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My last was thro to address you by
by your Honors &c & acquaint you that I am a
Cadet I have served on the Bombay Establishment
in which Station of Cadet I have served Five Years
Company for two years and Seven Months, that I
have been twice on service, the first service I
was on the appointed three Weeks after my arrival
in the Country when I was ordered on a Detach-
ment that went on the Coast of Sangaseram
The Next was the taking of Broche when I was
left for fourteen Months under the Command
of Lieutenant Colonel Brewer. My Conduct on both services
has been such as gave entire Satisfaction to my
Commanding Officers, which Brigadier Gen.l
Gordon who Commanded during the siege of
Broche is pleased to Certify

I further beg leave to acquaint
your Honors &c that in April last 1773 The Honble
the Governor & Council of Bombay were pleased
to make a Reduction in the Number of Officers
allowed the Establishment by which Reduction
there were a number of Supernumerary Officers
& that there are still remaining on the Bombay
Establishment Four Captains & eleven subal-
tern Officers supernumerary which entirely
puts a Stop to promotion untill all of them
are taken in which in all probability will
not be these twelve Months to come, that I
but a distant prospect of preferment there
When I shall have to come to this Coast Bri-
gadier General Smith Gordon was pleased
to tell me that if I found it more to my advantage

to

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to stay on this Coast than return to Bombay
to let them know of it & he would immediately
by get one my discharge from Bombay
If your Honor &c" are pleased
to take my case under your consideration &
honor me with an Consigns Commission on
this Establishment it will be greatly acknowledged by

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieut Mason
Begs for Permission
to proceed to Europe
on Family Affairs

Having by the last Ships from Europe Your Advices from my Friends relative to my Private Affairs which require my immediate Attendance in person I request your Honor &c will permit me to proceed thither by the way of Bombay.

Likewise I flatter myself that if you have no Objection to my request

(you

a foregoing request of Messrs Brooke & Forrester
Court of Directors having repeatedly ordered
that no removals from one Presidency to another
shall take place without their express permission
Read Letter from Lieut Mason.

cannot be complied with.

ordered hereafter

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you will be pleased to mention it in your
next general Letter to the Honble Court of
Directors in such a manner as will enable
me to return to India with my Bank within
my presence in England or my Business
no longer becomes necessary

I have the honor to be respect-
fully Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Honble Servant
John Mason

Madras 2d Octr 1774

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

As the Court of Directors have
thought proper to Order us to grant permission
to their Military Servants to return to Europe on
Account of ill health or private affairs which
may require their presence, without Prejudice
to their Bank Lieutenant Mason is to be direc-
ted to inform the President of the Necessity
which requires his presence in Europe that
if it should be found sufficiently urgent to grant
the permission he requires Read Letter from Ensign Christ.

To acquaint the President of the Necessity which requires his presence.

The unexpected advice I rec.d
of my being removed to Bengal gives me much
uneasiness & will cause to me great distress, having
been two years & a half in the Honble Company's
Service at this Place 18 Months of which I was a
Cadet There fore I hope to make it that your Honors
would take my Case into Consideration & let

Ensign Christ Prays for leave to remain on this Establishment instead of being removed to Bengal

me

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We remain on this Establishment and you greatly will Oblige

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obligd & Obedt Servt
James Harris

to

granted for the present Referred to the Honble Court

As Mr Harris's removal to the Presidency of Bengal which he is appointed would occasion him a considerable loss of Rank And as he has conducted himself during his Services on this Establishment, to the entire approbation of this Board it is Agreed that Mr Harris be permitted to continue Rank on the Bengal Establishment and if the Gentlemen at Bengal have no objection that this request & the peculiar hardships of his Situation be favorably mentioned home to the consideration of the Honble the Court of Directors by the next General advices to England

which

The President lays before the Board a Recommendation for Promotion to 2 Lieut Battalion of Seapoys who is approved of

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A Munck
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam Johnston
J Hall
G Straby
Thomas Lowndes

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At a Consultation Present

Friday 7th Oct. 1774

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

W. Powney indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

The President acquainting the Board of
Application having been made to him by Messrs. Elwes
& Sawers Dewanny Cadets for the Bengal
Establishment for the advance of some small Sums to de-
fray their Expences to that Presidency. Agreed as the President
represents them to be in much need of such assistance that
they be each advanced the Sum of 25 Pagodas & that the Gov.
thereon at Bengal be informed of the same

Messrs. Wallaces & Dennis Cadets on the Bengal Establishment to be advanced each 25 Pagodas —

Instructions to the Governor General & Council with respect to the Forces to be raised by the Military Commander in Chief for the Service of the Company

It being necessary that any Arrangements should take place, to carry into Execution the Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors with respect to the Forces to be employed by the Military Commander in Chief — The Board proceed to take into Consideration the Extract of the Instructions to the Governor General & Council, transmitted to them for their Guidance on that Head & at the same time request that General Smith will favor them with his Sentiments with regard to them & of the Time which he may judge to be drawn for their Military Commander in Chief to take Establishment. Whereupon General Smith begs Leave to deliver in the following Minute which he acquaints the Board he had purposely prepared & which he thinks evidently appears from the whole Spirit & Tenor with which they are worded.

That

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Paragraph 43 "That in case Fort
General Smith's Minutes with the Resolutions of the Board thereon—
" William or the Town of Calcutta
" shall at any time be attacked or
" invested by an Enemy, the
" Keys shall be delivered to the
" Military Commander in
" Chief, & the seperate Military
" authority of our Governor &c.
" cil shall be entirely suspended
" & cease until such Enemy shall
" be expelled & no longer, & if the
" Governor General & Military
" Commander in Chief shall in
" either of the before mentioned
" cases differ in Opinion respec-
" ting the exact time when the
" exercise of the Governor Generals
" power shall be suspended, or
" resumed, the Governor General
" & Council shall finally decide the
" same.

7th From the tenor of the foregoing Parag.h it appears that the Military Commander in Chief is in future to be responsible for all matters relative to the duty of Military Command defence of Fort William, and the Chief is to be answerable that the Place be attacked or invested by an Enemy, Then being the Orders and intentions of the Honble Court of Directors it must become the immediate duty of the Military Commander in Chief to be answerable for the due performance of the Military Orders & Regulations of the Service, & as the Military Board have given no Orders to the Military Storekeeper in Garrison after having made the necessary Recommendations to support the Resolutions of the Board they must refer to the Board to give their Opinion with his remarks thereon—

Smith
his

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Commander in Chief to inform
himself thoroughly of the State
of all Military Stores, Canon
Ammunition, Gun Carriages
Works, Magazines of Grain,
Straw, Forrage, & every other Ar-
ticle that is required for the
defence of a fortified Town, &
having made the Necessary
Examinations with his remarks
thereon he is then to report the
same to the Governor & Council

2d To see that the Arms of
the Soldiers in time of Service -

Resolved that a
general State of the Storeroom
depends on the Provisions that are Garrison, to made out as
are Served out to them, therefore expeditiously as possible &
every care & attention on this head laid before the Board, It
should be wanted by those whose which time General Smith
for receive it is to furnish the same will deliver in his Opinion
what Articles to form Magazines relative thereto & what is possible
for the Supply of the Garrison further Suggestions of Stores should
I am not well acquainted with be wanting to compleat them
the Manner in which the Necessary Magazines might
be provided, & what quantity for the Garrison, will advise
of Grain &c. has been thought the Board thereof, that they
Sufficient to keep in annual may be got in readiness for
Store and annual of them for that purpose. Resolved that
Articles are of a perishable nature that a Monthly return of
Is should be made at the End all Stores of the Garrison shall
of every year the Old Stock to send to the Board as well as
is sold off & replaced with the Governor & that Copies thereof
grain &c. As this is a matter of Importance by the Secretary
essential point in the defence of the Country determined to Genl
Smith

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a Town Inspection with the South of the Commanding Officer to examine the several Magazines belonging to the Garrison and to report the same, Whereupon Directions were given to the Gentlemen of the Board to proceed to the Execution of the same, and to charge with the Care of those Stores, should such be found, with the Commanding Officer with Directions to the Storekeeper, Gunners & Boatswains, that they might be enabled to judge of their Sufficiency. The Chief Articles are as follows

Salt Beef	Arrack
Pork	Ghee
Fish	Onions
Biscuit	Tamarinds
Tobacco	Dall
Rice	Wheat
Paddy	Black Pepper
Butter Nut	Chillies
Sugar	Curry Stuffs
Firewood	Bang
Straw	Pots & Pans
Baskets	Lamp Oil
Gingelly Oil	Salt Petre

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In time of Peace any Arrangement & Preparation should be made for War When danger appears then Measures and Difficulties occur

Agreed to

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access, & great care & attention on
ours to avoid them would
only apply an early care
and attention to the several
Departments on which we
must depend for the defence
of the Town, & when a regular
System is introduced, these
difficults will all be removed

4 The Commanding Officers of Artillery Chief Engineer Storekeeper & Commissary of Stores should be ordered to attend these examinations

Resolved that the Commanding Officer of Artillery the Chief Engineer, the Storekeeper & Commissary of Stores do attend on their respective Departments, the examination of the Stores, Magazines &c. and that on future General Courts, or the Commanding Officer in Garrison for the time being, be allowed at all times, and as often as they shall think proper to examine the State of all Military, Artillery & other Stores & Provisions in Garrison, & report from time to time what addition they may think necessary to be made to & what damaged or decayed Stores they may deem necessary to be expended

By Command Smith

5 The Court Instruction from

declares

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from the Honble Court declares that the various Duties
of Directors, also direct of the Commander in Chief
that all Orders to the Troops cannot be carried on with pro-
in general shall be dispatched promptly & regularly in less
through the Military such points of Duty as concern
Commander in Chief that the immediate duty of an
Returns, Recommends Adjutant General Agreed
tions, Removals and leave that to be allowed an Adju-
of absence to Officers on the Staff General & that Capt.
be made a recommended Wm Henry Augustus Morley
by him, I should suspend him by recommended by Genl
that when the Directors Should be fill that Station to be
formed these Reductions accordingly appointed them
they were sensible, that this to
part of the Service required
possibly to be carried on with
promptly & regularly
and from the duration
of an Adjutant General
ration. Sole and immediate
business it is, to superintend
on Officer for this purpose.
Every regular Military
Establishment has a proper
Staff, without which it is im-
possible for a Commanding
Officer to execute the various
Branches of Duty & function with
that punctuality & dispatch
that is necessary in a Mili-
tary Line. The proper Military
Head to which every
Regt. will appeal
on them that there is a Ma-
jority

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Necessity for appointing an
Officer to the Post of Adjutant
General Therefore with order
to Join them the Company with
expence For the present case I
think this appointment ab-
-solutely Necessary.

6 In his Majesty's The Board concurred
Service the Brevet Rank of Lieut. agree to the Adjutant Gen.
Colonel is always given with-out his having a Brevet as
the Post of Adjutant General Lieutenant Colonel, as such
but as such a Brevet ought would be in direct oppos-
-ition to the Establishment to the Expence order of
Officers to some Officers therefore the Hon'ble the Court of
the Adjutant General might Directors who have repeat
be given as an Establishment-edly commanded that
not Brevet prospect such Brevets should not be gran-
-ted he should / as it is necess-ted on any Consideration
-sary to give the Brevet com- Resolved however as Gen.
-mission to the Post / had at Fort St. recommends it as abso-
all times the Nominal Rank-lutely Necessary that a
of Lieutenant Colonel and proper degree of Commission
a Brevet to give him rank should be annexed to that
Rank only when doing duty Station. That the Adjutant
with Troops from other pre- General be given out his Co-
-sidencies -mission with the Nominal
Rank of Lieut. Colonel until
the Orders of the Court of Direc-
-tors shall be known & that
a Warrant be granted him
to that Effect.

7 The Hon'ble Board The appointment
having Lieutenants Wrought of Deputy Master General
Troops having

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proper to attend a Deputy
Master General in time of War
only They leave to refer Your
Honor &c. to an Address which
I had the Honor to lay before
you two years ago on this
Subject pointing out the
Utility that would accrue
to the Service from the ap-
pointment of a Deputy
Master General being kept
up as we are as well as We
for Bengal not only a Dep-
ty Master General but De-
puties have been employed
in Since there established
was formed and Paid
Chief Surveyor remarking that
General Clavering arranged
this Point Enquiries denied to
know who was the Deputy
Master General on this ad
suspecting it not possible
for such an Army to be
without any Invention
this only for the Hon.ble
Board's Take consideration
the Propriety or Impropriety
they may see proper to
them.

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The General begs
the Hon.ble Board will
be informed to Order the
Pay

having been already refer'd
to the Consideration
of the Board of Directors
and the Board having
determined upon
a Survey of the
Coast being taken upon
after a Company of Gunners
was formed for that purpose
Resolved that for these reasons
the appointment of Deputy
Master General be for the
present declined

Resolved that pay
& allowances the General
and Dy Comp.y be and
agreeable

pray ye Allowances to this
Post &c. &c. to take place
from the 1st Instant as he
must now be employed
on the publick Service both
in peace & War.

