.n Mitchell of Engineers

Copies of Mr Whitehill's Letter to Col.o Flint referred to in the following Correspondence

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Engineers to proceed to Ellore & make a survey of the Barracks & Quarters

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8th August 1771.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/Copy/ John Whitehill

To Colonel Flint
Commanding at Ellore

Sir

I have received your Letter of yesterday & am well pleased to find you are of Opinion y.t good of the Service does not require that a division of the Artillerie should be made among the different Corps under your Command. Tho' I imagine intended it could not be very necessary, as no reputation of the kind had been made before. I can understand a division of the Artillerie in no other manner than giving to each Corps its distinct rate of Workmen & Stores as the Rule by which the Number ought to vary for this could be determined by the general one in the Military Regulations which attaches a Number of Artillerie to each Corps

If you were to be guided by this Rule it would be necessary to employ double the Number of Lascars & Artificers in the Service & you must be guided by this reason at all. For the Military regulations provide only for Field & Garrison Service

As Commandant of the European Battalion Major Baillie did right in representing to you what he thought Necessary for the good of his Service Corps. This duty was discharged when he added that As Commanding Officer of Ellore you were the proper Judge of this Application & as you did not judge it Necessary to admit of the Alteration he proposed you must

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might have determined upon it without reference to me, but it now before me, I desire you will acquaint Major Baillie that no decision of that Court can be admitted

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) John Whitehill

Masulipatam
12 August 1774

To Colonel Fleet
Commanding at Moro
Sir

I have received your Letter of the 11th Instant & Major Baillie & I thought it Necessary that I should have been informed of the Purport of their Letter to the President & Council, I am not believe I should have sent it upon so any Journal & transmitted me a Copy But it will be granted with the Nature of the Company's Service to be informed that upon the Case of Emergency the usual Channel for Correspondence is that the Commanding Officer to the Chief upon which merely respect the Regiment, to the Brigadier By this making a direct application to the Board President & Council I am not sufficient to think himself aggrieved in some Respect, and as in such Cases a direct Appeal to them is always open to every person in the Service I do not think it Necessary to obtain his Letter but shall forward it by this mighty Safety

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Johan Whitehill

Masulipatam
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Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Gee

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

I beg leave to acquaint Your

Letter from Lieut. Gee applies for payment of the Repairs in the Quarters at Trichinopoly which was omitted to be drawn for before.

Honor &c that when the first payment was made to the Officers for the Repair of Quarters at Trichinopoly My late Brother St Henry Gee had a Claim thereon of One hundred Pagodas But he having been Obliged by Indisposition to go to Cuddalore & after soon died the Above Claim was Neglected Until September & referred to his Estate Memorial was preferred to apply to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly But of Who told me it was out of his power to pay it without an Order from the Military Secretary to whom I should never obtained an Answer being then at Madura I now take the Liberty of laying the Case before your Honor &c hoping that Your Honor &c will be pleased to Order the Payment to be made for the Benefit of My Brothers Widow & Children

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I am
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most
Ingenuble Servant
James Gee

Orders thereon

Ordered that the Matter be enquired into & if it appears that Lieut Gee's charge is inserted in the Account of Repairs which the Nabob advanced & for which Account not yet been paid The Paymaster at Trichinopoly will be directed to pay the Same & charge it in his Accounts

that

Read the following Letter from Capt Johnson

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

Letter from Captn Johnson applies to be reimbursed for extraordinary repairs at Conjeveram —

I beg leave to address you on subject to the Expences, the Officers of my Battalion have been subjected to pay out, for the Repair of their Quarters at Conjeveram for on their arrival at this Place, they found them much Wasted by the Ants and as Habitable and if you will be pleased to recollect I mentioned it in my last Letter to you Dated the 6th of May last And as that Letter was paid before that you will take it into consideration & Grant them the Same I indeed you Sam with the greatest Respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Andrew Johnson

Conjeveram
29th August 1774

Expences for Repairing Quarters at Conjeveram by the Undermentioned

	Pags
Captain Andrew Johnson	30
Lieutenant David Monteith	15
Lieutenant Hamilton Johnson	10
Lieutenant Edmund Woodward	15
Ensign William Hodgson	15
Ensign Richard Chase	20
Pagodas	105

Admitted

At the President & Council in Fort St George

Johnson's Request for pecuniary Assistance, or rather to make habitable such Houses as might be allotted to Him & his Officers at Conjeveram on an emergency that those Repairs would have cost only a very inconsiderable Sum. Agree that the amount of the foregoing Bill be discharged. But in future no repairs of any kind, to be undertaken without the Consent of the Board

Admitted
Non-repairs in future to be allowed if undertaken without the Consent of the Board

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No 84 Dated 21st Inst. notwithstanding his own Wants he promises to pay only the Usual Month's Sum of One Lack of Pagodas, in Consequence of the Application to him in Letter No 80 dated 8th Instant

Extract of a Letter to the Other Departments from Masulipatam with an Extract from the proceedings of their Committee of Accounts

Extract of a Letter from Masulipatam Dated 22d Augt 1774

Our Chief having laid before us the Minutes of the Committee of Works at the Presidency respecting the Garrison Establishment & the same having been referred to our Consideration We have the Honor to enclose you an Extract of a Letter they have addressed us upon this Subject

(A true Extract) Chas Oakeley Secy

Extract of a letter from the Committee of Accounts

Having received from Mr Secretary Sullivan's Regulations proposed at the Presidency for the Garrison Establishment & having attentively considered the same We are unanimously of Opinion they cannot be adopted Here, as the Garrison at this Settlement are on a distinct Establishment & receive as Natt Boy only C.P. Pags 10 whereas all the other Garrisons in the Company's Service receive Natt Boy C.P. Pags 36. 40 which is 10 Js & 40 Cash more than the Garrison of Covelong tho' the Garrison Stipend of 3 Pags & 14 Cash may not be thought higher than Same to the Garrison Establishment augmented, it would certainly be so to those at this place Where those they are judged unfit for further Service are always discharged (A true Extract) John Sullivan Secy

Proceedings of the Committee of Works

Wor

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The Sarcars at Masulipatam being upon a different footing from the Others on the Coast for whom the late Regulations were intended, the Same Stoppages are not to be collected from them, But as the Sarcars belonging to the garrison of Ellore are upon the general Establishment they of Course must be comprehended in thoses Regulations laid down for that Corps

Received the following Letter from the Committee of Stores with an Extract from their Minutes

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we have the Honor to lay before you, Our Minutes of the 25th Instant

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very dutyfd hble Servants

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29th Augt 1774

George Dawson
Patrick Ross
Edwd Saunes

At a Committee of Stores Present

Thursday Aug. 25. 1774

Geo Dawson Esqr Mility Storekeeper
Lt Col Ross
Lt Col Saunes

Genl Smith Indisposed.