9 The Stores in the
Out Garrisons such as are for
the defence of those places
should be given in charge
to the Officers Commanding
& the Inspectors of Stores
to act as Storekeepers The
Paymasters to continue me-
thing up from all Stores as
usual. The Nabob must
allow a certain portion
of Grass &c. in his Garri-
sons sufficient for their de-
fence to be kept in Store com-
ing the Change of Persons ap-
pointed by the Board when
ever no Officer can be accom-
-table for the Safety of the
Fort &c. commands This
Opinion tho highly proper that
this point Should be decided
That Our Officers may know
how or what they have to
trust to.

agreable to his request

The System that
hath hitherto been followed
with respect to Stores & Store-
keepers at the Out Garrisons
having been found in every
Respect, to answer the purpose
expected from it Agreed that
it be kept up on the same
footing & that the Paymasters
be still continued as Storekeepers
in the respective Garrisons — Tho
it is necessary however to shew, that
the Board have sufficient reason
for continuing the System, they
are here to lay down in ge-
-neral terms the Regulations
which have been invariably
pursued, by all the Storekeepers
on the Establishment & the
Check which at all times
the Commandants have had
over them, by the Nature of
their Situation — The Comman
-dants by the Book of Regula-
-tions are Ordered to endorse to
the Storekeeper for what Stores
they may want & the Storekeepers
are

are directed to keep an Exact
daily Account, of Receipts
Issues & remains of Stores
Whenever Incidents occur made
by the Storekeepers for Stores
the remains of each particular
Article as ordered for
are to be inserted in a separate
Column Exclusive Stores ex-
sent to Bassein, our Service is to
be transmitted at the same
time, & the Paymasters are to
compare such Stores, with
the Invoice, & to inform the
Board of any Deficiencies or
Surplus - Returned Agreements
for all Stores received — such
likewise to be sent into the Mi-
-litary Storekeeper — The Vouchers
of the Storekeepers are the Incidents
& Receipts of the Commandant
which must be sent in monthly
& compared with the Account
of the Issues of Stores And
that all Garrisons shall be
furnished with the Necessary
Articles for their defence or the
occasional Service of the Troops
the Commandant by Letters before
they are Sent out, are to be ac-
-quainted by the Commandant
to the which point out what Ar-
-ticles they think Necessary

&

their

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to be inserted for — The Commandants are at any time, that they shall think proper, to call a State of the Provisions & Stores, & all Indents for Stores are to be Countersigned by them as Vouchers of their being necessary The Commandants are Recommended to visit the Store Houses once a Month & to report any neglect that they may Observe — At the foot of the Returns of Stores shall be inserted the Number of Stands of Arms, Complete, Repairable, repaired in the Month & unserviceable — And no Stores are to be made up without the Orders of the Board — The Board Leaving thought proper to Minute particulars on the Subject of Storekeepers, as it should form the Part of General Instructions Moved to recommend for Consideration, that the Service would not more benefit were the Stores in the Out Garrisons to be given in Charge to the Principal Commissariat Officer & Inspection of Stores to be committed to act as Storekeepers

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than that the Duties of that
Department should be over-
viewed as hereto fore by Civil
Servants appointed by the
Board for that purpose To
show however the great desire
that the Board have to acquire
with Genl Smith, on any
Matter that may aid the
Last assert the Service of the
Company it is Ordered That
the Commandants of the
Garrisons shall at all times
be allowed to communicate
the State & Condition of all
Military Nautilus & other
Stores & Provisions in the respective Garrisons &
returns of Stores certified by
the Commandants & Inspec-
tors of Stores shall be annu-
ally transmitted by the Store
keepers to the Board and that
duplicates thereof be regularly
delivered to Genl Smith
or the Commanding Officer
of the Forces for the time being
The Board from long expe-
rience are fully convinced
how necessary it is, that the
Naval should keep a certain
portion of Gunpowder in Store
in the Garrisons sufficient
for their Defence, under the

Charge

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Charge of Persons appointed by the Board. But as the Nabob has consented thereto, and complying with their Requisitions for that purpose, We have little Reason to suppose he will hereafter be induced to acquiesce therein

Resolved Accordingly that the President be desired to speak with the Nabob on this Subject & acquaint him of the Sentiments of the Board regarding it & of the Danger which this Country will inevitably be exposed to in Case of Troubles unless the Commanders of this Forts are thoroughly informed of the quantity of Grain &c. they may have to trust to

10 That the Honble the Board will be acquainted with the Grounds & Reasons that induced the Board to dispose as they have done of the Persons appointed by them to the Charge of the Garrisons of this Fort, & that they will not suffer any Removal or Alteration to be made therein without their Consent & Approbation

Resolved Accordingly that the President be desired to speak with the Nabob on this Subject & acquaint him of the Sentiments of the Board regarding it & of the Danger which this Country will inevitably be exposed to in Case of Troubles unless the Commanders of this Forts are thoroughly informed of the quantity of Grain &c. they may have to trust to

That

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Lieut. Mason receiving permission to return to European Family Affairs

The President acquainted the Board that Lieutenant Mason whose last Examination had appointed for permission to proceed to Europe, had since informed him, of the Reasons which rendered this Appearance necessary on his Return to England — And the same being found sufficient

Ordered that Lieut. Mason receive permission to return to Europe on Family Affairs

Lieut. Douglas appointed Adjutant in the Room of Lieut. Cuppage to the 1st Can. Batt.

Lieutenant Eaton Cuppage having requested leave to resign the Office of Adjutant to the 1st Carnatic Batt.n of Sepoys Lieut. Walter Douglas is appointed to succeed him, at the recommendation of General Smith.

Letter from Gorjon Relative to Goom Bajah & his Country

Came in the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Gorjon.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favoured with your Letter of the 9th Ultimo from the Military Department & having considered with Attention such parts of it as relate to the Affairs of Goomsur & particularly those important Circumstances which you have pointed out to us We shall proceed to acquaint you of the Resolutions We have formed in Consequence & to give you our Sentiments on this Subject

The Conditions which Your Govt & Council at Fort St George and of the governing Rajah of Goomsur & on which you consent to Confirm him in the Zemindary are as follows The Speedy discharge of

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of this Aumaun. The Augmentation of this Tribute, A Reasonable Settlement on this added Province & the immediate Restitution of the two Villages belonging to Government which he unjustly detains in his Possession, With respect to the first of them Namely the Speedy discharge of this Aumaun as We have no reason to doubt that He is professed of the means of discharging them immediately We are induced to be of Opinion that this ought to be insisted upon, In this present Situation We imagine it would not be Difficult to Obtain from him an Agreement for the Payment of the Balance at what ever future Periods We might think proper to assign And We have abundant Proof both from the Records of Mr Cotsfords Administration & our own Experience that these Zemeendars will enter into Engagements without the least Intention of fulfilling them. We think therefore that the Opportunity which the Situation of Affairs and the Presence of an Additional Force will shortly afford us of Obtaining the whole these are due from the Government Zemeendary is too favorable to be neglected, as We can place no Dependance upon any promise, or Engagement which We may receive from the governing Rajah after the influence by which it was Obtained is removed

In deliberating on the next Condition namely the Augmentation of this Tribute We have agreeably to your directions adverted to the particular Circumstances in which this Zemeendar is placed, but We cannot find that they are such as to entitle him to any extraordinary

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extraordinary Consideration as Induced you We are unacquainted with the Extent of that Country M.r Botsford in his Letter of the 16 December 1769 mentions only one Grant by which the Mahratta can enter, which is that Through the Bajah had granted Plantations Bordering there to prevent the Passage of an Enemy. Should known that he has not paid them any Tribute for many Years past We are informed that he keeps up a Considerable Force of about 5 or 6000 Men Upon the whole We are of Opinion that a Tribute of 50000 Rupees is the least that ought to be demanded from this Government, not as being adequate to the Value of the Country, but as corresponding with the other Considerations to which you have directed us to pay Attention

We wish to be furnished with your directions on this Head but should they not arrive in time We shall only demand the Sum abovementioned

With respect to the Settlement Consider his having quitted his Country & put himself under the Company's Protection at the Risque of his own Life & the Lives & Ruin of his Family We cannot but be of Opinion that as to the Rules of Policy & Equity that he should be suitably provided for & We know Nothing so good that a Settlement of Pagoda 9000 Rupees is no more than he may reasonably expect & this We shall accordingly demand for him if You don't disapprove of it We shall take immediate

stipulate that his Wife & family be delivered up to him

Having considered what there it would be most advisable to make the Requisitions immediately or to defer it until the Season for acting offensively. We were of opinion that if We treated on the former and the governing Rajah should accede to our Terms the Trouble & Expence of bringing the troops from the Other District would be avoided, but on the contrary should he reject them which is most Probable, it was to be feared that our negociating with the Governing Rajah might have a bad effect on the Minds of Sachemnabunges Adherents & during the Intervall which must elapse between our making the Requisitions & the Troops taking the Field we am might be successfully employed to Make their Submissions whereas on the other Hand the Governing, until the Troops are actually assembled & the Season arrived for their taking the Field would be productive of very bad consequences The governing Rajah sensible of this critical Situation may be induced to comply with our demands in Order to avoid the Danger of which these attentions and Sachemnabunges Adherents will Consider them as in the Matter of Terms when they are our Troops in the Field & on the Borders of Gaum our Country We are also strongly inclined to desire that your Honour &c. may in the Mean time take into Consideration the Terms We have resolved on & that We may receive your Sentiments previous to our taking the Field any decisive

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Sir, We have therefore agreed to dispatch the Requisitions to the Governing Pagoda of Goorumcondah until the 25 October of which day if We do not receive your Orders to the contrary they will be forwarded to them with a Letter requiring them to send a decisive Answer in 15 Days For the mean time We shall write to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam requesting that the other 5 Companies of the 3 Europ Battalion & the Artillery Men they may be able to spare us from Vizagapatam may join and Detachment at Ellore on or before the 1st November

As Mr Bromley's Attendance will be required here for the Hospital We request Your Honor &c will be pleased to Order a Surgeons Assistant to attend the Troops on this Expedition in Order that they may receive proper Assistance in case of Accidents

We shall pay strict Attention to your Commands respecting the Pardon but at present We [illegible] entering on that Subject being desirous of dispatching this Letter in hopes of receiving your answer to it, if convenient by the 25 October

We are with Respect
Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
John Holland
Tho Degnelly

&c

Ganjam
21 Sept 1774

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The Opinion which the Chief & Council have formed of the Means of the governing Cajah of Gooty for discharging of this Peshcash induces us to agree with them as it is highly probable to avail ourselves of the present opportunity to oblige them to pay those Arrears & they are accordingly directed to consider this as a material Object of their attention From the Value of the Gooty Country it is clearly appears that it could afford a larger Tribute than 50,000 Rupees, yet as we think it an unfit Juncture at present to insist on too considerable an Augmentation to the tribute for this year, that is from 25th September 1774 to 25th Sept 1775 is accordingly to be settled at 50,000 Rupees We approve of the Cajahs proposal demanding for Satisfaction Bunge as well as the Stipulate they intend to make of his Wife and Family being detained as Hostages to them When any Zemindar obliges us to take the Field We think that exclusive of the Expences we may be put to in reducing them to Obedience it is but just that he Should be punished for his Contumacy, yet considering the Poverty of the Country & Scarcity abundy, & the Necessity of the Distressed Villages with the payment of Arrears, we shall rest Satisfied with the being reimbursed the Expences we may be put to in bringing the Zemindar to a proper Sence of their Conduct We approve of the Reason of the Chief & Council for deferring making their Demands until they are prepared to enforce Obedience to them Ordered

That.

to discharge this Arrears

Tribute to be Settled at 50,000 Rupees for present

Inconvenience of Company the Expences they may be put to

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that such Zemindar be permitted for the Customary yet considering the Success of our Arms already and the Recovery of the Usurped Villages with the Payment of Arrears We shall not Satisfied with the Company's being reimbursed the Expences they may be at in bringing put of the Zemindar to a proper Sense of his Conduct

For the reasons you have given it appears to us most Eligible to defer making your demands on the Governor Bajahs until you are prepared to enforce an Obedience to them

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St George
8 Oct. 1774.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 10 Oct.

Alex. Wynch Esq. Gov. President
Joseph Smyth . Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson . John Mac Leod
Edward Stracey . Francis Fowke
Mr Dawson Tendered

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The Company having by their Instructions to the Governor General & Council to direct that certain Military Operations & agreed on districts under the Management of the Civil Service & to exempt from entrance the influence is clear that the Superior Military Officers in the District under our Subordinates are to make Requisitions Returns to the Respective Chiefs & Councils of the Troops under their Command

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Commander, for unless the Chief & Council are informed of the Strength of the Military in their districts they cannot properly specify the particular Number of Troops in their requisitions for Military force, conformable to the Letter of the Company's Instructions & there is no other Mode of their being officially acquainted with the State of the Troops, than by returns from the Commanding Officer. Resolved in Consequence that the Superior Military Officer in the Districts dependant on the Subordinate Settlements be desired to make a regular Returns to the Chief & Council of the Troops under their Command & also that the Storekeepers in those districts be desired to make Returns in the manner of the Stores under their Charge

Returns of the Military in the Circars to be made to the Chief & Council

All Matters respecting Military discipline & the detail of the Army being by the late Instructions to the Governor General & Council entrusted to the Commanding Officer of the Troops who is likewise to publish General Orders to the Establishment, the Department of Adjutant General will of course comprehend those duties which the Town Major has hitherto discharged under the Governor as Commander in Chief of the Forces nearly of the same Nature with those now annexed to the New Department without any additional Allowance or Establishment for the same — The President takes this Opportunity of recording his approbation of Captain Wards conduct & recommending him to the favor of the Board

President's Minute respecting the Town Major

The Board are well convinced that Captain Ward merits the foregoing recommendation & gratefully embrace an opportunity Offers they will shew the regard & esteem in which they entertain of his Services

Board's Minute thereon —

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Macleod

Fort St George 16th October 1774

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Ensign Mudock applies for leave to return to Europe

I am sorry circumstances requiring my immediate Return to Europe, I am under the Necessity of requesting that You'll be pleased to permit me to resign the Hon.ble Company's Service

I am respectfully
Hon.ble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
Johan Mudock Ens.n
9th Batt.n of Sepoys

October 16th 1774

Agreed
Agreed that Mr Mudock's resignation be accepted & that he be permitted to proceed to Europe

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Came in the following Letter from Mr Whitehill 5 Instant

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St George
Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Whitehill Surgeon Regd.t wants to proceed to the S.ea

I am Mr Whitehill Surgeon of the 1st Regiment having for more than Months been incapable of performing the Duty of Surgeon & by the Surgeon of the Garrison to the Southward as the only means of effecting a recovery I have informed Lieut Boyd that he must wait your Permission thereof the Surgeon's representing the delay as dangerous I will take the Liberty of suffering them to proceed

I am respectfully
Hon.ble

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Masulipatam
5th October 1776

Honble Sirs Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
John Whitehill

Ordered that the Secretary do sig-
nify to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, that
Allowed Lieut. Dugood may proceed to the Southward for the
Benefit of his Health

Read the following Letter from
Mr Stratton

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In my former address of the 22d
Letter from Mr Stratton the Nabob of Vizianagrauz claims of Arrears on the Sabor District

Ultimo I transmitted to your Honor &.ca the most par-
ticular Relation that could be Obtained of the grounds
of Vizianagrauz's Claims to the Sabor Districts and
in Conformity to your Order of the 2d Ultimo I have inqui-
red into the Justness of this Demands of Arrears upon
that part held by Sanasturauze and I am that they am-
ount to 15000 Rupees Annum for the same term (being 30,000
Rupees) Account of Sibundi, which by the Condition
he entered into with the Rajah, he was Obliged to keep
up and apart Sum therewith when called upon but
this Sum he did & Vizianagrauze has frequently Com-
plained of it The Relations of Sanasturauze who are now
here acknowledge that the Debt of 15000 Rupees to
be just but, with respect to the 30,000 Rupees they are
ignorant whether the Same is due or not being un-
acquainted with the Agreement which Sanasturauze
Boyz had entered into with the Rajah They also
declare that they are utterly incapable of paying

Account of Sums Received by the Rajah also Claims 1800 Rupees.

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To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.
Mad.k
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

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I am with respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t

& humble Servant

John Mudock Ens.y

9.th Batt.n of Seapoys

October 16.th 1774

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Agreed that Mr Mudock's resignation be accepted & that he be permitted to proceed to Europe

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Letter from Mr Whitehill Lieut.t

Came in the following Letter

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Whitehill Lieut.t Regard want the Interest to the Ps W.d

I am with respect Sir & Sirs

Lieutenant & Engineer of Engineers having for more than Months been incapable of continuing the Survey from ill Health & given a Certificate by the Surgeon of Pulicat testimony to the Southward, as the only means of effecting a recovery I have in formed Lieut Boyd that he must wait your Permission, & if the Surgeon's representation the delay as dangerous I will take the Liberty of suffering him to proceed

Hon.ble

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Masulipatam
5th October 1776

Hon'ble Sirs & Sirs

Yesterday Mr Thomas Observant
John Whitehill
Ordered that the Secretary do sig-
nify to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam that
Lieut. Dugood may proceed to the Southward for the
Benefit of his Health

Allowed

Read the following Letter from
Mr Stratton

To the Hon'ble Thos. Wynch Esq.
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

In my former Address of the 22d
Ultimo I transmitted to your Honor &c. the most par-
ticular Relation that could be Obtained of the grounds
of Vizeiarameauzes Claims to the Salt Districts and
in Conformity to your Order of the 2d Ultimo I have enqui-
red into the Justness of this Demands of Above and upon
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-mitted it. The Relations of Sinaetumauze who are now
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be just but, with respect to the 30,000 Rupees they are
ignorant whether the Same is due or not being un-
acquainted with the Agreement entered into with the Rajah
Bramgee has entered into with the Rajah — They also
declare that they are entirely incapable of paying
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Letter from Mr Stratton the Nature of Vizeiaramauzes claims on the Salt Districts

Amount of Above Claims by Sinaetumauze on the Rajah also Claims 15000 Rupees

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any part, for that Service we are to be dispatched all
Legal an Various particulars

Vizagapatam
the 16th Sept. 1774

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

Ordered to lie on the Table

W Brooke
Jos Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
W Hall
W Peachy
Thomas Scurdon

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10 This day the following Letter was dispatched to Bombay

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President & Governor &ca Council
at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay
enquiring Mr
Mackie appointment to that Establishment

The Honble the Court of Directors in their Commands of the 13th April last having bestowed a Cadet Mat Mr William Mackie, a Cadet on your Establishment, intended to be removed to this Establishment, intended to be removed to this Establishment which he is the youngest of the Cadets of the year 1771 — We are to request you will be pleased to give orders, that he be informed of the same, & that he be directed to proceed hither by the first Opportunity 2 convenient

By the same Commands we are advised of 24 Recruits for this Establishment being sent on board the Stafford bound to your Presidency &ca Then for your Request you will be pleased, to give directions that they may be sent round, by the first Conveyance that may offer.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt Hble Servts
Alex Wynch & Co Council

Fort St George
21st Oct 1771

10th

P. Received the following Letter from Mr Mackay to yr Secretary, year this day received

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To William Petrie
Sir

Letter from Mr Mackay will return station as soon as the Rains are over

I have received your Letter of the 26th of last Month, inclosing an Extract from the Compys General Letter to Bengal which Orders my being reinstated in the Service, I have wrote to Mr Secretary Oakeley of the Assistant desiring he would acquaint

(the

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The President & Council of my intention of proceeding to Madras as soon as possible after the Rains are over at this Place

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Geo: Mackay

Calcutta
8 Sept 1775

Became in the following Letter from Lieut Flint the Secretary

To William Petrie Esq
Military Secretary

Sir

Letter from Lieut Flint.

I have received your Letter of the 4th Instant & shall with pleasure comply with the President & Councils Directions respecting the Letters to be made the Chief & Council of Masulipatam & shall pay proper attention to every requisition they may make to me for Military Assistance consonant to the Company's Regulations transmitted to me this 3 Instant

I am Sr
Your most Obt Hble Servt
William Flint

Ellore
Oct. 18. 1775

At a Consultation Present

Friday
21 Octr

Wex Wynch Esq Vor President
Joseph Smith " George Vansyn
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John M Stone " Edw Stracey
M Foundan Absent

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

General Smith delivers in the following arrangement which he Recommends for the Disposition

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of the Troops on the Commencement of the Ensuing
year.

General Smith's proposals for Disposition of the Troops

As the Season of the year approaches on which the Change of Garrisons should take place General Smith begs leave to lay before the Honble Board for their Consideration the following proposals viz.

The 1st Battn of the 1st Regiment at Trichinopoly to be removed to Vellore.

The 2d Battn of the 1st Regiment at Vellore to be removed to Trichinopoly

Colonel Laing to chuse either of those Stations

Fixed Stations

Vellore — Commd by Capt Stephenson — 8 Months
Palamcotah — by Capt Cooke — 3 Years
Ongole — by Capt Duncan —
Amboor — by Capt Covey — 1 Year

Captain Mackenzie's Battalion at Trichinopoly and Capt. Mc Douglas at Madura have only been six Months on that Duty

Capt. Bruces Battalion and Capt Gibbons only six Months Going Duty at Fort St George

Captain Johnsons Battn was not at either of the Sieges of Tanjore and being Going without Lady Baths, to be removed to Trichinopoly and Capt. Kellys to Tanjore in lieu

As the Removal of the Europe an Battalion from Amboor was attended with much Inconvenience and not prejudicial to the Service, they should remain in the Carnatic & be furnished with Recruits from hence.

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The three Battalions of Sepoys under the Establishment of Bengal and Bahar to be annually relieved, with this View, to prevent the Corps which by it was to do Duty of that Garrison from suffering in their discipline, which would otherwise have happened from the Number of Detachments employed on the Company's Business for the Country Those parties being absent for a length of time, required at their return much drilling & trouble to perfect them again in their duty but that cause being now removed the expence of relieving annually may be avoided by fixing it to a longer period which in my opinion may be done without the Least detriment either to the discipline of the Corps, or the Service whenever the Honble Board will determine the period it shall appear most eligible to them.

The Board approve of the foregoing arrangement and do Gen! Smith recommend that the Sepoy Battalions in the Bengal Establishment should remain in their respective Stations for the ensuing Year to be changed annually as hath been the Practice Agreed that this Order be accordingly adopted commencing from the 1st Month of January 1775 when the said Removals are to be made & that Colonel Flint be advised accordingly

The Sepoy Battalions in Bengal & Bahar to be removed only every two Years.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Committee of Stores an additional Member ordered to be made Regulations proposed & approved

At the last Meeting

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Sir

Of the Committee of Stores We had the Honor to lay before you receiving your Orders respecting Gun Carriages & Mortar Beds represented by Us as wanted some Months ago & in Consequence thereof We have directed Messrs Jourdan & Dorcuza to Compleat their Contract for Mortar Beds & to Make up what are further wanted as well of Gun Carriages as Mortar Beds upon the terms of that Contract Since doing we have found it Necessary to direct their Suspending two Orders what We formerly recommended to your Honor &c.

Approved

Carriages for 18 Pdrs 2
Do 68 Drs 12

Eight 6 Pounders Carriages having been recommended Since the above recommendation & the two 18 Pdr. Carriages then Specified not being thought Sufficient

The Hble Court of Directors in their General Letter as by Extract transmitted us by the Secretary having found fault with the Indent for Stores sent them from hence in the year 1772 We have observed & Compared that Indent with those formerly drawn out here & do not find it in any Material Article to exceed them or the Complement of Stores that we are thought Necessary by this Committee some Years ago to be constant

by

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Consistant with the respectful Duty
We hope that if
Our Designs intimated to
Your Honour &c. of forming
a General Compliment of
Stores for the several Gar-
risons on the Coast, be put
in Execution you will be incli-
-ned to Satisfie the Honble
The Court of Directors that
our Students for Stores have
rather been sparing than re-
-dundant & Should Your
Honour &c. approve of Our Jour-
-naling such a Compliment
of Stores on the Coast may ad-
-mit, We beg your Honour &c
will permit Us to Call upon
such Officers as We may think
proper for their Opinions &
Assistance

Approved & Accordingly Ordered

Fort St George
Oct 16th 1774

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most devoted
humble Servants
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Patrick Ross
Edwd James

The Secretary lays before the Board
the Report of a Committee sent to the Garrison for
the Examination of Stores which have been recommended
for

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For the Pension

Ordered that Such accounts within the Regulations lately published on that Head be admitted & dd accordingly

Ordered that the Secretary do prepare & lay before the Board a Return of all the Pensioned & Superannuated Sepoys belonging to the Carnatic Battalions & that he endeavour to ascertain an Account of Such as are capable of Garrison Duty. The Board having it in agitation to Reduce such as are to Retire the Effective Sepoys Now on Duty at Chinglepet Cuddalore &c.

Lieutenant Daniel Burroughs recommended by Genl Smith for the Adjutancy to the 5th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys in the Room of Ensign Charles Osborne resigned - Approved & Appointed accordingly

Lieut Burr appointed Adjutant of Sepoys

And Ensign Lauchlin M.c Kinnon to be Adjutant to the 5th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys in the Room of Lieutenant Alexander Crotty resigned. appointed Approved & Ordered accordingly

as also Ensign M.c Kinnon

Some doubts having arisen at Masulipatam respecting certain parts of the Instructions to the Governor General & Council which Relate to the Seperate Military Powers to be exercised at the Subordinacies & the districts dependant thereon, The Board after Considering the Subject Maturely have come to the following Resolutions which at the Same immediately are proposed in the Said Instructions are having evidently conformable to the Spirit & Intention of the Company's Orders, & Necessary for the guidance of the Company's Civil & Military Servants upon this Establishment -

Resolutions in Explanation of certain parts of the Company's Instructions to the Governor General & Council which Relate to Subordinate Settlements on the Coast -

1st

1. The Keys of the Subordinate Settlements

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Settlements Garrison Vizagapatam Manelipatam
& Cuddalore to be kept by the Company's Chief Civil
Servant who is also to give out the Parole & to receive
returns of the Troops in such Settlement from the
Military Commanding Officer or in his Absence
to the Superior Military Officer present at Such Set-
tlement & the Mode of Defence left entirely to his Judg-
ment & discretion executive Military Power vested
in them till the Enemy shall be Repulsed. Subject
however at all times to the Controul of the Governor
& Council, or of the Military Commander in Chief

2 That Warrants for holding Gener-
al Courts Martial in the aforementioned subordi-
nate Settlements be transmitted to the Chief of such
Settlements. And to the Military Commanding Officer
for the Troops in the Districts dependant on the Said
Settlements

3 That all Commandants of Forts
Cantonments, and Parties of Troops in the Carnatic
do transmit to the Governor & Council Monthly re-
turns of the Troops under their Command and that
they correspond with the Governor & Council on all
Subjects and in matters wherein they used to correspond
with the Govt alone except on Such matters as relate
to Military Details & the Superior Military Officers
in the Circars or districts under the Subordinate Set-
tlements aforementioned, are hereby expressly Ordd
to comply with Such requisitions as shall be made
to them by the Chiefs & Councils of such Subordinate
Settlements for Troops in all Cases wherein Military
Operations may be necessary & the Military Com-
manding Officers in the Circars or Subordinate
to make Returns to their respective Chiefs & Councils

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of the Troops under their Command and to Correspond with the Chief & Council on all Subjects & Matters whatsoever they are to Correspond with the Chief alone except on such Matters as relate to Military detail.

4 The Garrisons of Samulcotah and Condapilly being intended as Checks upon the Neighbouring Zemindars and to assist the Chief & Council of Masulipatam in the Collection of the Company's Revenues or otherwise when Military assistance may be required, it is necessary and is accordingly resolved that Colonel Pearse or the Commanding Officer in the Circars be directed to Order the Officers commanding in the said Forts of Samulcotah & Condapilly, to Comply with every requisition which they May receive from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam for the time being, as delays, which might prove very prejudicial to the Company's Interest, would frequently happen were those Officers in the Circars to wait for Orders from the Superior Military Officer in the Circars before they Complied with each particular Requisition from the Chief & Council

Ordered that the Fourth & Third Articles Paragraphs of the foregoing Resolutions be published in general Orders & that the Necessary directions conformable to the Fourth Paragraph be transmitted to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam & to Colonel Flint at Ellore

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to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam & to Coln. Pearse at Ellore -

Wm Aldercron
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam.l Johnson
J. Hay
Chas Crauford

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At a Consultation Present

Friday 28 Octr 1774

Alexr Wynch Esq. Govr President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John M.t Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Recommendation of a Havildar in the 2d Circar Battalion of Sepoys to be promoted to the Birth of Jemadar in the Said Battalion Approved & promoted accordingly

Letters from the Nabob 102 Country Correspondence Dated 12th, 16th & 21st Instant.

Read Letters from the Nabob 100, 101 & 102 Country Correspondence Dated 12th, 16th & 21st Instant.

The Said with a Copy of an Arrakkah from the Governor of Negapatam. The Signifying their consent that the Sum of Pags. 673.. 3..40 expended by the Paymaster of Trichinapoly in preparing Quarters for the Artillery be carried to the Debit of this Account & the last with Copies of Letters from the Jemadar Purdhaun Purdhaun & Madarow Sudasby

Second

Purdhaun

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. Bellingham at Trichinapoly

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Col. Bellingham Part of the Sepoy Brigade Trichinapoly Fallen Down.