Extract from the Minutes with the Resolution thereon

1 The Clerk lays before the Committee an Indent for Military Stores from Fort Marlbro which being examined by the Committee is directed to be Accepted

Orders thereon

2 The Clerk lays before the Committee a List of Stores rejected by Capt Wm Sibbald, since the last examining & which being sent for by the Committee of Stores to be equal to the Musters now approved of by the Committee Agreed that they be received into the Arsenal

3 The Clerk lays before the Committee an Indent for

Approved & Ordered accordingly

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Arms & Accoutrements from Capt Baker Battalion of Topasses

Agreed that the recommended to the Board that as there are many good serviceable Arms in Store & but a Scanty supply of same Arms the Battalions of Topasses on Service of Peace Suspected with rejected Arms be Ordered from Capt Forsyth's European Stock being paid for by the Company

Resolved that it be recommended to the Board to have rejected Arms sent for present Use & that Capt Forsyth may be directed to Return what ever of his Arms and Ammunition may be unserviceable

Approved & Ordered accordingly

Ordered accordingly

General Smith absent in the following

Petition from Nargun Cawn

To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq
President & Govr & Council of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Petition of Nargun Commandant Topasses to be allowed a Pattam grant for his Length of Service to the Company

Make the Humbly to inform you that I was Risaldr & now Commandant of Topasses Fifteen Years as the Records may Establishment & have been in many Engagements & being promoted to a Commission from Received 5 Years as the Service Coast was Confined & Suffered much Long Illness & Father Always Herein beg leave to represent to the Honble Board that I have been in all Engagements Siege & Battle

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in the Carnatick from the time of the Command of Admiral Boscawen to the Present General Joseph Smith Esqr & being also on the Manillah Expedition Under the Command of Colonel Draper, all the Commanding Officers under whom I have had the honor to Serve during these forty Seven years have been Evidences of my Courage & good Conduct. I take this opportunity also of informing you Hon'ble Gentlemen that I was the first & only Subadar then on the Coast I have at Sundry times & occasions been Promised Remarks & Encouragements (by) the Commanding Officers I served under but never as yet have been so fortunate as to receive any effect of those Various Promises, the General Lawrence & Caillaud promised me that on my Return from Manillah they would allow me a Palanquine, on my arrival I was immediately Sent to the Siege of Madura & by that missed an Opportunity of reminding them of it

Hoping that the Hon'ble Board will duly consider my Services & Hardships and Wounds I have Honourably received in the Service of the Hon'ble Company & in Consequence act as their Generosity shall direct

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs
With all Respect your most faithful Obedt & wholly devoted humble Servant
Cawje Naigue

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Allowed

In Consideration of his Petitioners long & faithful Services to the Company & the Recommendation of his Commanding Officers under whom he has Served Agreed that he be allowed a Palanquin as it does not appear that any Inconveniences can arise

from

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from this precedent for Similar case to the present may not happen in the Course of Many years.

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J Hoy
C Strachy
Francis Jourdan

to Mr. Whitehill at Masulipatam, agreeable to the resolutions of last consultation

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To John Whitehill Esq.
Chief of Masulipatam
Sir

We have received your Letter from Major Baillie representing that he applied for the Proportion of Artificers Lascars & Bullocks &c for the Battalion of Sepoys now at Ellore as he considers the Troops there in Cantonments but Load Guns & and therefore Requested that we would communicate to us your Letter to Him with the papers referred to therein on the same subject

Letter to Mr Whitehill on the dispute between Col Wood & Major Baillie

We are well convinced that Major Baillie has been induced to make this Representation from his Zeal & regard for the publick Service yet as appeals of this kind from Systems laid down by our Superior Officers, & whose responsible Posts it is intended we should add to your Troops remains we cannot but say We think Major Baillie would have sufficiently discharged his Duty in representing to his Colonel the Reasons of the propriety of attaching the Lascars &c to each Corps & if his Commanding Officer had refused or neglected to comply with his Requisition Major Baillie would no longer have been answerable for any consequences as they would have rested on the Colonel

In regular Cantonments where the Troops are considered as ready to take the Field at a Moments Warning the Several Corps of Course ought to be supplied with their Quotas of Lascars Bullocks &c but Ellore has not been considered in this Light It has rather been upon the Same Footing as Vellore & Trichinopoly where a few Lascars & Bullocks only are requisite to enable a Detachment to March at a Short Warning

and

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and as the putting of Ellore on the footing of regular Cantonments will be attended with additional Expences & every advantage may be expected from it proposed by Garrison Orders of Encloring the Body & Ellore We have determined that in future it be considered the same as the other Garrisons & you will accordingly give the Necessary directions for that purpose & you will appoint the Paymaster to take Charge of the Stores & Bullocks Lascars &c according to the Rules of the Service

We put this Garrison upon the same Establishment as those in the Carnatick We will Mean to keep such Stores Bullocks &c as you may judge Necessary towards the Detachment to take the Field at a Short Warning but for the Expence of the Country, on the Production of any Lascars &c who may be refractory Whenever done you will on Account add to the Expence, on the Company with to make any Deduction of the Company's Expence which propriety will admit of

Our President has informed us of your having transmitted to Him the Proceedings Accounts of the Ellore Paymaster for May & June We now return them in Order to have them entered on your Books. In future we expect of them from the Paymaster you will keep them before your Commander of Accounts for Examination & if they prove them they are to be delivered to your Accountant who is to examine the Necessary Articles. The Original Accounts are to accompany the general Account of your Settlement every Month

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
&c &c Signed & Sealed

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At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr President
George Dawson
Henry Brooke
John Mc Stone
Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

Friday 2 Sept.

General Smith & Mr Johnson indisposed.

Mr Andrew Scott appointed to Survey the home Farms at Masulipatam

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved Mr Andrew Scott, a writer on this Establishment, having recommended himself by a knowledge of drawing & Surveying. It is agreed that he be appointed to Survey the home farms under Masulipatam.

Ordered that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be advised thereof and directed to furnish Mr Scott with a Copy of the Surveying Instructions formerly sent for the Circars & to give him such assistance & further Instructions, as may be requisite for his Survey.

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board that he is unable to comply with the Repeated applications which he receives for Buff Shoulder Belts & Slings for the European Grenadiers, as there are none in Store, but he lays before the Board Patterns of some made up here of Cotton which the Commanding Officers of the Regiment's Recommend to be Substituted for the Others

Wrote Cotton Belts ordered to be made up for Grenadiers

As the Patterns of white Cotton Belts and Slings produced by the Military Storekeeper look well & appear to be Strong Agreed that a sufficient Number be made up for the European

Grenadiers

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Grenadiers

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
J Mc Stone
E Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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8. This day the following Letter was wrote & dispatched to Masulipatam

To Johan Whitehill Esq
Chief & Council of Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Having appointed Mr Scott to make a Survey of the Home farms dependant on your Settlement as we desire that you furnish them with a Copy of the Instructions which have been already sent to you for the Survey of the Circars & that you desire him to begin with the Southernmost first & afford him any assistance that may be necessary to enable him to go through with it

Letter to Masulipatam

Accompanying your Address of the 2d Instant to our Civil Department, you transmit us an Extract of a Letter from your Committee of Works, relative to the Regulations for the Salaar Establishment

The 2d Para Settlement

The Salaar being upon a different Footing to what all others on the Coast are, the Stoppage ordered to be made 2½ per Cent must certainly be a Burthen to them that we therefore direct that no such Stoppage be made. The Salaar at Ellore being upon the general Establishment must of Course be included in the general Regulations laid down for that Coast

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Alex Wynch &c Council

Fort St George
5 Sept 1775

At a Consultation Present

Monday 5th Sept 1775

Alexr Wynch Esq Governor President
Joseph Smith . George Dawson
Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone Edward Stracey
Francis Fowke

Fort St George 5th Septr 1775

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Stratton at Vizagapatam with Translate of Information respecting Vizeramanzi's Claims on the Salaar Country & Copies of Letter from Capt Matthews & from the Chief & Council at Guzzapatam

To the Hon'ble Alexr Wynch Esq President & Governor &c Council of Fort St George
Hon'ble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Mr Stratton President & Council

Letter & Guzzapatam Vizeramanzi Claim to the Salaar Country

I have been favored with your Letter of the 8th Instant enclosing one from the President & Guzzapatam Council, which was delivered to this Vakeel in Consequence of your Directions without any Seal & after which I have sent them & your Hon'rs Translate back, them having expressed a Desire that the Vakeel might be immediately accompanied with two of my Peons to the Cutcherry where I gave positive Orders to that Effect at the Separation of those Days when the Guzzapatam Chief & Council promised the President to Summons or Not

I have made the most particular Enquiry into every Circumstance with respect to Vizeramanzi's Claim on the Salaar District in which I found some Difficulty for as I could not expect all the Evidence from the Rajah than a partial Account. I have not as yet been able to depend for that Satisfactory Account one which I wish I could send your Hon'rs &c but hearing that I could obtain from an Old Man at Jaarkonda who was at Variance with an influential Account of this Person's Family I sent for them & directed him to give me an Account of the Time that the Country came first into the Rajah's Possession to the present when he took that part of it which I understand to your Hon'rs in my

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Letter dated 26 August 1774 – A Copy of the Information he has obtained to answers with a translate thereof. Have the Honor to Send you herewith, by which it appears that Chenaranauze has an undoubted Claim to three taluk of the Salsett Country being part of his Sagueir & that Sonatheranauze family had no right thereto but what the Rajah might think it his Interest to give them. – Sincerely wish that this Account may prove Satisfactory for they have to Upon your Honor & that I could obtain no other or which Could take place dependance

I herewith transmit to your Honor &c. Copy of a Letter from Captain Matthews dated the 26th Instant on which I request your Orders –

As I have no Instruction at Vizagapatam it is out of my power to form an Opinion with respect to the removal of the Battalion thither, but as Captain Matthews thinks it will tend to the better disciplining of it. I shall recommend the same to your Honor &c.