Hereby report for your Information that great preparations are making on the part of Hyder & the Nizam, Hyder it is said has made peace with the Mahrattas & have taken twenty or thirty thousand of their best Troops into his Service, it is also reported that he

Sick

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Sir intends to subdue the Tsavarron Country
& make a visit to the Natives Personally & that he
has sent some heavy Artillery and a large Detachment
of his Army under the Command of Shamavarrow
to the back of the Pass behind Pettichery & that the King
of Tsavarron is actually on his March with his Army
to oppose the entrance of Shamavarrow

Ryder himself is still at Tyringa-
patam with a large Army & Keeps Sick & Manavow
with another large Army in readiness to join the Na-
zam to the Northward about this Intelligence below
& Shavi commences to believe it is not altogether with-
out foundation) tis high time for us to look about us
however Shavi commands Moment on which Sou
depend & hope to be able to give a more satisfactory
Account of this before many days elapse

The Tanjore Bray gate Mr Wm
Wm gate which has kept out for many Years is
at last shot into the Ditch & if there Rains continue
as they have done for Some time past I expect there will
be many breaches thereby

Pitchinopoly
28 Oct 1774

Have the Honour to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Bellingham

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Bellingham
be directed to cause Major Stevens to Survey the Tanjore Bray
Major Stevens Wall & to estimate the Expence of rebuilding such part
Survey & Estimate as are fallen down & of repairing such parts as are likely
to give way & that Colonel Bellingham do transmit
the said Estimate to the Board

Bray

Pitt

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The Chief Engineer having been directed
Vide Cons 8 August to Examine Mr Catlett's Plan of ye
part of Ganjam & to report the Board his Opinion of
what further is Necessary Works wanting with Jor com-
pleating the Same the following Letter from him
on that Subject Dated 19th Ultimo but not delivered in
till 26th is now Read

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I understand that the Fort of
Ganjam has the exterior facing of the Ramsport
revetted in Brick to the height of Eighteen feet & a Cordon
laid upon it The interior facing is of sod raised five or six
feet above the Terreplain of the Body of the Place The Para-
pet is likewise of Sod & about one third of the Counter-
scarp of the Ditch is also faced with it The Covert way
& Glacis are yet to be made

Letter from Colonel Roche on the Subject of the Fortifications at Ganjam.

The Powder Magazine the Build-
ings over one of the Gateways & the Arcade round an
Inner Court are finished. The Apartments over the other Gateway & the
Factory House are covering in, All the other Parts of the
Accounts be Temporary

Besides the Interior Buildings
it remains to make good the Ramsport with Earth
to raise the Inner Lining of it to the Height of the Cor-
don & to finish the Parapets & Banquets all round the
Fort likewise to Compleat the Excavation of the Ditch
& form the Counterscarp and also to form a Covert way
& Glacis, For which I have a Plan to lay before Your
Honors &c.

The

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The Rampart I would have from
sixty to Seventy feet think or as much as the inner
area of the Fort will admit with convenience As the
Brick work of it is thin great Care should be taken
Vermin do not get into the ground least by burrowing
the Earth, the Rains should cause it to run Waste or endan-
ger the Wall Particular attention should therefore be
given that Ground will Walled Drains made behind the Revetments in preference to any other kind
of filling in

The Parapets must be eighteen
or Twenty feet thick & that Part
of the Rooms should be taken down and removed
in with the Main Ground that the whole may rattle
alike

There must be a Ditch fifty two
feet wide before the Salient Angles of the Bastion
the Curtins each Sixteen & the Counter Twenty feet
broad agreable to Mr Cotes Jordi Design This Width
is owing to the Face carrys the Counter Scarp drawn
by parallel to the Faces of the Bastions beyond the Angles
of the Shoulders of the Opposite ones & Face no greater
for it to defend it does not appear to me to be an advan-
tage as the Flanks of the Bastions which are battered
with Shot will by open to a greater fire than they can yield
an Enemy cannot that is not to be removed if the Ditch
& Counterway to be removed further than from the Oppo-
site of the Body of the Place that will thereby be exposed
more than is necessary

The Counter will add strength

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and Security to the whole. If any additional breadth is to be given it Should be to that which Next the Sea is, at present in preparation to the east of the Fort. It may be executed either now or hereafter, as may be most convenient

It Should have a Revetment of a proper thickness as the Sight facing that is liable to be occasionally wet, or dry can last long

It does not appear by Mr Cole's original design that he intended any Bastions before the gates, The Fronts of the Fort are so near all that they cannot admit of commodious Flanks for the Bastions & allow Sufficient thickness for their Ramparts at the same time — And as the Honble Board have been pleased to say that Gangam is only intended for Security against a Country Enemy, I think the Communications may be sufficiently secured by good Redoubts in the Places of Arms, before the Gateways. They should be revetted with Masonry & have their Parapets raised just high enough to Secure the Glacis. The Ditches before them should be twenty feet wide and as deep as that of the Body of the Place with Drawbridges over them for the Defence of which on all Arched Guard Rooms with Embrasures Loop Holes may be done on each Side of the Gateways

The Breadth of the Counterway should be from thirty to forty Feet On the Fronts where the Redoubts are placed their Parapets will Serve as Traverses to it On the Fronts that are made Places of Arms that will admit of Redoubts but not judging them Necessary now as there are no Communications to Cover. Should any be made Traverses

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at the Bastioning Angles but may be added towards
the Saliant angles of the Covertway should they be
thought Necessary taking care they do not approach
the angles too near, as in that case the Enemy may
avail themselves of them for Cover

As any slight Saving of Mason
ary that can be made within the Line be attended
with more expence than if the Work was at once
executed in a good manner I would recommend
that Revetments of a proper Height with Buttrese
proportioned to the weight they are intended to
Support be made to what Is now aimed to be done even
if less should be undertaken at a time

As the Transport of the Body
of the place is not quite Eleven feet above the Surface and it will be impossible to make Commodious Casemates under it I would therefore recommend
that Such Buildings as are wanted within the Fort
have their Lower parts made Bomb proof

As it appears there are several
Banks and Risings near the Garrison that are not
particularly expressed in the Plans &c. an accurate
Survey should be made of all the Ground within One
thousand Yards of it particularly Rising Ground that
can in any degree affect the Defence, through all by
which Sections should be taken from the Fort shewing
their position relative thereto As much of
the Earth will attend removing the Earth further, or
to ascertain with precision how it can be disposed
of to the Most Advantage without Such Plans
& Sections the people had better be employed in

Compleating

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completeating what Remains to be done within
the Fort until they are received

Port St George
19 Sept 1774

Thro' the Coast to be with Safety
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt
Patrick Ross

At the present State of the Fortifications

Resolutions in Consequence

very does not admit of any increase being expended on the Fortifications at Ganjam, except what is required for the Security of the Works already Constructed, and as it appears from the Examination of the Plans & from the foregoing report of the Chief Engineer that they are defective for want of a Survey of the Environs contiguous to the Fort it is Agreed to defer coming to a final resolution on the Subject until that Survey has been made which the Gentlemen at Ganjam will be directed to procure & furnish us with as soon as possible In the Meantime the Works already erected may be secured from decay & the Sentinel Buildings erected on, as the Defence of them is judged will be best and all Contracting however the Chief & Council to the Sum of two Thousand Arcot Rupees Monthly & Such Buildings which Sum they are not to exceed until they receive such further Orders on this Head.

Ensign Munro to be employed as a Practitioner Engineer

Ensign John Munro being recommended as qualified to act as Engineer & being now at Ganjam it is Agreed that he be Employed in that Capacity there with the Allowances of a Practitioner Engineer

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A Letter Consonant to the
foregoing resolutions to be wrote to Gangaim

Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnston
Hill
Tracy
Jonas Jordan,

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Oct 20 This day dispatched the following Letters were
wrote the 26 Instant & dispatched this Day

To Mr Alexander Davidson
Paymaster & Storekeeper at
Trichinopoly

Sir

We have appointed Mr Wm
Wynch to succeed you in the Employ of Paymaster &
Storekeeper at Trichinopoly On his Arrival therefore you
will deliver over to him the said Employ together
with Such Orders & Regulations as you have received regar-
ding them

Letter to Alex.
Davidson to deliver
over the Employ
of Paymaster &
Storekeeper at Tri-
chinopoly to
Mr Wm Wynch

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
& Servants
Alex Wynch & Council

Fort St George
26 October 1774

To Mr. William Wynch
Sir

Having appointed you to be Pay
master & Storekeeper at Trichinopoly you will be requi-
red to proceed thither and take Charge of those Employs
Mr Alexander Davidson the present Paymaster & Store-
keeper will be directed to deliver over to you, the Several
Orders & Regulations which have been made regarding
the Same

Mr Wm Wynch
to take Charge
of the Employs
of Paymaster &
Storekeeper at
Trichinopoly

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
& Servants
Alex Wynch & Council

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Wrote the following Letter to Col Bellingham. To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Bellingham
Commanding at Fairbanapoly

Sir

Letter to Colonel Bellingham to Capn Major Stevens to survey the Jaspur Boat Wall & to estimate the Expence of repairing it

I am directed by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to the Governor & Council of the 28 Instant

Capn Major Stevens is at Fairbanapoly you will be pleased to direct him to Survey the State of the Jaspur Boat wall & Estimate the Sum which will be required to Rebuild the same at that Station & to repair such other Parts as you represent to be in Danger of giving way

The President & Council desire you will not fail to give them the earliest Opportunity Notice of such Intelligence as you may receive of the Motions of the Neighbouring Powers

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Wm Petrie Secretary

d.
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Fort St George
28th Octr 1776

at

Nov 2. Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief & Council of Ganjam conformable to the Minutes of the 28th ultimo -

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

To Chas Smith Esqr
Chief & the Council
of Ganjam

Honble Sir & Sirs
Gentlemen - We have not the Delay to reply to your Letter of the 18th July as we waited for the Opinion of our Chief Engineer, whose Report we now transmit to you relative to the Works to be executed at Ganjam

Letter to Ganjam with Directions regarding the Fortifications &c

As the Plans which you sent us & those we already have of Ganjam do not include any part

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part of the Environs, you will be pleased to direct a Survey to be made in the Manner & to the Extent recommended by Colo Ross in the aforementioned Report to Parliament to send Our final Instructions respecting your Fortifications. In the Meantime you will proceed with the Interior Buildings & do nothing further to the Works except what is absolutely Necessary to preserve those, which are already decay, until you hear further from us on that head; And as we are not sufficiently informed what Interior Buildings are yet to be finished We desire you will acquaint us therewith & transmit to us Plans & Estimates of the Same* Two Thousand Rupees Monthly on your Buildings

In Consequence of the Recommendation of Lieut Munro, as qualified for the Duty of an Engineer, We have thought fit to employ him in that Capacity, for the present with the Allowances of a Practitioner Engineer

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

Alex Wynch &c Council

Fort St George
2 Nov. 1774

At a Consultation Present

Friday 4 Nov.

Alexander Wynch Esq Gov. Pres.
Joseph Smith .. George Dawson
Henry Brooke .. Saml Johnson
Jn Maxwell Stone .. Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

6 Drafts

* Ditto to the Court of Directors

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Draft of the two following Letters to Masulipatam & Ellore, having been prepared conformable to the Resolutions of the Council of the 31 Ultimo, as read.

To John Whitehill Esq
Chief &c Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam
Dispatams the Change of y Sepoy Batts to take place every two Years
Same Establishment Recommended
Duplicate
Orthography
Chief & Council

I am directed by the President & Council to Signify to you, that it has been determined to change the Sepoy Battalions Doing Duty on the Circars every two Years instead of annually as hitherto for which Regulation is to commence from the Month of January 1775

The Garrisons of Fort St George & Fort Marlborough being intended as Checks upon the Zemindars & to assist you in the Collection of y Company's Revenues, or otherwise when Military Assistance may be required in those parts, we have thought it Necessary to Direct that Colonel Stuart the Commanding Military Officer on the Circars to order the Commanding Officers at Fort St George & Fort Marlborough to comply with the Requisitions which may be made by you as Delays prejudicial to the Company's Interest would frequently happen were those Officers to wait for Orders from Ellore, before they Complied with each particular requisition which you may find it Necessary to Make

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obt Hble Servt
Wm Petrie Secy

Fort St George
2d Nov. 1774.

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To Colonel Wm Flint
Commanding the Troops on the Circars
Dependant on Masulipatam
Sir

Letter to Colonel
Flint advising
him of the Same

I am directed by the Pres.t & Council to acquaint you that it has been determined to change the Sepoy Battalions doing Duty on the Circars dependent on Masulipatam every two years, instead of annually as hitherto, & this Regulation is to commence from the Month of January 1774

The Garrisons of Samuel Cotah & Sundapilla being intended as Checks upon the Zemindars & to assist the Chief & Council of Masulipatam on the collection of the Company's Revenues, or otherwise when Military Assistance may be required The President & Council have thought proper to direct, & you are hereby directed to make Order the Officers Commanding the Garrisons to comply with any Requisition which they may receive from the said Chief & Council, as delays prejudicial to the Company's Interest would frequently happen, were those Officers to wait for Orders from Elsewhere before they complied with each particular Requisition made to them by the Chief & Council

Fort St George
4th Nov.r 1774

I am
Sr
Your most Obed.t Servant
Wm Petrie Secr.y

approved & ordered to be entered
Read the following Letter from Mr Pasley Agent
for the Circarring the Military
So

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To the Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Paymaster stating that Notwithstanding the Orders of the Board for the Regular payment of Officers Chargs Warrants have been sent in from the Subordinacies this Year.

On the Month of April last You were pleased to send an Ordinance ordering the Mode Regard to payment of the Military Officers Chargs but as it seems not to have taken Effect I am laid under the Necessity of troubling You again on the Occasion, as the Making up Cloathing for the Ensuing Year is much impeded on that Account

The Spirit & Tenor of the Order You at that time thought proper to give Sufficiently explained that all Officers Chargs should be received Quarterly by the Military Agent in Fort St George & that Credit given to the Honble Company's Cash at All our Subordinacies for them should appear in the Accounts Cash Books & in Correspondence Payable here on Demand every three Months

Notwithstanding the above explicit Order has been executed no Money has been Remitted for this Year except Six Months Officers Chargs for Madras & Dependencies this being the Case it will appear how impossible it is to furnish the Troops (who are Cloathed in Advance) with their Cloathing as has been usual in the Months of December & January I shall therefore hope that the Honble Board will be pleased to take into Consideration the Inconveniencies which are entailed by these Orders and Circumstances on the Troops on the Officers & on the Agent who is at present 6,000 Pagodas in advance & even Madras three Months in Arrear on Account of Officers Chargs

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Fort St George
2 November 1774

Read the Letter to be with much
Pleasure
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble
& most Obedient Servant
Gilbert Pasley Mil Sec

Ordered that the Accountant
to Examine the Accounts of the Subordina-
cies & to report to the Board if Credit has been given
for Military Stoppages in their Accounts every
third Month Conformable to the Order published
to that effect.