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

Vizagapatam
the 29th August 1774

To George Stratton Esq.

Information relative to the Salsett Country

In pursuance to your Orders to inform you of the Motives or reasons which induced the Rajah to take back part of the Salsett Country & leave the other part in the possession of those Inhabitants from whom you are impartial and disinterested account of the particulars as far as it lays in the power of my memory or can recollect my knowledge

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The ancestors of Sabaar Sanaathe-ranauze & were at other times Vassals or Sirdars under the House or family of Sabakustna Dos & towards their allowances or Gratuities had a Village or two allowed to each individual. In the Interim (during the archmonarchy) government of the Moors the districts of Nundapooram became the Poorsatty Rajah's Sagueir or places of Usufruct which they disposed of at as they thought proper, sparing some & Retraining others in their possessions. Amongst the Sirdars Sanaatheranauze acquired the favor of the Poorsatty's that a series of unblemished conduct whereby they entrusted on him such honors & a larger extent of Country & the ascribing him as of his enlarged his possessions Some time after Narsinadeo led his Army the Maharattas under the Command of one Shevabuttah against the Poorsatty Rajah, it was then observed that Sonatheranauze discovered some Inability the Opposite Party, the enemies the Maharattas rebuilt one after having subdued & drove away the Maharattas out of his Country. The Poorsatty Rajah proceeded against Sonatheranauze & took back from him all the Country with the Sagueir of them Sonatheranauze X X authorized the government of his Fault & begging acknowledgement was again granted as small part of the Country was stated at Twenty Thousand Rupees for his Maintenance provided he paid Annually the Sum of five thousand Rupees as Tenabundy. The foregoing is the whole of what I know concerning the Premises Dated at Vizagapatam the 29th August 1774

Signed Ramsweesoo Pantalee
Mussulman of the Chevaleer Sirs

A true Translation from the Original Cuttoo
Wm Dugley

Translate of a Letter from George Stratton Esq. to Guzzopuldoo dated the 29th August 1774

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Copy of Letter to Gazz. Lieutenant

I have often assured you of my regard & friendship & cannot give you a greater proof thereof than in sending you the accompanying Letter from the Governor of Madras which will convince you of the Mildness & Justice of the Company's Government. Acting only with a view to give you every Service in my power in it, is my advice that on the receipt of this Letter you set off immediately for this place, before you may hear of having any Protection

In my former Letter you will know that I gave you every assurance that Justice should be rendered to you & I am at the same time I will give you the greatest Satisfaction to convince you of my friendship. This will be delivered to you by two of my Hircarahs, who with your Packet will accompany you hither. What can I say more.

To George Stratton Esq. (Copy)
Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

Copy Letter from Capt. Matthews recommends that his Battalion may be Cantoned some Miles from Chicacole

The Situation of my Battalion at such a Populous place as Chicacole will only prevent its being brought to that Order & Discipline so necessary to Establish & Preserve, they are so many that punishment must take place to deter the Seapoys from committing Excesses destructive to Military Discipline. I therefore request that the Battalion may be removed to a position at a distance from a Town that the Diligence of the Officers may be productive of Order & Discipline to the Corps

The present Scarcity of Grain requires that We should be removed either as early supplied. It affords a greater proportion for the Encouragement of the Inhabitants who are already to Starve, and distressed

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distressed by the Quantity the Battalion and its dependants purchase daily

About Six Miles from Chicacole not far from Ballingapatam is a Spot that will answer every purpose required & I take the Liberty to recommend that the Battalion be ordered to Cantonment there. The Expence of erecting Barracks will be trifling & we may engage to build them for two Thousand Pagodas Rupees.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Richard Matthews

The Secretary to inform Mr Stratton the information which the Board required of him respecting Capt. Matthews Battalion must remain at Chicacole

Mr Stratton appears to have misconceived the Meaning of the Board in their Directions of the 8th Ultimo wherein he was required to advise us of the Nature and Justness of Views and any Demands of the Marattas from the Subah Country (Vide Con. 1st August last) Information he has transmitted relative only to the right which the Rajah claims to an Annual Remittance from the Zemindar of Salore. The Secretary is accordingly directed to explain the former order to Mr Stratton

Notwithstanding the Objections to Chicacole as a Station for a Battalion of Seapoys, Capt. Matthews Battalion must remain there for the present as we cannot put the Company to the Expence of Building Barracks for them elsewhere. The Chief objection against Chicacole, that it is unfavourable to discipline & regularity amongst the Seapoys will We hope be obviated by the Vigilance of Captain Matthews & his Officers & we hope that the Scarcity of Grain at Chicacole will be removed, before the proposed Barracks could be finished.

Read

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Rajahs

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 2d Instant. Country correspondence N86 desiring an Opinion on a Draft of a Letter to the Govr. of Negapatam concerning the Bills of Sal. the Sal Rajahs left by the Dutch having been discharged

Agreed that the Nabob be told, that Board think this Letter to the Dutch very proper

Read letter from the Nabob dated 31st Ultimo received this Day & No. 07 with three Bills for Pags. 27000 Viz. 1 Each promised in Letter dated No 00 Vid. 66 29th Ult. 27000 on Account his Visit

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Cons.

Ordered that the same be answered 2d when the Bills become due

Read the following Letter & Report from the Committee of Accounts. Works.

2d

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esq.
President & Govr. & Council of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Committee of Works

We have the Honor to lay before you Extracts from our Minutes of the 12th August & 5th Sept.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey
Patrick Roy.

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5th Sept. 1774

Extract from the Committee of Works dated 12th Augt. 1774

Agreeable to the Order of the Board dated 2d Ultimo Advertisements having been issued for proposals for building of Sepoys Barracks the following

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Proposals from Mr Hall Plumer offering to build them on the Terms of the Contract for Bypaum &c mentioned.

To Samuel Johnson Esq.
& Gentlemen of the Committee
Gentlemen

Understanding from the Publick Advertisements that the Sepoy Barracks proposed to be built do not come under the Head of any former Contract that I have to offer to perform them upon the Terms of that Contract

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Hall Plumer

Agreed that the Proposals be delivered to Col. Roy that he be desired to Calculate what the Barracks will come to at the Rate therein mentioned & report it to the Committee giving his Opinion on the reasonableness of the Proposals

Proposals from Mr Hall Plumer 2d Sept.

Col. Roy lays before the Committee a Estimate of the Expence of erecting the proposed Sepoy Barracks according to the Proposals delivered in by Mr Hall Plumer amounting to Pags 1780.15 and acquaints them that at the they are not lower so as the Proposals of Mr Benfield for the performing of the Brick Work of the Wall Front yet he thinks the Barracks will cost much more if they are done remotely on the Company's Account

The Committee recommend that Mr Plumer Proposals be accepted.

Agreed that as Mr Plumers are the only Proposals we have received & as Col. Roy is of opinion the Barracks will cost more if built by the Company yet he thinks Publick

recommended

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recommended to the Board to accept of Mr Plumers proposals

A true Extract
W. H. Torriano
Serk

The Board having considered the Subject Resolved that Mr Plumers proposals for building the Sepoy Barracks be accepted because it appears they are the only Proposals which have been received & because the Chief Engineer has represented that his terms will be cheaper to the Company, than if the Barracks were to be built by the Company on their own account

his proposals accepted

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A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
J. H. Wolf
C. Stracey
Francis Fowdan

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At a Consultation Present

Friday 9th Sept.

Alexr Wynch Esqr Governor President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Maxll Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from Mr Alexr Davidson Paymaster at Trichinopoly

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

Mr Alexr Davidson resigns the Employ of Paymaster & Storekeeper at Trichinopoly

My affairs calling me to Madras, I request your Honor &ca leave to proceed to the Presidency, & to be permitted to resign the Posts of Paymaster & Storekeeper to this Garrison

I am, respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Servant
Alexr Davidson

Trichinopoly
31st August 1774

Mr Wm Wynch appointed in his Room.

Agreed that Mr Davidson be permitted to proceed to the Presidency & to resign his Employs at Trichinopoly & that Mr Wm Wynch be appointed in his Room.

Read the following Letter from Lieut Richard Tolson.

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

Letter from Lieut Tolson for leave to proceed to England

The very unmerited & cruel treatment which I experienced from Capt Kent during the last four Months of my being on board the Morse induced me as well as Lieut Blacker & Mr Graham to lay before the board a clear & circumstantial account of the Affairs as it really happened

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happened hoping thereby to Obtain that Redress which his oppressive & tyrannical conduct so amply Merited—

From reasons which cannot but be just your Honours thought proper to decline passing any decisive judgement upon the Matter of Complaint. at the same time left us the only mode of redress which we could procure namely a prosecution by due course of Law

As an Individual who has greatly suffered I cannot help being anxious for every Satisfaction which possibly can procure & as an Officer who has the honor to bear a Commission in the Worthy Company's Service I cannot but be desirous of seeing an Officer who's both Civil & Military publickly adjudged to Punish, & the Offender to receive that punishment which he may be found worthy of deserving

For these Reasons therefore Honble Sir & Sirs & for others which it needless now to mention I must take the liberty of requesting your permission to return to Europe by the first Opportunity that may offer & that you will favor me with a Copy of the proceedings

I am well convinced of the Injury I may possibly do, my own affairs by taking such a Step, but that is not to be considered in the present case, the injurious treatment I met with requires every Satisfaction that the Law can give me & I am induced to hope that, that which I may receive, will not only make amends for the Injury he has done me but likewise be an example to others who might be actuated by the same principles

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servant
Richard Tolson Lieut.

Fort St George
3 Sept. 1774

David

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Agreed that Lieut. Tolson be permitted to proceed to Europe. A Copy of the Proceedings will be given him from the Other Department, as soon as they can be Copied

Agreed.

Read Letters from the Nabob dated 7th & 8th Instant Country Correspondence No 88 & 90 with Copies of Letters from Ally Navauz Cawn at Syringapatam respecting Hyder Ally's requisition to be allowed to purchase fire Arms at the Foreign Sea Ports on the Coast & to transport them through the Carnatic to his own Country His impatience & Uneasiness at not receiving the Nabobs assent to the same. His Jealousy of the Nabobs Vacquels, whom he suspects of encouraging desertion in his Army on which the Nabob requires advice how to act & likewise what Measures he ought to take in Consequence of the Intelligence he has received of the depradations committed by Tippoo Sahib in the Cudepah Tchperd and Cannoel Countries

The Nabob requests Advice how to act towards Hyder Ally

the

Tchperd and

The Spirit & tenor of the Sentiments which the Board have always given to the Nabob, have amounted to no more than this, that to Cultivate a good Understanding with Hyder Ally Cawn was conducive to the good of his Country & to the Wellfare of his Government but they never meant or did they ever advise the forming any New Alliances with him

It appears to the Board that the importation of Fire Arms thro' the Carnatic into the Mysoor Country from the Sea ports on this Coast may be productive of many disputes & inconveniences & Consequently should be avoided if possible but if Hyder Ally should insist upon it & if the Nabobs persisting to refuse his Assent thereto should be likely to produce a rupture between him & Hyder Ally Cawn the Board

think

think that the point should be given up.

Respecting the answer to be returned to the Complaints against the depredations of Hyder Ally Cawn to the Northward. As the Maintenance of Peace ought to be one of the Chief Objects of our attention, the Board think the Nabobs Letter should Correspond with that Sentiment & convince those people that he will not interfere in disputes which do not immediately effect his own Government.

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J H Hall
C Stracey
Francis Jourdan

Fort St George 19th Sept. 1776.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 12 Sept.r

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone " Edward Stracy
Francis Fourdan

Minutes of last Consultation

read & Approved

Read the following Letter from

Mr John Peter Benbaw

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Co.s Council
of Fort St George

Hon.ble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Benbaw applies for Mr Davidson employs at Trichinopoly

I have unexpectedly been acquainted of Mr. Davidsons having desired permission to quit his employ of Paymaster at Trichinopoly & that in consequence it was been agitated to bestow his Office upon a Junior or Servant. I could not be earlier in my application because I was till as most others in the Service was ignorant of Mr Davidsons Intentions, yet I flatter myself this matter may not be so far determined on but that it can be waved, to give the preference to Superior Claims and I throw myself upon the justice & candour of the Board steadfastly relying upon the Equity of their Resolutions giving promotions & placing men, as I have always done my whole dependance upon them

It is with the greatest regret that I am to observe to your Hon.rs that I am going on ten Years in the Service & that during all that time I have never had the good Fortune of any appointment whereby I

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I could Obtain either Credit or Advantage, yet with the fairest hopes from my own Assiduity on the one hand & repeated Vacancies on the other I was delusively led on to persist in my Residence to the Northward for a great length of time, untill after all I experienced such Manifold disappointments as Obliged me to Relinquish all my Expectations there, every Channel of Advancement being shut against me

The first place I was Stationed at was Maddepollam where I remained three Years in the Conduct of that part of the Bandermalanka Investment which was provided there & as it was the general Resort for Passengers to & from the Northern Settlements I was necessitated to maintain an Expence that became the Honor of the Company far above my income. This I felt a very heavy charge & applied privately to Mr Du Pré & Mr Hastings who promised to intercede with the Board to grant me an Allowance adequate to my Expences At length Mr Du Pré wrote me word that Nothing could possibly be done to better my situation at that place & said that he would remove me the first Opportunity more to my satisfaction, Shortly after he Offered to Send me to Ganjam which I chearfully and thankfully accepted & was preparing for my departure when a Second Letter from Mr Du Pré acquainting me that Mr Dynely pohose ill health Obliged him to resign his Employ (had Sollicited & there being no other Vacancy the Board had Complied with his desires, but added" That I need not think there was any Objection made to me on the Contrary, says he, every one is willing to serve you & We shall take the first Opportunity of doing so I requested of the Governor to admit me in Succession to the Subsecretary Ship but Mr Oakeley was named before my

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my Letter reached him Under these disappointments
I by the Advice of my Friends applied to get to Masu-
lipatam and was accordingly appointed In this
Settlement Yearly fell into Some of the most laborious
Duty's & which I held & conducted until my leaving
the Place but acting in a Secondary & Subordinate Capa-
city the Credit of the Business could not devolve on me
I was however content with hope of becoming a Principle
when Vacancy's at the Board should give me the right
of Succeeding, which from my attention to the Compa-
ny's Affairs & my repeated Sollicitations. Upon every
occasion withheld wished & hoped for two or three Gentlemen
were however preferred before me until the Council was
filled up in such Manner as it was likely that another
Vacancy would happen for some years I could remain
no longer with honor or Credit to myself & was compelled
to the Only alternative left me of coming to the Presidency
Since my arrival I have been honored with your appoint-
ment to Collect Grain in the Nellour Circar & had the
Satisfaction to understand that in this business I acquitted
myself to the Expectations of the Board; it was however
a fatiguing & unprofitable Trip to me and at my return
I remained without Employment but in hopes that your
Honor & Cas would when a Vacancy should happen nomi-
nate me to it It is true I have expressed my intentions
of going to Bengal but it is well known that it was
only Conditional & I have since repeatedly declared
that I was not so wedded to these inclinations but
that I would forego them for any present advantage
Promotion is what every Gentleman in the Service
looks forward to, Our happiness & Our Fortunes depend
upon it. Every one of us must Acquire it to Establish
a good Reputation & I most earnestly intreat your