The following Letter from Vizagapatam having
been received is now Read Mil Y Department

To The Honble Alex Wynch Esq:
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Chief has laid before us your
Letter to ours dated the 27th August with One from the
Chief & Council at Ganjam dated 27th Ultimo
wherein they apply for a Party for the Government & which
your Honour &c desired should be complied with in
Consequence of which We have wrote to Capt Mat.
thews to Order Capt Candler with his Sepoy Companies
to proceed thither, taking with him his Sepoy Companies
Five Tons Three Pounders & two Tumbrils which are
at Chicacole We have also furnished them with
such Stores as they have applied for
Should We be in Want of Sepoys
in the Room of Capt Candler upon their Return from
Ganjam, we shall apply to Major Upatam com-
mandant

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conformable to your Honours & Mrs directions
The Chief has also laid before the
the Extract of the Honble Companys Orders
Dated the 29 March 1774 which have been made
publick at this Settlement

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Geo Stratton
Peter Perring
& Mr Williams

Vizagapatam
19 Octr 1774

Letter from the
Nabob ___

Read Letter from the Nabob
Country Correspondence No 103 dated 5 Instant with
Bills for Payment 28,500 Vizs 25000 on Account the
Annual Agreement for the Month of October
N 3500 for the Pennamalee District
Ordered that the Same be
discharged when the Bills become due

W Munro
Jos Smith
Geo Barwell
Henry Brooke
Sam! Johnston
J Call
Geo Stracey
Francis Fowke

At Fort St George 7 Nov.r 1774

At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Joseph Smith „ George Dawson
Henry Brooke „ Samuel Johnson
John M.c Leane „ Edward Stracey
Francis Saurdan

Monday 7 November.

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam, with Copy of a Report from M.r Engr.r Dugood.

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Masulipatam with a Report from Engineer Dugood

We have the Honor to send you here-with Copy of a Letter from M.r Engineer Dugood to Our Chief in Consequence of this Board having Ordered him to report the State of the Sepoy Barracks / Captain Whitehill being absent on Leave / & we request you will be pleased to take the Same into Consideration We Must Add We are during so much that the Chief has thought it Necessary to Order Tents to be pitched for the Sepoys in the Fort, it being judged unsafe for them to inhabit these Barracks any longer

We are respectfully
Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill
Charles Desvoeux
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
7 November 1774.

To

Fort St George 7 November 1775

To John Whitehill Esq

Chief of Masulipatam

Sir

According to your Orders I have examined the State of the Temporary Sepoy Barracks & find many of the Counter Posts Sunk Considerably & the Brick-walls giving way in many places

But the Part of the Barracks that faces the S.W. is in a dangerous situation as the Counter posts in general sink in & outwards very much & in all probability fall down with the first heavy shower of Rain

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obt & Hble Servt

Masulipatam
24 Oct 1775

pro. A Dugood 1st Engineer
a true Copy John Sullivan Secretary

When this Subject came under consideration the 6 June last the Question stated by the Chief Engineer was to consider whether it was determined to lay aside for sometime all thought of building Barracks for the Officers & Sepoys at Masulipatam but as it appears from the foregoing Report that there is an Absolute Necessity for providing some Covering for the Sepoys it is accordingly ordered to Return Capt. Whitehill the Plans & Estimates to the Chief Engineer that he may be able to form an opinion Respecting the Brick Barracks & Bandaings as immediately required & of the cheapest manner in which they can be furnished.

Ordered that the Secretary do advise the Chief Engineer accordingly

and

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Mr William Cumming Boatswain at Madura—

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To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq

President & Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Having Ever since my return

to St. Southern and been Constantly and sometimes

Violently oppressed with a Bilious Disorder and having

hitherto in Vain tried Various medicines All on the

Advice of Doctor Russin I have determined as far as

rests with myself to forego every other Consideration

but that of reestablishing if possible my health, which I

am morally certain Cannot be effected but by a

removal & that not for a short time, as the Relaxed

State which I am reduced gives me but little hopes

of its being speedily Effected

I have Therefore Honble Sirs & Sirs

to Solicit that you will be pleased to Order me

to be relieved, as it is my wish with your permis-

sion & Consent to leave this Southern Country

not to Return to it again

I have the Honor to be with

great Respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

William Cumming

Agreed that Mr Cumming's request

be complied with & that Mr Daniel be appointed to his

to be granted & Stood. Mr Daniel be appointed to his

Employ at Madura & Palam—Catah

came in the following Letter from

Lieut

Mr Cumming requests the Employ of Paymaster & Storekeeper at Madura & Palamcotah

Madura
29 Octr 1776

Mr Daniel appointed in his room

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Lieutenant Colonel Billingham at Tellicherry

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut.t
C. Billingham —

Herewith you will be pleased
to receive a Genl. Return of the Troops under my
Command with a list of Officers corresponding as
also a Return of the Hospital for the Month of Oct.r
Since I did myself the pleasure
of writing to the Governor the 28 October last proposing
doing the bad State of the Fortifications, there has not
been less than Six or Seven other Parts of the Sea
Bra. Wall tumbled down, & many other parts of
it in a very precarious condition & would cost an Enemy
but very little trouble to bring them down
Major Skene is now taking
a Survey of it, & as soon as an Estimate can be made
of the Sum required to build up & repair what parts
are damaged it shall be laid before you with all
possible dispatch
All Intelligence of any Enemy
which I may receive of the Motions or designs of the
Neighbouring Powers you may depend on having
the Earliest Notice of
My Hircarrahs who is the Head sta-
tioned at Palamcotah writes that a report gains
Credit there among the Black people & that both
of the Detachment of Hyder Nayk under the com-
mand a Sham returned attempted to Cut a Road
through a thick Wood which forms a kind of
Barrier on the Malabar side of the Travancore
Country.

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Country & that the Savages people attacked & killed upwards of one Hundred of them wounded a great many more & took a Number of Horses & Bagage

Captain Cook writes me much to the Same purpose but says he Cannot vouch for the Authenticity of it, but from the preparations & the Number of them which they are raising he must Look upon Enterprize in View & that this Design be on this part of the Country I must beg leave to inform you, as I have already done the Gov.r that very little dependance can be had on the Side of other Gen.l Carriages in this Garrison having been exposed to the Weather in the Open Air ever since the Commencement of the Expedition against Tanjore without Houses or Sheds to put them in

I have the Honor to be With Respect
Trichinopoly
3 Nov. 1774

Gen.l Carriages to be Surveyed

Gentle Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t
& very humble Serv.t
John Bellingham

Ordered that a Survey be made of the Gen.l Carriages in Garrison at Trichinopoly by the Commandant of the Fort, the Commandant of Artillery and the Engineer, who are to report to the Board their present State particularizing their several defects & distinguishing those Carriages that are repairable, from such as are not

Read Letter from the Madras Comm.y Correspondence No.106 Dat.d 5 Instant to which is annexed an Estimate of Pag.s 3161, from the total Estimated Expence of Building Barracks for the Artillery, repairing Hospitals, Smith and Carpenters

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The Nabob during of Carpenters Yard at Trichinopoly be carried to the
Expences Estimated for debit of this account Vide Consult. 28 Oct Mutinous Ent
Building Barracks for Country Correspondence N 101 but desires that such
the Artillery repairs Expences be not incurred in future
Hospital at Smiths and Ordered that the Necessary Di-
Carpenters Yard at rections be transmitted to the Commandant and
Trichinopoly be Cons. Paymaster at Trichinopoly
to this Debit

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
C Wilkins
Edward Monckton
Thomas Benyon

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Nov.r 2d This day the following Letters were dispatched

To Lieutenant Colonel Bellingham
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

By Order of the President & Coun-
cil I have this day returned to you an attested Estima
te of Repairs to be made to the Gun Carriages & a
Plan of Building a Shed for the Gun Carriages & and a
Plan of Building a Shed for the Gun Carriages & and a
Plan of Building a Shed for the Gun Carriages & and

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workmen & Mater.

als.

receive Estimates of certain Bent Dungs and repairs which
Mr Mabet has agreed to, at Fourteen pagodas
In consequence of which you
are hereby directed to furnish Workmen & Materials
for carrying on the Same agreable to the said Estimat.
Sam.
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Wm Petrie Secretary

Fort St George
9th Nov 1774.

Monday
14 Nov.

At a Consultation Present

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

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved
The following Letter has been Received from the Accountant respecting the Military Stoffages of the Subordinates &c. &c. &c. Vide Con. 4 Inst.

To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq.
President & Gov. & Council of Masulipatam
Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from the Accountant on the Subject of Military Stoffages

Agreable to your Hons Orders I have examined the Accounts of the Subordinacy's and find they have credited the Presidency for Stoffages and do for Clothing the Mili. in their respective Districts as follows

At Masulipatam

Fasly. They Credit for the Amount of Stoffages
from 1st Fasly 1773 to 31 Dec. 1773 ..... 1669.26.70
February Ditto at Ellore from Do to Do 617.15.40
Pagodas 2286.6.30
Bent

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But by the Monthly Accounts to 31st August last (which are at the last received) no Credit is given to the Presidency for Stoppages which Ought to have been received at Masulipatam & Ellore in March & June last

at Vizagapatam

They have credited regularly for the Stoppages made in that Garrison But no Credit has been given for the Stoppages at Chicacole, for April May & June last however that will probably be done in their Accounts for August which are not yet received

at Ganjam

They have at Once Credited for Stoppages received there from 1st January to 31st June last.

at Cuddalore

They have regularly Credited the Presidency every third Month for the Stoppages received there By the Method now practiced at Ellore of Crediting the Presidency at the Subordinates every third month for the Stoppages from the Military Contingent which differences will arise between their Books & those of the Presidency as it will sometimes happen that the Accounts of the receipts of the Subordinates will be paid away & carried to their Debit, in the Books of the Presidency for the same period For Order to remedy this inconvenience We have to propose that a New Head be created which may be entitled Stoppages from the Military which Head should be Credited by the Subordinates for all Sums received in that account & also by the Military Paymaster here for what he Receives & Debits for the Expence & Charging 8.ths All the Closing of the Books of the Subordinates they must always transfer the Balance of this Head to the Credit of Account Current Fort St George in the same manner as they do that of Spy Stoppages & the Military Paymaster here must also transfer the Balance on

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Let Books every year & General Books which could
shew when the whole amount of Stoppages the Receipts
& Issues

Have the Honor to be
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Geo Mauber Accountant

Fort St George
2d Nov. 1774

Abstract from the foregoing
Report that some of the Subordinacies have neglected to
Credit Fort St George Pagodas Monthly for Military Stoppa-
ges, as ordered in Consultation the 31st ulto whereby many
Inconveniencies and delays have arisen in the Business of
Cloathing the Military. Resolved that such Subordinacies
be called upon for their Reasons for not conforming to the
said order & in the Meantime that they be Strictly desir-
ed to give Credit for the amount of such Stoppages as
may be in their hands, advising the Board thereof

The Subordinacies to be called upon why they have not conformed to the Order of Consultation

The Board approve of the Alteration
recommended by the Accountant Ordered accordingly
that the Head Stoppages from the Military be substituted
for the Head of Fort St George Pagodas Ordered that
Copy of the said Report be transmitted to the Subordinac-
ies for their Government

Stoppages from the Military

Read the following Letter from
Capt Duncan at Ongole.

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

Have the Honor to acquaint you
that last night Head intelligence brought me of two
Englishmen

Letter from Captain Duncan advising of two Europeans at Nellore confined by the Nabobs Manager

To Fort St George 12 November 1774

English Seamen being at Nellore where they have been Con-
fined for some Weeks past, by Order of the Nabob there
They say that when stopt there they were in their way
to Madras & Represented themselves as being in a Stran-
ge Country & Depending entirely on the Charity of some Ma-
homedans at that place

That soon after they Entered the Service of some of the Coun-
try Powers Of which being tired they have been on their
Return to give themselves up

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very devoted &
most Obedient Servt
Alex Duncan

Ongole
6 Nov. 1774

The President reports on the Subject

The President reports that having Guard about a fortnight ago of the Circumstances mentioned in the foregoing Letter he applied to the Nabob that Orders might be sent to his Manager for the Release of the said Prisoners, & that they might be sent away under a proper Guard Orders to this Effect were accordingly given & the Prisoners have been received. The President further reports that it appears upon the Examination of these Men, that one of them deserted from a Country Vessel on the Malabar Coast & that he with Sixteen Sepoys Detachment, till he came to Goorsham Chundah, where he took an opportunity of desert-ing to Nellore. The other deserted from Captain M:Dowall Company at Ellore was some time with Ben Cusan Patamar to return to his former Service he was picked up by Cossid-ar Baba Khan & conveyed with him, until he & the other Man found means to escape to Nellore in Order to return to their Colours

men

The said Prisoners have been received

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Read the following Letter from Lt Oldham

To the Honble the President & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Finding my constitution very much impaired by this climate, I am desirous of going to Europe to reestablish my health & humbly request the favor of your permission & recommendation to the Honble the Court of Directors in Order to obtain my Rank in the Service As I cannot be happy to return to any Duty in this Country if my health prevents

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obt & Hble Servt

Jno Oldham

Vellore
12 Nov 1774

Lt Oldham

Agreed that Lieutenant Oldham be permitted to proceed to Europe for the Benefit of his health on his producing the Necessary Certificates from the Surgeons

Received the following report from the Committee of Pay & Gov & Council

To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq President
& Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report from the Committee of Accounts

We have examined the Accounts of the Out Garrisons as follows

Vellour
Tricchinopoly
Vellum
Madura
Palamcotah
Ongole

for June July & August

And have made the following Allowances

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Vellore

1 There is a Charge for Stationary to the Dfr of Adjutants which is thinck should be discontinued

Ordered accordingly

2 Chuinglepet

The Paymaster has paid Capt Stockwell 3s. 10 for Station- nary, Candles & Pens, there is a fixed allowance for Pens & Stationary, but an Allowance in Money has never been made to any Commandant for them

The Paymaster to explain the charge for Candles which is unusual

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd Servants
Go Dawson
Francis Fowke
C B. Dent
Geo. Mowbray
Andw Wagendie
John Reston

Fort St George
3 November 1774

Read the following Letter from Colonel Bonjour representing the Defects of the Quarters at Poona

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Bonjour

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Officers who have lately joined the Battalion stationed at this place together with those who are unfavorable are to come obliged me to represent to you that the Deficiency of quarters for such me to accommodate them & if the Honble Board think proper to form a Cantonment at this Place for a Battalion of Europeans it would require an Addition of Building to those existing at present for which this Battalion is compleat & the Officers shall lodged accordingly to their Rank 26 Rooms are wanting

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wanting for to allow two Captains Room to a Battalion at present only one Convenient quarter exist in the Fort for a Captain with 15 single Rooms four of them Situated between the Ramparts & the Sallyin Barracks which for want of a Proper Circulation of air are also Room dangerous to be inhabited in the Warm Season Barely fit for Store Houses which are also wanting in the Fort besides the Above quarters We have the Bungelows or Barracks and the Fort Consisting of 16 Rooms which together with the Above does not come to half the Accommodation requisite for the Battalion, Field Officers not Included leaving this Matter to your Consideration

I have the honor to Remain with the profound

Respect

Pondamalee
13 November 1774

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble &
most Obedient Servant
A Bonjour

Having well considered the foregoing representation may be thus Circumscribed Submitted to at present The Companys Servants with Difficulty can be made not admit of our paying attention to the almost daily representations of their Natives are from different parts of the Coast Rooms also is but a temporary station for a Battalion & should the Cantonments be built which have so long been in agitation the Barracks had as they are will be more than Sufficient for the Garrison which will be left there

The following Letter having been received from Vizagapatam is now Laid

To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq
President & Gov & Co Council

Fort St George the 16th Novr 1774

Of Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have received your Letter Dated the 15th Instant & consequentable to your Honours & Mrs Orders Mr Chief has wrote again to Bussa Boapatty to which we have reason to think he will not send a Satisfactory Answer - for he has been repeatedly apprised of protection & the Consequence of his persisting in Disobedience fully explained to him We beg leave to lay before your Honours &c. at one View the whole History of this Affair by Conduct for it has been so notoriously perfidious that you will perceive nothing can be plead on any Agreement with a Power may bring them to enter into

Boapatty Objections to an Expedition against him -

In 1769 & 1770 Viziapatty protected Mr Anderson & assisted him in raising distributances in Mr Anderson's Letter to your Honours &c. dated the 7th May & 7th June 1771 he mentions the detachment that was sent against him which brought him to Enter into an agreement to pay an annual tribute of 5000 Rupees & never to Act against the Honble Company in future but Our Troops had not been withdrawn than he disregarded all applications to him for this Tribute & sometimes after having joined the Mahratta Man in burning & plundering several Villages another Detachment was sent against him in April 1772 consisting of 11 Companys of Sepoys which took possession of this Country the 1st June following and as no one would undertake to rent it or be Security for its Tribute he was treated a second time when he made the most solemn Assurances to Mr Anderson & entered into an Agreement with him to pay 5000 Rupees in December

1772. 10,000 Rupees in 1773 5000 Rupees every year
after — he however made no payment in Dec:
1772 10000 the time of his death tho repeatedly
applyed to, Bira Boispatty succeeded him &
agreed to adhere to the performance his Brother engage-
ments with the Honble Company but he has
not shewn the least Inclination to do this
returning no Answer to the Letters &c
-tion which the Chief wrote to him still lately
when he offered to pay 10,000 Rupees on Condi-
-tion that his Brother's Obligations was given
back & himself exempted from paying any
Tribute in future. This Conduct will not ap-
-pear extraordinary for this Brother being de-
-sirous to act himself as head the Manage-
-ment of the Country for many years before
his death & was the person who made the two
former engagements this signed by the Brother
as the head of the family Bira Boispatty having
therefore deemed the Honble Company 3 times
we Could not take it upon us to Recommend
him being certain that he would not long regard
the Agreement he entered into than while the
Troops are in or near his Country & to Send a Detach-
-ment annually would be a greater charge
than the Collections would defray the Company
have already been at the Expence of 15,000 Rupees
for the Batta to their Troops sent against this
Country without receiving a Single Rupee in
Return

We are informed that Gub-
-gunda is about 8 Cose in length & at Some place

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At Athum 2 Leagues in breadth Intersected with Wood & Surrounded with a Range of Hills through which are three passes the Only entrance into it Athum Difficult of Access Bora Bora Patty depends for his Security on the Inaccessableness of this District & his being unassailable by any but its Inhabitants or those of the Neighbouring Pattams whose Manner of Fighting is Similar to that of Golconda if We can judge by his common Conduct he is not to be frightened by the Approach of Our Troops Capt.n Fitzgerald with his Detachment was within a Coss of his Country above 2 Months without its having the Effect of intimidating them as was expected the more Alarming the least Gesture in all that time towards an accommodation persisting in his Obstinacy till our Troops were in sight Seven of Guddy and a Which proved so on the Alloy that Near half of them fell Victims many of whom 82 Officers were Accounted for the foregoing Reasons were no probability that an expedition against this Man will 2/3 compensate the Honble Comp.y for the 1/3 Loss of Men & the Expence that will attend it much less of Recovering by that Means the Arrears of Tribute due for we understand that Bora Bonpatty has no property whatever at his Pundi What he annually collects & with Respect to the growing Crop the Securing the which is very uncertain for frequent Incursions may be expected from the Hill people whose Passes will enable them to plunder the Valleys & retain with Impunity what the Fields produce. Vizianagram may expect to experience many of them difficulties but the Expence & Inconvenience of subduing this Man will not be so great to them as to the Company for his Troops are on a Different Footing from them as they receive the same pay whether on Service or Not

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- not to be Lain exact to this Kind many of the Neighbouring
Hill Cottays who are Tributary to him & being used to that Cli-
mate can keep possession of Gudgunda which cannot be
done by the Companys troops

Having requested your Honor
& with every particular thing that has occurred to Us
We beg leave to submit the same to your consideration giving
it as our Opinion that if an Expedition is formed against
Gudgunda it will be necessary to undertake it immedi-
ately for we learn that the principal part of the Grain is
Cut in December - With Respect to how much necessary we may
Opinion it would require a Compleat Battalion of
Sepoys, in which case we should have Occasion for three
Companys from Masulipatam to be Relieved towards
the Middle of January by a Battalion from Jaggapude
Zamin Country to which there must be Troops on each
Frontier which we would propose to be part of your
Companys of Sepoys for a larger force cannot be spared
from this District as there are barely sufficient for the ordy
Intervals & Discontent.

Agreable to your Orders we have made
Enquiry with Respect to Gopee Baapatty's Country & have
that Lis Pattam is called Goodam & could learn about
600 Rupees Annually it lays much more away
the Hills than Gudgunda having only part of it
of 100 any Miles in length & that at no part broad
as inaccessable - The Moors Government ever at times
demanded Tribute of them, but Gopee Moor answers
that he never had any more to pay any, and as they
are Sensible of the Difficulties of recovering it they never
undertook to force him

We are with Respect

Honble

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Vizagapatam
29 October 1775

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo Stratton
Bertrand
Mm Williams

The Bad conduct of the Zemindar of
Gut gunda & the Inhabitants with which We have now
to Contend is set forth in Consultation
the 14 Ultimo under & the Department of Revenues But
as it appears from the foregoing Letter, that there is no
probability of this returning to his Duty we conceive
it high time to take such Measures, as may secure
the future Revenues to the Company it therefore
came now under Consideration whether to seize upon
his Zemindary for the Company or to accept of Vizia-
ramrauze's proposals contained in his Letter to Mr
Stratton Entered in the (aforementioned Consultation)
Upon Reference to what has been already wrote on this
Subject & attending to y^e Situation of the Country it
appears to the Board that it is more advisable to assist
Vizeramrauze with the Force required in
Order to subdue Bara Beaspatty & to acquire on this pre-
-posals than to Undertake a hazardous expedition
on the Company's Account which in the End may
possibly not recompence them for the Expence,
even if the Conduct of the Zemindary
could at all times be kept perfectly at his Devotion
Resolved that Instructions to this Effect be sent to the Chief
& Council of Vizagapatam, & that they be directed
to assist Vizeramrauze with three Companies of
Sepoys until he has possessed himself of Gut gunda

Vizeramrauze to take possession of Gut gunda & to be assisted with three Companies of Sepoys from Vizagapatam

Read

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Read Letter from the Nabob dated

C. C. P. P. 12 Instant Country Correspondence N.o 105

107. 108. 109

N.o 105. & 108. respecting the Encroach-

ments of the Dutch at Nagore, on the Coast of the

Great Marawar District with a Copy of the Orders

which the Nabob has Sent to Captain Bomley, to obly

the Dutch to confine themselves within the former limits

The Nabob further informs that the Governor of Negapat-

-nam has not yet Delivered up the Bills of Sale for

the Districts ceded to them by the Rajah of Tanjore Alle

the Amount of the Sum and upon the Rajah's having

Discharged 8 Lacs More the sum Stipulated Some the Said

Bills of Sale were by agreement to have been given

up.

The Nabob sends Orders to Capt.n Rumley to proceed to Kil-carra & to put a Stop to the Buildings of the Dutch there — The Governor of Negapatam has not yet delivered up the Bills of Sale

In the Dispute between the

Nabob & the Dutch if the Orders to Captain Bomley are

carried into Execution may draw us into a very disagree-

-able Embarrassment with that Power it is Agreed that

the President be desired to represent to the Nabob the

Impropriety of this proceeding to Such Extremities with

a Power in Alliance with the English without Sev-

-ere Deliberation and the Subject matter & to

Request that he will countermand the Orders Sent to

Capt. Bomley

The President to represent to the Nabob the Impropriety of this procedure so precipitately to extremities with the Dutch the Desire that he will countermand his orders to Capt Rumley —

N.o 107 With a Copy of a Letter from

the Manager at Pallamcotta advising that Tippoo Sahib

Some had Committed Distubances in the Districts belong-

-ing to the Nabob

The President informs the Board that

when the Nabob communicated the aforementioned

Intelligence to them they informed the Nabob that if it

could

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was Necessary Orders should be Sent to Bengal for a par-
-ty to march from that Garrison to protect the districts
which have been alarmed by the approach of Tippoo Saheb
The Nabob said he would consider of it but the President
has heard nothing from them since on this Subject

No. 109 with Intelligence that Tip-
-poo Saheb has proposed to himself by Capitulation of
the Fort of Goorumcondah

W Smith
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam.l Johnston
Cliff Wood
Wm Mary
Francis Fowke

Saheb

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The following Letter was this day wrote to Vizagapatam

To George Stratton Esq
Chief & the Council at
Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Vizagapatam Vizeramraze to possess himself of Gutgunda & to be assisted with three Compys of Sepoys for that purpose

We have received your Letter of the 29 Ultimo & are sorry to see from your representation on the Subject of the Reduction of the Gutgunda Zemindary on behalf of the Company would be attended with many difficulties & a considerable expence besides the almost impossibility of keeping possession of it from the remarkable unhealthyness of the Situation we have resolved to allow Vizeramraze to possess himself of that Zemindary & to assist him with three Companys of Sepoys the Extraordinary expence of which to be defrayed by him & the Sepoys to be returned to you as soon as Vizeramraze is put in possession of Gutgunda

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6th November 1774

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Freinds
A Wynch &c Council

Received the following Letter from Lt Col. Bellingham

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith you will please to receive a Copy of a Letter Received from Anjengo by it you will see that they are apprized of the Warlike preparations that is making by Hyder Ally but seem not to apprehend that he can have any Designs on the Travancore Country tho he says on any people near the

Lat

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has, but the Rajah does not seem much alarmed at it & assigns his reasons for it

I will not take upon myself to say what Hy Lo Ally's intentions are however I cannot suppose that all those preparations & assembling of Troops can be merely for the purpose of collecting the Revenues of his Country.

I have the Honor to be

Hon^ble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant

Jn^o Bellingham

Pychinopoly
12 Nov: 1774

At a Consultation Present

Alex: Wynch Esq^r Gov^r President
Joseph Smith „ George Dawson
Henry Brooke „ Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone, Edw^d Stracey
Francis Fourdan

Monday 25th Nov^r

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The Military Paymaster delivers in the following Minute

Minute of the Military Paymaster

In consequence of the Letter from the Agent for Military Cloathing to the President & Council Representing a detention of the Effects coming from the Troops at this Garrison The Military Paymaster General begs leave to inform the Board that the Effects coming from the Troops of this Garrison as well as the General others in the Carnatic has been paid the Agent Service Man the 4th Instant as consequently there for July August & September are only due to them, the Arrears of which Not being yet paid are the September accounts from the Sub Garrisons

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Gentlemen do not arrive here until the End of the ensuing Month the after which time the Whole of any Paymaster General requires four days to enter the several Accounts in his Books & abstract the Differences due to each Company when it is usual to pay the Amount to the Agents for every Thirty Days Month

Read the following Letter from the Gov.r & Council at Fort William

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Gov.r General & Council on their taking charge of the Government of Bengal.

We are to inform you of our having taken possession of the Government of this Presidency in Virtue of the late Act of Parliament & by that Act we are also charged with the particular concerns of the Company all over India we desire that as soon as possible you transmit to us a Recent State of the posture of Affairs in your Presidency respecting the Country Powers their Interest & probable connections with each other with the Companys & other European Nations & in short that you furnish us as soon as possible & from time to time with the utmost compleat Light to enable us upon those points to Form a Judgment upon them & to direct Your future Conduct

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Fort William
24 Octr. 1774

Warren Hastings
Clavering
Geo Monson
P. Barwell
Francis

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Ordered that an Answer be prepared & submitted to
the Examination of the Board

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your
Letter of the 8th Instt from the Military Department
also one from Mr Secretary Petrie of the 12.