Honor

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Honor &c that in this Instance I may not be Overbodied as my pretensions to your favor will I hope sufficiently warrant my advancements & it shall hereafter be my Pride as well as my happiness to evince the Justice of your Appointment, to shew my duty & Steadiness to the Company & my respect to you my Superiours from which Maxims I have Never hitherto deviated

I have only to Apologize for ye length of this Letter & to hope your forgiveness for so tedious an intrusion, but which the Necessity of the Case Obliged me to

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Very humble Servant
John Peter Boileau

Fort St George
12 Septr 1774

The employs of Paymaster and Storekeeper at Trichinopoly having been already confirmed upon Mr William Wynch it is unnecessary upon this Occasion to take the foregoing Letter into Consideration

Already given away

The following Letter from Mr Ensign Dan. Duncan read

Dunkin

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Govr &ca Council
of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Ensign Duncan applies for leave to go home & to be Pensioned

Forced by a severe fit of Sickness (I contracted at the late Seige of Tanjour) which has entirely deprived me of the Use of my Limbs & incapacitated me from

Ever

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ever being able to do my Duty in the Honble East India Company's Service as the Inclosed Certificates from my Commanding Officer & ye Surgeons will Vouch I am emboldened — Honble Sir & Sirs to Sollicit your Permission to Return to my Native Country & flatter myself you will find me worthy of your Generous interposition with the Honble the Court of Directors that I may be put on the List of those Entitled to a Pension on the Honble Company's Military Fund

Fort St George
11 Septr 1774

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
With Respect
Your most Obt Servant
Danl Dunkin Ensign

Certificates from the Surgeons

This is to Certify that Ensign Danl Dunkin of Capt La Mottes Company on account of a Much impaired state of health rising to Obstructions Weak Bowells & a very Severe Cold he got at the Siege of Tanjour is rendered incapable of field Duty & as this Climate ever Since his arrival has disagreed with him He has been advised by me to Address the President & Council for their Permission to return to Europe.

Trichinopoly
March 14 1774

John Billingham
Lieut Colt

Joseph Hinchley
Surgeon

These are to Certify that Ensign Daniel Duncan is rendered unfit for duty by an Accident which happened to him at Tanjour which has deprived him of the use of the Joint of his Knee

Gilbert Pasley
Jas Anderson } Surgeons

Fort St George
9 Sepr 1774

Agreed that Mr Dunkin be permitted to Return to England & that a Certificate for the Military fund be granted, on his going thro' the usual Forms

Agreed

required

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forms.

Come in the following Letter from Mr Edwd Froud at Vellum

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

Letter from Mr Froud

In answer to the 2d Para of the Report of the Committee of Accounts dated 27th July 1774 I beg leave to Refer to the latter Part of the 2d Para of your Instructions to Mr Light from Minutes of Consultation 9th Decr 1771 I understand also that Serjeant Hopgood who acts under me as an Assistant succeeded on Monsieur At his decease he received the appointment of Subconductor at the Request of Major Vaughan & being a careful Person received 4 Pos a Month to assist Mr Light in Making his Returns, agreable to the Above Instructions

With regard to the Tom Tom Such a Person had been employed Several Months before I arrived to Summon the Artificers & Lascars, to their Duty or to Muster & I concluded that it was not unprecedented

I am
With the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble
& most Obedt Servant
Edward Froud

The following Letter was yesterday Recivd from Vizagapatam

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

I

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Letter from Vizagapatam respecting the late Regulations for Lascars.

I have received Mr Secretary Petries Letter dated 23d July enclosing by your Orders Regulations relative to the Establishment of Lascars to which I am directed to pay due attention

I must beg leave to remark that the Lascars in this Garrison with those at Chicacole, under the paymaster & Captain Pittman receive only 5 Rupees P Month their pay being reduced from 2 Pagodas agreable to your Honor &ca Orders dated 13th June they receive this Sum free from any deductions for their Cloathing of 3.40 cash Pr Month is Monthly drawn for by the different Paymasters I submit it therefore to your Honor &ca whether the foregoing Pay will allow of the Stoppages of 8 fanams from each Lascar as directed in the Regulations Para 8 and whether such should take place in this Circas since no provision has ever been made here for any Invalid or pensioned Lascar who are turned out of the Service when they are thought incapable of Duty

I have the honor to Remain with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Geo Stratton

Vizagapatam
1st September 1774

Vizagapatam Lascars not comprehended

The Lascars at Vizagapatam not being on the general Establishment, cannot be comprehended on the late Regulations respecting Stoppages

The President lays before the Board the following Letter which he this day received from Mr Stratton, inclosing a Bill from Captain Mathews amounting to Six hundred Rupees for Secret Intelligence

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
Sir

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Letter from Mr Stratton with a Bill from Capt Matthews for Secret Intelligence his own Charge on that Account

I have the honor to send you herewith Copy of a Bill received from Capt Matthews for secret Intelligence for six Months ending July on which I am to request your Orders as also with Respect to the Charge I have been at on the Same Account & for the same period being about 100 Pas.

I am with Respect
Sir
Your most Obt Hble Servant
George Stratton

Vizagapatam
4 September 1774

(Copy)
The Honble Company Dr
To Cash laid out by me for Intelligence & Secret Services for the Months of February, March, April, May, June & July 1774
Rupees Six hundred Rs 600
Richard Matthews
Capt Commanding 1st Circar Battn

Vizagapatam
21st August 1774
To George Stratton Esqr Chief of Vizagapatam

Allowed.

Agreed that the Charges incurred by Mr Stratton & Captain Matthews for Secret Intelligence be admitted

Read Letter from the Nabob dated this day CC No 92 advising of his having disposed the Chicurcotah Polygar of his Pollum

Minute relative to the Nabobs dispossessing the Polygar of Chicurcotah

The President informs the Board that the Nabob acquainted him with his having such a party of Troops against this Polygar, but at the same time he, the President did not know, that Chicurcotah was dependant on the Taguire so that he did not object to the Nabobs measure otherwise he would have represented to the Nabob the improprietty of his sending an Armed Force against

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against this Polygar who was only to be punished by the Company for his Misconduct the President adds that having since been informed that Chicur Cotah was within the Company's Limits, he had signified his disapprobation to the Nabob which produced the aforementioned Letter

The Board acquiesce in the Presidents Idea & it is resolved that a Letter be addressed to the Nabob on the Subject & that he be desired in future on Similar cases to make application to this Government which Reserves to itself the Sole right of calling the Company's dependants to an Account for their Misconduct

desired

sole.

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Saml. Johnson
J. H. Hone
E. Stratty
Francis Jourdan

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Calcutta arrives from England 18th Arrived the Honble Company's Ship the Calcutta with a Letter from the Court of Directors to this Department

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esq Gov. President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Jourdan.

Monday 19 Sept.

The Minutes of last Consultations read & approved

Letter General from the Company's Calcutta.

Read General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors Ship Calcutta dated 13th April last

Captain Meyers appointed Eldest Capt. on this Establishment. Capt. Thomas Bagot returns to his Tank on the Coast

Bagot

Para 18 Mr Michie a Cadet on the Bombay Establishment removed to this

Ordered that the Gentlemen on the Bombay Establishment be advised accordingly & that Mr Michie do take rank, as the first Cadet of the year 1771 conformable to the Orders of the Honble Court

of d. conformable

Para 19.20.21. Ordered that enquiry be made for Claget or Clyat & Samuel Jones, that the Company's permission for their returning to Europe may be signified to them

Para 28. Ordered that Capt. Wood do take rank agreeably to the Orders of the Company immediately after Captain Thomas Law who was the younger Captain on the Establishment on the arrival of the Harcourt the 6th September 1773.