Pursuant to our Resolutions of
the 25th September which We have the Satisfaction to
find have met with your approbation the Chief has
written a Letter to the Governing Rajah of Gaom nur.
containing the following requisitions & Setting
forth the Ill Consequences that must unavoidably
attend his refusing to comply with them

1st That he immediately discharge the Balance
due from him to 25th Sept. last amounting to
Rupees 879 21 " 10 " 8

2d That he cause the 11 Villages so long unjustly
withheld from Government to be immediately
restored

3d That his annual Jumabundy which has hitherto
been only Rupees 30,000 be for the present year
commencing 25th Sept. last Rupees 50,000

4th That the Settle on his Elder Brother Sadasiva
Bungo a Jaghire to produce 9000 Rupees clear of all
Charges & that his Wife & Family be delivered up to
them

Having taken into Consideration the Mi-
nority of the Rajah of Tanjore who has always been
very backward in the Payment of his Tributes, his
Arrears to the 25th Sept. last amounting to Pg. 732,15,2½ F. C
(which

Letter from Gaom. have communicated to the Rajah of Gaom. your the terms on which his to Govt his Demands

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which we informed you in our letter of the 3 August has
not been Complied with, we again Measure
the protection he receives from the Governor Rajah —
We are informed of Opinion that the bringing him
to a Sense of his duty included in the Instructions that
have been taken respecting the Governor Zemindary
to which his Country has Contiguous & in case of
Appeal to
the Governor Rajah he Complying with the Requisitions
we have made herein & thereby Compelling us to pro-
ceed against him the having prepared * a fleet
Convays of Provisions & Stores for three Battalions &
because the Nation of Troops towards the Governors
Country may bring the governing Rajah to a
more Speedy determination on the Subject of
our demands We have agreed to take the Pattam
of Sevvarah immediately & have accordingly issued
Orders to Captain Baudinel for that purpose
Agreable to your Orders of the 27
August relative to the resumptement of the Poligars
Rajah in his Zemindary we have desired the Chief to
send down a Vakeel to come to Gangam Bar & that
the Submissions for this Misconduct may be made
in the most publick Manner we have also desi-
red the Chief to send for the Vakeels of the different
Rajahs that they may be present on the Occasion
The Rajah of Mosbury having
paid & given Security for the Amount of 50,000
Rupees as mentioned in our Letter of yesterday
date to the Board of Treasury, Lieut. and Adju-
tant after having destroyed the Fort have eva-
cuated the Pattam & marched his Detachment to
Arkat

We are with Respect
Honble

* Ships

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Ganjam
2 Nov.r 1774

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
John Holland
Thomas Dyneley

The Steps taken by the Gentlemen at Ganjam Approv.d
the President lays before the Board

the following Letter from Mr.r Whitehill

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r &.c Council
at Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs.

The accompanying Letters ad-

Letter from Mr. Whitehill Rem. ex.d Pagoda Dec.r &c. that the Dist due 31st Mar.h may be paid to Gall Dos Bhatto. Baggavant Naigue

dressed to you & the Mahot Gov.r the Sarbah was brought to me desiring that the Lack of Rupees of the Dist due the 31st Ultimo which was to have been paid to Bagavant Naick Sooccas should be paid to Gall Dos, some Disagreement in Accounts between the Sarbah & Baggavant Naicks House having induced the Sarbah to Negociate this Business by means of Gall Dos When Gall Dos determined on these Letters, he produced the Sarbahs Receipt for the Sum. & demanded payment, but at my desire he consented to wait till I saw the as I may see you which I request I may do soon for the Sarbah the last Receipt must stand good yet as Baggavant Naick complains heavily of the Injustice done him I wish to have your Sanction before I pay the Money I am with Respect

Hon.ble Sir
Your most Ob.t humble Serv.t
John Whitehill
R.d.

Masulipatam
8 Nov.r 1774

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Read Letter from Rumsey and Doolah C.C. N.o 111
the purport of the foregoing Letter from Mr Whitehill
& the President informs the Board that it is Always
easy to Obtain some further informations on the
Subject of the foregoing Letter before an Order be
passed Agreed to defer replying to Mr Whitehills
Letter till such information can be procured

Subject to be taken into Consideration

Read Letter from the Nabob C.C. Dated the 16th Recd the 16 Inst. with Six papers of Intelligence as ent.d after the Said Letter in Country Correspondence N.o 112
Read likewise Letter from the Nabob dated 20 Inst. as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 113 with Copy of a Letter from Mr Novarez Canon at Syringapatam advising of the Arrival of a Hindoe Vaqueel with Hyder Ally from the French at Pondicherry The Nabob mentions the Report of the Arrival of a large Force at Goa from Portugal

The President acquaints the Board that he has private Advices of the Arrival of two Men of War at Goa with Troops from Portugal & that two more are shortly expected with a further reinforcement but as yet has not been able to learn any further particulars

Advices of the Arrival of Men of War & Troops at Goa from Portugal

Wm Aldercron
Joseph Smith
Geo. Darrell
Henry Brooke
Sam.l Johnson
W.m Hall
Edward Wheatley
Lawton Fowden

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At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esqr Governor Presd.
Joseph Smith „ George Dawson
Henry Brooke „ Samuel Johnson
Jn° Maxwell Stone „ Edward Straey
Francis Souvõan

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizagapatam advising of Guzzepatdos refusing to comm. thence & of his Letter to Maundesaw—

We have the Honor to enclose you Translate of Letters received from Guzzeputdoo & Jaggonaut Rauze, with the declaration of one of the Company's Hircarrahs who Carried the Governor's & Chiefs Letters to Guzzeputdoo to all which we beg leave to refer, for his extraordinary conduct in returning from Tickatty to Maundesah, instead of proceeding to this place. By these papers it appears that Guzzeputdoo was induced to take this Step from the perswasions of this people which added to his own fears, made him apprehensive that he had not sufficient assurances of safety, for though he was told in the Honble President's Letter, that he might depend on hearing further from Swin, we understand that he wants a Cowle for the safety of his Life & liberty of going from hence should he be found undeserving of hearing back his Country—In answer to his last Letter, the Chief has wrote to Swin, desiring he would argue with him of any particulars by with the Motives of his Conduct, & explain to Swin his reasons for acting as he did which must appear to the World

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so detrimental to their Interest, We have also wrote to Juggadeo to give them the most particular information in his power of what passed at Tickally during the time that Guzzapatdoo was there, as the could not account for his Extraordinary conduct in returning to Vizanderah, so soon as we receive his Answer it shall be transmitted to your Honor &co We understand from the Shiecarrah that one of Guzzapatdoo's Vakeels, when he went away from hence applied to Juggannaut Pauze by order of his Master to Meet them at Tickally, shewing a reliance on them in quieting his fears, & on the Chief hearing that Juggannaut Pauze was at Tickally he wrote to them to join with Guzzapatdoo to Come Further immediately —

— We imagine that Guzzapatdoo endeavored to satisfy to Juggannaut Pauze, as he brought them back from Garjam District where he fled thither in February 1772

We should have wrote you sooner on this Subject, but it required some time to translate the Letters Papers we have now the honor to transmit to you.

We also send you Herewith Copy of the Chiefs Letter to Bima Boopatter with Translate of his Answer just now received from them

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Stratton
P Perring
A Mr Williams

Vizagapatam
2 November 1774

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List of the Packet

N1 Translation of a Letter from Guzzepauldoo to the Chief of Vizagapatam dated 29 October 1774

2 Translation of a Letter from Jaggonnaut Sauze to the Chief of Vizagapatam received with the foregoing

3 Translation of a Letter from Ditto dated 3 Novr. 1774

4 From Guzzepauldoo to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam dated 29 October 1774

5 The Declaration of Cunjaw Tuggaprah Thircarrah

6 Translation of a Letter from the Chief to Bira Boopathy with his Answer

Vizagapatam 4th November 1774
H Harrison for Secretary

Translation of a Letter from Guzzepauldoo to the Chief of Vizagapatam dated 29 October 1774
Received 2 November 1774

As you had transmitted the Govr. of Madrass Cowle and your own Siggy thereupon is impossible — It behoved me to have proceeded immediately on the arrival of such Cowles — but you know well how unprepaired I am at present. The want of Money to defray my Expences & the want of some other Necessaries detained me thus long — since when Timmapa and Tuggunnaut Sauze harrass me & proposed me to sett out, but on Account of the Rains for these fifteen days past & the River &c. being full & that we made all expedition possible we could not proceed now the Weather being favorable we set out & reached Tickally, but as this day & to morrow are Ostamee & Nowamee (unfortunate & bad days) & the day after to Morrow being Saturday (a favourable & good day) We will travel both days & Nights & reach Vizagapatam

When

N°1.
Translate of Letter from Guzzepauldoo and Tuggunnaut Sauze, Guzzepauldoo proceeds to Tickally in his way to Vizagapatam but returns to Madrass —

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When both the Governor & yourself have favoured me with Letters, I can no longer suspect any thing on the contrary, I look upon the Governors Letter as bearing already given me possession of any own Country - with this confidence I will not wait on you - & as you have undertaken it, I trust as if it has been already effected - As I will very shortly communicate, I will not be very explicit herein Our Boorman a Pattadaar requesting of you to find Juggarow as far as here, you gave your assent thereto, but probably he may be employed with the Comp.s business but immediately on my reaching Si- -mahalleram, I will send to acquaint you of it, when you will find Juggarow to meet me & I will set out with him for Vizagapatam The Hircarrahs who brought the Govt. Letter are with me & I have forwarded this Letter by the Hir- -carrah that was sent to me since

A true Translation from the
Original Gentoo's John Quigley

Translation of a Letter from Guggunnah Rauze to the Chief of Vizagapatam received with the foregoing

N2

You write me that you think Guzzapat- -tee Sirdar delays it long. By the Company's Removal from place to place Guzzapattee and the Sepoys may after in- -terrupt his way & thereupon the people of the town with him, his intimates as well as Servants put strange notions in his head, & made him suspect me, notwithstanding that they had prospered hitherto without doubt of his safety Juggarow of Sachelly must be sent him during I sent to accompany him as far as the Limits of Sachelly

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Sachiby only I accordingly went, & met him at Cavatly where we conferred together & I have brought him (to Ragonadoporam) this Night. I find notwithstanding the Severe Suspicions Councils imposed on him, he has placed great confidence in the Letter you have transmitted him & my coming has confirmed him therein he has questioned me touching many things to which I gave him satisfactory answers & both himself & me design writing you Letters to morrow I will not be very particular therein, the Number of his Servants exceed an hundred persons & it will be impracticable for them to live in the Fort therefore you will Order a Couple of Houses to be got ready for his Reception in the Town otherwise they will live without the Bound. They wont delay it any further but will proceed very soon for Vizagapatam

A true Translation from the
Original Gentoos & John Quigley

Translation of a Letter from Juggernaut Rauze to the Chief of Vizagapatam Dated the 3d Nov. 1774

N3 On my arrival at Ragonadoporam I wrote you a Letter & so Guzzepatdoo joining me there & myself both wrote to you since whom I have had every preparation in my power to prevail on Guzzepatdoo to proceed to Vizagapatam as soon as possible, but he told me in answer "that he was convinced of the trouble I had taken in his Affair "as well as of the favor shewn to him by the President & Council that "he confided in your rendering him every service by attempting "to restore him back to his Country & that he was persuaded "you would see that Justice should be done him That he was "sensible if he lost this Opportunity his Country would never "be Settled, nor can he entertain any better hopes, but on "advising with his friends, for he was indeed to be of Opinion "that if the Crime had been committed by Poolapalloo

or

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"or himself, still one of the Company's Officers Debark
"ing certainly Mass and, which the Company will Cer-
"tainly retain in their Memory, & from whence he was in
"great fear for his Person & life. That at first the Company pro-
"mised Suggernaudoo every assistance, but they have now
"detained him at Vizagapatam, & from their Conduct he
"has not sufficient assurances of safety - That by Captain
"Camdens Company of Sepoys being detached on all Occa
"sions he was induced to believe they were sent not to approhend
& take him. That having detached on all these Oc-
"casions he was under the Necessity of an Assis-
"tance of this person & life, he added "why should they
"kill him in Vain". If they spared his life he would
go away" Accordingly one Night he was going away
on foot when Suggadoo hearing of it, he sent him word
& demonstrated to him, how improper it was for him to
thus & told him "That which Suggernaut Vanze & himself
"were with the Head nothing to fear, representing what
"a Scandal he would bring on him when he [illegible]
"this place in this Manner, at length hearing [illegible]
"he brought him back Notwithstanding all my persua-
-sions to him by Letters, by persons sent to demonstrate
the Affair & pressing over him & even my repeated assu-
rances & promises for three days together, after my ar-
joining & in short after my letting him viz "That if he
"required our Oaths we could from us making it & that
"he need not be under any apprehensions of dan-
"to his person or life, that his Country may be settled &
"that in case he cannot trust or have confidence with
"be perfected, We would return him Safe to Budgeda-
"roon, That he cannot get a better Opportunity
"than this for Settling the Country never more with

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"a better friend or supporter than the Chief of Vizagapatam
"Jabez told him during all this Satisfactory things but notwith
"standing all my persuasions & suggadoes most ardent
"& warm Councils, he is ruled by some of his Managers
"& this Vulgar people of Bimmy & who gave him to
have been causeless suspicions by telling him "That Jug-
"gernauldee was incited with promises of getting the
"Country & at last obtained, that it would be the same
"with him for they will confusion him in the same
"manner, that he & his Brother should drop all thoughts
"of getting the Country. That his Family Sajahship
"is now to be extinct & should he think proper he may
"proceed that they would not accompany him" in this
persuasion every one of his Servants and Pallankeen
Boys punished, This having of this told him "That I would
"supply him with any thing necessary & accordingly
"sent to Vizagapatam & promised giving him
"what else he required for his Disbursements ad-
"ding that if he would come without any Suspicions
"picions he might get his Place settled at this Junc-
ture without any trouble" Notwithstanding all my
Assurances to him he replied, "That he was under apprehen-
"sions for his life & that it would be best for him to save
"that, he thought himself unfortunate by not having
"had sufficient Assurances to ensure his Tranquility"
having paid all the foregoing to me in the presence
of the Company Saracan & after delivering them
written answer the yesterday proceeded to Maundevau
on which Boat last Yesterday & reached at Price
I now write you these Circumstances for your Infor-
mation

A true Translation from the
Original Gentoo's John Quigley

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No. From Guzzepatdoo to the Chief of Vizagapatam Dated Saturday 29 October 1774

In pursuance to your Orders I arrived at Ragavapooram in Tachetty & wrote you a Letter which I hope you have comprehended, As I had not sufficient Assurances or Security given me to undertake my proceeding from thence that the Storm & back which I now write to acquaint you

A true Translation from the Original Gentoos & John Dubigley

The Declaration of Cungaw Juggapah Hircarrah.

Vizagapatam 9th November 1774

No 5)

Declaration of the Hircarah & what passed between Guzzepatdoo & Juggernaut Vauze previous to the departure of the former from Tachetty.