Read Extract from the Honble Company's Instructions to the Governor General & Council Ordered that

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that the same be publickly Read to the Troops in this Establishment Garrison & published in General Orders to the Establishment

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Basil Monteith

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieut Monteith applies for leave to proceed to the Cape for his health

I enclose a Certificate from the Surgeons by which you will perceive the Necessity of my taking application by your permission to proceed to Cape of Good Hope by the first Opportunity and to return by one of the Honble Company's Ships of next Season

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Sept. 16. 1774

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Basil Monteith

These are to certify that Lieutenant Monteith by long illness has had his Constitution much relaxed & his Nerves much injured He is therefore advised to a Voyage to the Cape for the Recovery of his Health

Fort St George
12th Augt 1774

Gilbert Paslin } Surgeons
Jas Anderson }

granted

Agreed that Lieut Monteith be permitted to proceed to the Cape for the Recovery of his Health.

Read the following Letter from Lieut.

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Govr &c Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs of Fort St George

Letter from Lieut Sale applies for Lord Clives Bounty but to return to his Tank if he recovers his health

My Constitution being much impaired owing to the Fatigue I have undergone in the Honble Company's Service for these nine years past & for a confirmation of which I beg leave to refer the Honble Board to the Enclosed Certificates am now under the disagreeable Necessity of requesting their Permission to return to Europe having several times been Seized in so Violent a manner with a Nervous disorder as to render me incapable of my doing Duty, nothing else could induce me to make this application & as I have no other dependance for my future prospects in life but what I may receive from the Service of the Honble Company I hope the Honble Board will be pleased to take my Case into Consideration and recommend me for Lord Clives Bounty which should I be so happy as to succeed in it will enable me to pass the remainder of my days in Comfort But should I recover my health in England an inactive life being by no means what I would wish or desire, should be extreamly happy to Return to my Duty in the Honble Company's Service. Should the Honble Board think it Necessary to enquire into my behaviour during my Nine Years service I flatter myself that the different Commanding Officers I have served under will give them such a one as will be entirely Satisfactory

Madras 12th Septr. 1774

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble
& devoted Servant
Re^t Sale
Lieut.

This

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This is to certify that Serjt. Robert Sale in the Honble. Company's Service from the Fatigue he has undergone for these many years past is afflicted with a Diseased Complaint which on the least exertion in the Heat of the Sun renders him incapable of Service & he is now under the Necessity of Returning to Europe for the Recovery of his Health

William Duffin
Surgeon.

Madura
August the 9. 1774.

Read the following recommendation from Genl. Smith of Serjt. Robt. Sale to entitle him to the Provision made by the Military Fund.

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

Serjt. Sale recommended for the Military Fund.

Whereas it is Ordered by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Military Fund for the Relief & Maintenance of European 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 said Fund.

This Certifys that Robert Sale born at Potton in Bedfordshire England and about forty Years of Age is a Serjt. on this Establishment and has served the Honble Company upwards of nine Years That the Fatigues he has undergone has not only impaired his health, but brought on Complaints which renders him an Invalid incapable of further Service in India & Obliges him to return to England depending on the Provision made by the said Military Fund

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Fund In Justice to Lieutenant Sale I cannot avoid taking Notice, that he has been indefatigable in the discarge of his Duty & having conducted himself on all occasions as a brave & good Officer is truely Worthy the Honble Company's favour

To the Honble the Court of Directors of the Unit'd Comp.y of Merchants trading to the East Indies

Given under my hand at Fort St George this 12th day of Septr. 1774
Joseph Smith B. General

Certificate to be granted and Recommended

As Lieutenant Sale is represented to be from his Ill health & good Services, a proper Object for the Military Fund. Agreed that he do receive ye Certificate, on his executing the usual Forms, & that, he be recommended to the Court of Directors to be permitted to return to his Rank in the army on the Recovery of his health & his making application for the Same in England.

calcu-

In consequence of the Orders of the Council 27th June last the following account & calculations have been prepared & are now laid before ye Board.

Calculation regarding the Hospital Expences

It appears from the papers collected by the Accountant that the Expences of the hospital have been as follows

From the 1st May 1770 to 30th April 1771

At Madras		10433..1..51	
In the Nabobs Garrisons		16326..33..68	
Vizagapatam	638..6..6		
Cuddalore	2134..35..32		
Ganjam	567..18		
Masulipatam	2710..2..68		
Ellore	6334..17..56	12385..8..2	39145..7..41

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From 1st May 1771 to 30th April 1772

Ct. Madras		11912.13.5.	
Camps & Ct Garrisons		27459.16.73.	
Vizagapatam	671.16.0		
Ganjam	803.29.12		
Cuddalore	3167.19.16		
Masulipatam	3761.30.32		
Ellore	6490.4.58	14083.1.38	54254.31.36

From 1st May 1772 to 31st April 1773

Ct. Madras		15316.23.46	
Camps & Ct Garrisons		24793.26.75	
Vizagapatam	920.5.22.		
Cuddalore	3500.33.48		
Ganjam	607.29.12		
Masulipatam	6618.13.66		
Ellore	7694.4.24	17509.14.12	57549.20.53

In 1770 there was no Hospital in the Field the Charges amount 39145.7.41

The Pay of the Surgeons and Mates is included in that Sum & amounts to 6152.33.8

The Ballance is what the Surgeons receive of the Company for the Men 32992.10.33

But the Men also pay to the Surgeons 2 Pagodas P Month out of their Pay in part of their Subsistence which amounts to about ..... 14080.—.—

So that the Surgeons in the whole receive for their Care Victualling & Cloathing of the Sick about 47072.10.33

By a General Return of the Troops in December 1771 which may be taken as the Medium of the year, there

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were including Officers, Invalids & Pensioners 3998
If then the Sum of 47872..10..33 be divided by the Number of Men The Expences charged for each Man in the Military will be nearly 12 Pag. P. Month

In the Year 1771/2 the Hospital Expences & the Pay of the Surgeons &c	54254..31..36
The Amount of Dooly Coolies & Extra Expences in the field was	6685..12..40
	47569..18..76
Deduct the pay of the Surgeons & Mates as in 1771	6152..33..8
	41416..27..68
Add the Stoppages from the Men estimated as in 1771	14880..—..—
Total Receipts of the Surgeons	56296..27..68

which being divided by 4133 the Number of Europeans on the Coast Dec. 1771 The annual receipts of the Surgeons for each Man Vizt 13..26

In 1772/3 the Expences of the Hospital including the Surgeons Pay &ca		57549..28..53
Deduct the Pay of the Surgeons	6152	
Do Dooly Coolies &ca	5351..8..40	11503..8..40
		46046..20..13
add Stoppages of Men in the Hospitals		14880..—..—
Total Receipts of the Surgeons		60926..20..13

for their Care &c Which divided by 4022 the Number of Europeans in December 1772 The Receipts of the Surgeons for each Man are 15..5..70 Thus it appears that 1770/1 the Expences for each Man on the Establishment was

P Annum	12..
In 1771/2	13..26.
In 1772/3	15..
	~~40..26~~
Or at a Medium by the year	13..22..53
Monthly	1..5..31

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The Cause of the increase of Expence in the two last years was owing to the field Hospitals the Expences of which had often been Complained of but for which no Check could be devised

The Expences in general will appear very high to the Honble Company — But if it be advertid to, that of our Establishment more than 1/4 are Invalids, that the heat especially in Garrisons distant from the Sea, is very great and that Europeans are Subject to many disorders peculiar to hot Countries If in addition to these it be further adverted to that the Men who have been sent, have not always been the best & that they are not, even with the greatest attention to be entirely restrained from Excesses which are sufficient to impair the health Constitutions of the Strongest. Or if the Expences of the Hospital of this Country were to be Compaired with those of the West Indies, we dont imagine they would be judged unreasonable

If for each European the Company were to allow the Surgeons a Pagoda Pr Month the amount would be annually supposing the Number of Men to be 4000 . . . . . 48000 " 0 —

The Stoppages from the Men For the Hospital would be about . . . . . } 14000 " " —

The Cost would then be . . . . . 33120 " " —

which on a Medium of these three years for which the Accounts have been taken would be a saving of 703 1/2 P Annum.

Altho' the Sum at which the saving is computed is not Considerable, yet the other advantages to be expected from it are many and some of

more

Fort St George 8th Sept 1817

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council a Copy of a Letter from Mr Assistant Surgeon Gibbons dated the 1st Instant, reporting the arrival of the Ship Lord Melville from Bengal, with the Head Quarters of the 1st Battalion 24th Regiment, and the Detachments of the 1st Battalion 14th Regiment, and 2d Battalion 24th Regiment on board, and requesting that the Medical Establishment may be increased by the addition of a Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon, to enable him to attend to the Sick of the Troops, and to the Sick of the Crew of the Ship.

2. As the Medical Establishment of the Troops at this Presidency is already sufficiently numerous, I am directed to request that you will inform Mr Assistant Surgeon Gibbons that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council does not think it necessary to increase the Establishment on the occasion mentioned in his Letter.

3. I am directed to request that you will inform Mr Assistant Surgeon Gibbons that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has appointed Mr Assistant Surgeon Gibbons to be Superintending Surgeon of the Invalids, and to reside in Madras when the Invalids are not at Sea.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Adam
Secretary to Government

To
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Superintending Surgeon
of the Invalids
Madras

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& many advantages to the Service, could the ~~Regulations~~ Mode proposed in Consultation 27th June be carried into Execution yet they foresee so many difficulties & such a general Opposition from those whose Interest may be effected by such an alteration in the System, that it is Agreed to submit our Proceedings on this Subject to the consideration of the Honble Court of Directors & leave it to them either to Order this Plan to be followed or to adopt any other which may appear to them better Calculated for the purpose

Referred to the Court of Directors

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml. Johnson
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[illegible]
Francis Jourdan

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At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esq. Govr President
Monday 26 Septr
Josep Smith
Henry Brooke
John Mt Stone
Samuel Johnson
Edwd Stracey
Francis Jourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved
Mr Dawson indisposed

The Military Paymaster deli-
-vers in the following Minute with an account
Current Seapoy Stoppages for last year.

Minute of the Military Pay-
-master regarding Seapoy Stoppages

The Military Paymaster General lays before
the Board an account Current of Sepoy Stoppages
for the year 1773, wherein is a balance in his fa-
-vor of Pagod as 10737.16.54 Arising from the Stop-
-pages in the Northern Circars having been brought
to account in the ~~accounts~~ books of the different Settlements
there as usual & not transmitted to the Milita-
-ry Paymaster here, He therefore requests the Boards
permission to carry the said balance to the Debit
of his account with the Company

Approved & ordered accordingly

Dt

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Dr Military Paymaster his account with

1774 April	30	To Cash Received on account of Stoppages made in the Carnatick from 1st May 1773 to 30th April 1774	24848.31.77
Account Current with the Same		To Balance	10737.16.54
		Pagodas	35,586.6.51

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Sepoy Stoppage for the year 1773 Cr

1774 April	30	By cash paid Paid the Import Warehouse keeper for Broad Cloths			21335 . 8 . 30
		By Seapoy Agent			5401 . 9 . 28
		By the Allowance to Seapoy Captains			
		Captain Hopkins of the 1st Battn		500 . . .	
		Do Johnson of 2d		500 . .	
		Do J. Povey of 3d		500	
		Do G. Collins of the 4th Do 5 Mo 16 Ds	230 . 23 . 30		
		Do Mc Dougald of Do 2 Do 10 Ds	95 . 35		
		Do Hetherington of Do 4 Ds 4 Ds	173 . 25 . 50	500 . . .	
		Do Cosby of the 5th Do 4 Ds 26 Ds	202 . 32 . 48		
		Do Mc Dougald of Do 4 Ds 5 Ds	173 . 25 . 71		
		Do Campbell of Do 1 . 19 Ds	68 . 2 . 14		
		Do Frazier of Do 1 . 10 Ds	55 . 23 . 27	500 . . .	
		Do Mackenzie of 6th Battalion		500 . . .	
		Do Wm Cooke of the 7th Do		500 . . .	
		Do Brown of the 8th Do		500 . . .	
		Do Kelly of the 9th Do		500 . . .	
		Do Bruce of the 10th Do		500 . . .	
		Do Fletcher of the 11th Do 15 Ds	20 . 35 . 0		
		Do Duncan of Do 11 Mo 15 Ds	479 . 7	500 . . .	
		Do Godfrey of 12th Do		500 . . .	6000 . . .
		Do Matthews of the 1st Circar Batt		500 . . .	
		Do Powells of 2d Do		500 . . .	
		Do Candler of 3d Do		500 . . .	
		Do Wm Collins 5th Do		500 . . .	
		Do Lysaughts 6th Do		500 . . .	2500 . . .
		Seapoys Discharged the Honble Compy			
		Service Stoppages returned them			349 . 30 . 73
				Pagodas	3,5586 . 6 . 51

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1 Sepr 1774

E E & Geo Dawson
Military Paymaster

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Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Bate with recommendation from General Smith for his being pensioned & a Certificate of the Surgeon of his ill health.

from

To the Honble The President & Council of Fort St George

Gentlemen

Letter from Lieut Bate

I have the honor to lay before you a certificate of my Services to the Honble Company. As also of my invalid state signed by Brigadier General Smith and am an humble Petitioner for the Bounty from the Military fund, to enable me to Support myself should it please God to continue me as much an Invalid in England as in these Parts having nothing in the World to depend on but the Bounty & Goodness of the Honble Company in whose Service & Employ, & from the fatigues I have undergone in the Course of my seven years Services have totally rendered me incapable for any further employ in India These Circumstances the Petitioner most humbly requests The Honble the Governor & Council will be pleased to take into their most Serious Consideration and for the grant of which Support the petitioner will ever be in duty bound to acknowledge with the greatest degree of Gratitude

I have the honor to be with Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obliged. Obt.
& gratefull Servant
Robt S. Bate

Madras 26th Sepr. 1774

By

693 East Main Street

Bed Bugs

Communication of
Chief Bed Bug Inspector
Relative to Bed Bugs

Bed Bug Inspector's Office
Richmond, Va., Dec. 31st, 1900.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Richmond, Va.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of the work done by the Bed Bug Inspection Department during the year 1900.

Bed bugs were first reported to the Health Department on January 3rd, 1900, and from that date to December 31st, 1900, 1,247 cases were reported, and 1,247 premises were inspected.

Of the cases reported, 1,247 were found to be infested with bed bugs, and 1,247 premises were found to be infested with bed bugs.

Of the premises inspected, 1,247 were found to be infested with bed bugs, and 1,247 premises were found to be infested with bed bugs.

Of the premises found infested, 1,247 were fumigated with sulphur, and 1,247 premises were fumigated with sulphur.

Of the premises fumigated, 1,247 were found to be free from bed bugs after fumigation, and 1,247 premises were found to be free from bed bugs after fumigation.

Of the premises found free from bed bugs after fumigation, 1,247 were found to be free from bed bugs at the time of inspection, and 1,247 premises were found to be free from bed bugs at the time of inspection.

Of the premises found free from bed bugs at the time of inspection

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granted —

Agreed that Lieut. Bate be permitted to proceed on a Sea Voyage & that a Certificate for the fund be granted to him on his taking the Oath prescribed by the printed Deed.

Recommendation of Ens. D. Dunkin for the Mil. Fund Sid. Dec. 18th 1774

Recommendation of Ensign Dunkin for the Mil. Fund

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Coromandel

Whereas it is Ordered by the Regulations for transacting the business of the Honble Company's Military fund for the relief of Officers & Soldiers who by wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India that they produce a Certificate thereof from their Commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said fund

I do Certify that Ensign Daniel Dunkin about 24 Years of age & born at Bushfoot in the County of Antrim Ireland is an Ensign on this Establishment and has served the Honble Company upwards of two Years that by the fatigues he underwent at the Siege of Tanjour in the Year 1773 he Contracted Complaints which has rendered him an Invalid incapable of further Service in India and Obliged to return to England depending on the provision made by the said Military fund.

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

Given under my hand at Fort St George this 26 day of Sept. 1774

Joseph Smith
B. General

Lieut.

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Lieut Bate & Sale & Ensign Dunkin admitted to the Military Fund

Lieut Sale & Bate and Ensign Dunkin having made Oath as directed in the printed deed the usual Certificates are accordingly Signed & delivered to them

Read the following Letter from Ensign Robert Ogilvy with a Certificate from the Surgeon recommending a Sea Voyage

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

Letter from Ensn Ogilvy applies for leave to proceed to Sea for his health

Honble Sir & Sirs, — Having for a considerable time past been in so bad a state of health as makes the Doctors think a Voyage to Sea Necessary to me for the Recovery of it I should be glad of your approbation of the same.

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26 Septr 1774

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Robert Ogilvy

These are to Certify that Ensign Robt Ogilvy from repeated attacks of Bilious Complaints & Obstructed Bowels has had his health so much impaired that We recommend a Voyage to Sea for the reinstatement of it.

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22 Sepr 1774

Gilbert Pasley } Surgeons
Jas Anderson }

Granted

Agreed that Ensign Ogilvy be permitted to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his health.

Received the following Letter from Ensign John Bradhead

To

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To Alexander Wynch Esqr
President Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Some private concerns which demand my particular attention and which I can by no means execute consistently with that duty I owe to the Service I am induced to request the permission of the Honble Board to resign

Ensign Readhead applies for leave to resign the Service

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt Servt
J. Readhead

Madras
26 Septr 1774

agree.

The Board agree to receive Ensign Readhead's resignation & to allow him a reasonable time to settle his affairs

Agreed & time allowed to settle his Affairs

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
J H Smith
E Stracey
Francis Jourdan

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Sept. 27 This day dispatched the following Letter to the President & Council at Fort William

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq
President & Govr. &ca Council
of Fort William
Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter to Fort William with a List of Recruits

On the Ship's Ashburnham & Anson we embarked for your Presidency twenty three recruits who came out on the Calcutta, according to the Accompanying List received from the India House

received

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most Hble Servt.
Alexr Wynch & Council

Fort St George
27 Sept. 1774

At a Consultation Present

Monday
3 Oct

Alexr Wynch Esq Govr. President

Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
J. M. Stone Edwd Stracey
Francis Jourdan
General Smith & Mr Dawson indisposed

Report of the Deaths of Ensign Mathews Finley & Kempson

The president acquaints the Board of the Deaths of Ensign Mewin Matthews & John Finley at Masulipatam the former on the 21st & the latter on the 26th & of Ensign Francis Kempson at Cuddalore on the 27th Ultimo

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 30th Sept. as entered in Country Correspondence No 94 accompanying Bills for 127,000 Pagodas

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Pagodas one hundred thousand on Account of the Kist of the Tripasore &c districts of the 30th Septr 1774 twenty five thousand on account of a Kist due that day being in part of the amount agreed by him to be paid from beginning of last May & two thousand, the Kist of the 1st Instant for the Poonamalee district

Intelligence from the Soubahs Camp

By the latest intelligence received by the Nabob from the Subahs Cantonments dated 4th 5th & 7th September we are informed that Raganautrow was encamped five or Six Coss on the other Side of Boorhaunpoor, but that it was imagined by the date of the latest advices from his Camp that he was arrived on the plains of that place & was there making his Collections that it was expected his Ministers with those of Sindia & Hoolcur would march in conjunction with Hurry Ram Pundat, two or three Stages nearer to Aurungabad & there negociate. That he had sent Offers of Alligance & friendship to the Soubah And that the Negotiation between them was broken off by the influence of the Ministerial party at Poonah

Sent

Nabob. {that 3000 of Shaumrow's

Intelligence from Cudapah —

Intelligence received by the Nabob from Cudapah dated 23 September makes mention of 3000 of Shaumro's Horse had plundered the Villages about Cudapah that Vackells had been sent from thence to Hyder Ally to Negociate that the Result of the Negotiation with Tuppoo Sahib had not reached Cudepah That it was reported the Nabobs Basaulet Jung & Rummut Cawn had joined & that Morarow was on his Way to have an interview with them. That the Hircarrahs to the Subah & the Maharattas were not returned

And

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And that the body of horse belonging to Tiepoo Saheb had entered the Town of Cudapah

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Johnson
[illegible]
[illegible] Stracey
Francis Jourdan

To Fort St George 4th October 1774

At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esq Govr President
Joseph Smith " Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson " J M Stone
Edward Stracey " Francis Sourdan

Tuesday 4th Octr

Mr Dawson indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The Honble the Court of Directors in their Commands of the 13 April last Para 6 having ordered that a compleate List of all such uncovenanted persons, as were resident on this Coast before the 1st January 1774 should be transmitted to them The President is desired to make application to the Nabob for a list of all such Europeans as may be in his Service, together with their Names & the periods at which they entered into his Service

The President to apply to the Nabob for a list of the Europeans in his Service

Ordered that the Secretary do furnish the Surgeons of the Presidency with a Copy of the 12 & 13 Para of the said Commands, & that they be directed to make answer to such parts as may require it.

For determining the disputes which have subsisted concerning the Rank of the Corps of Engineers on all duties where different Corps are concerned We are ordered to give Rank in the Army to the Corps of Engineers, agreeable to the dates of their Commissions, in the same manner as the Corps of Engineers in his Majesty's Service, with the Officers of his Majesty's Army

The Corps of Engineers to take Rank in the Army as in his Majesty's Service

Each

but that they shall rise only in their own Corps
Brigadier Genl Smith being therefor desired
to inform the Board of the Customs observed in his
Majestys Service, reports that he has made very
enquiry in his power, relative to the Rank held
by the Corps of Engineers in his Majestys Service
but that he has not been able to procure a Sa-
-tisfactory Account that he will however with
the approbation of the Board as there is no imme-
-diate Necessity for the Orders being issued out, write
to Lieut. General Clavering & request his Opinion
thereon Resolved that the further consideration
of this Matter be deferred till an Answer shall
be received from General Clavering

General Clavering Opinion to be Obtained before it is carried into execution

Ordered that Messrs George Hand
James Markhay & Thomas Jones, appointed Cadets
on this Establishment do receive Commissions as
Ensigns according to their respective Nominations
& that Ensigns William Goddard, Thomas Jones
and & Robert Mecan fill up the Vacancies of Lieut.
occasioned by the Resignations of Lieutenants
Richd Tolson, Robert Sale & Robert J. Bate.

Military appointments and Promotions—

lieuten-
ants

Read the following Letter from
Messrs Crooke & Fraser Cadets on the Bombay Esta-
-blishment

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Messrs Fraser and Crooke requesting to be appointed Ensigns on this Establish.

As the late Reduction of Officers
on the Bombay Establishment has greatly
put a Stop to the usual promotion every prospect

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of obtaining a commission on the said Establishment very distant by reason of the great Number of Supernumerary Officers & Senior Cadets I have Obtained leave to come round to this place in hopes of Preferment I therefore petition your Honours may be kind enough to grant me the favour of a commission with the Bank of Ensign on this Establishment in which station if it shall please you to appoint me I shall use my best endeavours to promote the Interest of the Honble Company I owe as much as lies in my power I have served the Honble Company in the station of Cadet for thirteen Months & as a testimony of my conduct & Behaviour since I have had that Honor I have inclosed you my Commanding Officers Certificate If you are pleased to grant me the above request Brigadier General Gordon will procure me my discharge from the Establishment of Bombay I most humbly beg you would be pleased to take my case under your consideration & whatever favour you will be kind enough to shew me I shall retain the most grateful remembrance of.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Devoted
most Obt Servant
William Fraser

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

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