Guzzepatdoo and Juggernaut Vauze met each other at Bassetty and after the Ceremony of visiting passed between them, Juggernaut Vauze said "That he was grieved very much, that Guzzepatdoo neglected" "That it would be no Surprize unless he met with Mountaineers & obstructed Hills before encamped & consulted" "Nevertheless" said he "I expect & hope you will be prepared & expect me now, as you have done before, he answered "That he was frail & incapable of doing any thing for himself & that the Almighty only & his good fortune could support him" After this having ordered the Force which accompanied them & all the Attendants to withdraw Juggernaut Vauze with Guzzepatdoo Gothund, Beraju this Hircarah & Boorma a Pattadar went under a Tent & conversed together in private After some time passed in this Manner Guzzepatdoo broke out & said "That he was in great fear to go to the Company, & that he knew not how Juggernaut Vauze could extricate him" To which he answered "That

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"that it would be very extraordinary, if he could not allay his fears when a Peruanah was sent from Vizagapatam & the Company's Huccarrah as well as himself came from an ally to him, "& bade him" depend on his behaviour all his doubts before he conducted him to Vizagapatam" but says Guzzapatdoo "Although you satisfy me as to every thing I ask I still find myself possessed with a fear & therefore I cannot go. Whereupon Juggunnaut Pauze told him "That he might come as far as Ragnadapooram where should he find that he gave him every Satisfaction required, then he may proceed, but if on the Contrary he might Return back (or go away)" after this, both entered their Palankeens & Juggunnaut Pauze conducted him to Ragnadapooram, where they were set down at Juggadoor House for three days after this Juggunnaut Pauze used to go once every day & talk to him in private & stay with him a long time, but what the Subject of their conference was, the Huccarrah is ignorant of. On the Fourth Night after their being at Ragnadapooram Guzzapatdoo received Intelligence of two Companies of Sepays & some Guns having reached Tellamore, this Morning he sent for Ismael Khan to make preparations for leaving the place, Whereupon Juggadoo interposed & told him That he had one Cause to fear return Juggunnaut Pauze & himself were with him & that the Companies of Sepays were going quickly their own Road Van others Servants which appeared him. The morning following Juggunnaut Pauze sent for this Peruanah & on his standing in his presence thus asked him "whether he was the Same Huccarrah who brought the Peruanah" Van Answering to the Affirmative Juggunnaute Pauze told him "That the Chief had sent him an Order to conduct Guzzapatdoo as soon as possible to Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam & that as it was then Dusheramma would be went & go & sit at Guzzapatt door Gate & ask them to set out, or give them an Answer Accordingly the two Hircarahs (this Declarant & another) went to Guzzapatt door & after praying their respects to Teeni ni the usual Form told him "that as that Day was Dusheramma a favourable day, if he designd setting out he might enter his Palankeen, & they would follow him, but if he designd otherwise, to give them an answer & dispatched them" to this Guzzapatt desired them not to be in haste, but to be patient until he talked to Juggernaut Pauze, & if he agreed with him about going he would then take them with him, if the contrary he promised giving them written answer & send them away" in the Interim Juggernaut Pauze* desired to know the Result & they informed him of every thing as above related After this they (the Hircarahs) went back to Guzzapatt door & told him "that Juggernaut Pauze was up & sitting for a long Time & if he had any thing to speak to him about he had better do it & immediately rose & came to Juggernaut Pauze, when four persons assembled Viz Coorumaia Pettadoo, Bargiy Juggadoo & Thirumulroo (Guzzapatt door & Juggernaut Pauze) & they consulted together for a considerable time after which they ordered all the attendants &c to retire & Juggernaut Pauze ordered for this Declarant told him as related by "that if he was present & they (Guzzapatt door) would not speak his Sentiments freely, therefore desired him to go out & come Round to a Window (there) & to give attention to what passed between them as it was necessary he should do & accordingly he hearing station'd himself

* sent his Peshcar to call the Hircarahs saying that they had been away a long time, "if on their coming to him Juggernaut Pauze

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himself at the Window, heard Juggernaut Banzy say "That there was no occasion for further Ancient or Private conversations when they had been about it for three days past & that there was no business for any more words, for added he "tis now about a Month & fifteen days that I have neglected my own affairs an account of your business, & the Companys Affairs are also tired & spent running about for above three two Months if you have a mind to sett out, proceed this day as tis a favorable & good one, if the Contrary you'll have & we will return back, Guzz Sput dos replied that since he was in so great Haste, he begd to let him know what he designed to do about his Affairs" to which He answered that on his (Guzz Sput dos) arrival at Vizagapatam he would procure a Statement of his Affairs to be remitted to Madras & get a Sanction there of sent from thence in about two Months & assured him that he would exert the utmost on his power & take every step possible to have his affairs settled & Adjusted & proceed never to desert him" to which Guzz Sput dos Observed that the Space of four Months was too long a time "then pray Juggernaut Banzy replied "that forty days would be elapsed before you receive a Statement of this

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causing Sammy "to all this Guzz upon doe made no answer but a low animal Silent for a long time whereupon Juggernaut Rauze continued to tell him "That he or no proceed to Join the all his Adherents did not avail Services he still persisted in his unconsistent Yarn adding "that he was not induced to come in Order to Save any thing of his own which was wholly to go to wreck "But says he Your man Boaram and Pattasadoe designedly enticed me to undertake this Business in Order to be revenged on me for having formerly imprisoned him in the Fort of Vizianagaum for a Debt he owed on Account of a Pergunnah which he rented in the Zelon on the Circle Bussow he has given sundry double enough, if it was otherwise "added he" Why so much fuss about it? If after you chose to come you might have done it. if the Contrary You could have told Me you'd rather away, but Continued he "as matters are there is the case Why should I stay any longer? If you'll permit me I will go away, for it was on Boaram Pattasadoe's telling me that it was your particular request that I undertook it saying that he got us Sued duly that upon Guzzapoldoe replied that Since he was forgiving he would also go on the Contrary way Load himself, but that he was afraid of the Company's which were stationed in this Way, therefore desired Juggernaut Rauze to let him have a Silly Horse to Escort him as far as Vizianagaum. Juggernaut Rauze returned for answer, "That it would be very improper in them to let him have any Horses to Escort him back & that Juggadoe might do if He thought proper & then Juggernaut Rauze ordered his Palankeen & rose. Set away towards Bimlapatam which Guzzapoldoe accompanied by Juggadoe struck towards Vizianagaum

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Mundeau in their Pallankeen. At this Juncture Jugga-
-gunaut rouze called this Declarant to him & told him
"if he had the whole that Passed addding "that he had not
any Argument in his Power but seemed himself affected
since the Continued perseverance in the prejudicial
advice his bad Managers had given him for it was
obvious that they had intimidated him so far that
he could hardly utter his Words & that such a person
as him could not be expected, to be able, to Transact any
thing of Consequence even if he were to wait, on the how-
-ever says he "You must go & ask him for an answer
Which he accordingly did & Guzzy paid as gave him
a Written answer, When he came back Jugga-naut Rauz
asked him if he had got an Answer & On Answering
to the Affirmative, He again Repeated, whether this
Declarant heard all the Words which passed between
them "saying that the Sad was intolerable, & continued to
be persuaded, But what could be help when he was pre-
vailed upon by the Counsels of those Persons who were about
him & desiring this Declarant to follow him they soon
reached Bonnally - Guzzy paid 200 with Jugga daos orafid
the Words & went to Mundeau - This declarant and the
Other Thereabouts with him came to this place, but was
desired by Jugga-naut to stay before they left them, to relate
if required every thing they heard & of what the Jou-
-gers in the tents without any Exaggerations What-
-ever

Signed by the Declarant
Cumjau Juggapah

A true Translation from the
Original Gentoo
P John Dunlop.

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Translation of a Letter from the Chief to Bria Patty

No 6)

Dated the October 1775

Translation of a Letter to Bria Boopathy with his answer to WM Stratton —

Thave repeatedly wrote both to you & your Brother for the Tribute you engaged to pay the Company but neither of you engaged to pay have taken any notice thereof nor returned me an answer to my Letters for which bad conduct you deserve punishment but to convince you of the Mildness of the Company's Government towards you once more & hope that immediately on seeing this Letter you will be induced to send the Money due from you to the Company or give Security for the Payment thereof. I have often told you to do this but you have not listened to my advice which I am again induced to give you for by your complying therewith you will procure the Company's favour & protection & will have no cause to be under any apprehensions of fear from any person whatever, but live happy & undisturbed in your Country But were you to look upon this in a Slight manner as you have done all my former Letters & not take a Step towards discharging this Batta but continue Obstinate you must not then blame the Company They are resolved & furnish them only who deserve it They have hitherto had great patience with you but they cannot longer bear with your disobedience & suffer you to act in such an Abominable Manner If you do not send this Money to furnish you Will be unavoidable which I fear You will be acquainted you & you will have yourself to blame for what may happen if you refuse this Order You may show this Letter to such as are your Friends if you

Love

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any, consult with them on the Subject & write me an answer immediately

A true Translation from the
Original Guntoor & John Dalrymple

Translation of a Cadjan Letter from Bira
Boopratty to George Stratton Esqr Dated 16 Nov 1774

You wrote me a Letter Yesterday
which I understood the Contents of & found in every shape as the Com-
pany's Favour & Support - On Account of the Troubles at the
Passes & on account of the Rains my whole Country
is rendered distressed, unsettled & Calamitous - What
more than this remains for me to write but only to
repeat that I confide & rely on the Company's Assistance

A true Translation from the
Original Guntoor & John Dalrymple

The Board having resolved in Consul-
tation 9 August to wait the Result of the Enquiry at Vizagapa-
tam into the Conduct of Guzzapathy, before they deter-
mined finally regarding his Zemindary & such Things
Resolution being signified to him by the President in
a Letter, wherein he was called upon to repair to Vizagapatam
and assured of the most impartial Justice but on his
refusal so to do he was told in the said Letter that his Ze-
mindary would be Convicted into Khas & himself declar-
ed unworthy of any further countenance from the Com-
pany

And as it appears by the foregoing
Letters from that Guzzapathy has urged by this Evasive investigated
by Advices, has rejected those offers, & thereby determined practi-
cally to Abandon his Zemindary, the Majority
of the Board are of Opinion & it is accordingly Resolved
that

Zemindary of Kim-
medy Forfeited to
the Company -

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that he has thereby forfeited his Commendary, agreable to the Resolutions of the 5th August, & that the said Commendary be bestowed forthwith conferred into Hardly Sands

Although the Majority of the Board flatter themselves that the justice & perspicuity of their Proceedings with Respect to Guzzy Pundoo, were already sufficiently demonstrated Nevertheless it may be necessary briefly to recapitulate the principal Steps which have been taken relative to the Commendary Affairs, that the whole may be connected together & brought under one point of View for the Inspection of the Honble by Court of Directors

Recapitulation of the Proceedings on the Kimmedy Affairs
Con 3d 10 January
To 15 February.

On the 3d January last we received the first Information of the Massacre of Ensign Wootton & his Party at Kimmedy we have the Letter sent by the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam there account positively charged the Fact upon Guzzy Pundoo Our Records noted in the Margin will shew the Orders which were sent to Vizagapatam to procure the most full & authentic Information of this Unfortunate Event, And Although the Minute of Council upon the first intelligence of it is wrote with Resentment which Naturally arose from the appearent Treachery & Barbarity of the Act, it is Nevertheless clear, that by not deferring Guzzy Pundoo immediately of this Commendary & by the Orders which were sent to Vizagapatam provided he could vindicate his Conduct a door was left open for his reconciliation with the Company To this We were led by an Opinion which prevailed & seem Circumstances gave weight to that Opinion, that a Vested & perhaps too much Favoured Jealousy of Sittaramanzi Views towards this Commendary & Suspicion that he was to be concerned in promoting by Ensign Wootton & his Party which seemed to precipitate on the Execution of this Order might have

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have prompted this unfortunate Zemindar to give
countenance of so rash an Action. All the Letters wrote
Dec. 15. 17 January at that time to Vizagapatam carry evident Marks of
21 February Enmity towards Guzzapatdoo & discouraging any Idea
of putting another in possession of this Zemindary
The troubles which ensued in the Kimmedy Country imme-
diately upon the Massacre of Guzzapatdoo flying
to the Woods with as many of his Followers as he could
upon him & Obliged out to oppose to take the Field and Command
in person of them & all the last year that time continu-
ed in disobedience & Obliged, at a Considerable Expence
to keep detachments in the Field to save the Country from
the Invades of his Followers, Never the less upon the
Dec. 7 August Receipt of a Letter from Mr Stratton enclosing a repre-
sentation from Guzzapatdoo wherein he throws the
blame of his ill Conduct upon his Uncle Pootapatdoo
expresses his Sorrow for the same & earnestly requests
to have his Zemindary restored, we immediately determined
to give him a fair Opportunity of regaining his Country
& the Company's Protection by removing all apprehen-
sions of the Influence of this Enemy against him &
ordering a candid & publick enquiry before the Chief
& Council at Vizagapatam, where Guzzapatdoo was sum-
moned to appear in order to represent every thing he
could say in exculpation of the Facts which could be
urged, So to prove his Mind still more favorably
with a confidence in our just Intentions, our Presi-
dent wrote to know as he has been before mentioned
and told him that Altho' the enquiry was to be made
at Vizagapatam yet every thing which he could then
advance would be transmitted to us for our Judgement
which was finally to determine the Whole This

Forbearance

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Forbearance & Indulgence towards a Rebellious Feminine might appear so extraordinary that we entered our Reasons for acting so at full Length in Consultation 9 August Had We determined to proceed against the Malefactors of any of our Officers with a party of Sepoys which in the Execution of the Orders of the Chief and Council to Inquisitive Satisfaction, no public acknowledgement from a disobedient Feminine for Squandering away the Company's Revenues & appearing in Arms so long against them, Such Conduct instead of prospering the Feminine with a favourable Opinion of our Government would inevitably bring disgrace & Contempt upon the Company's Authority

The Board having already found the Necessary orders respecting the Gentoo and a Feminine Suit will require some time to prepare an Answer to the Letter received from the Governor General & Council at Bengal touching the Siwee at Matters on which they desire information as read in Consultation the 21st Instant Ordered that a Letter of Congratulation be wrote to them on their taking Charge of the Government of the Presidency of Fort William.

W Munro
Joseph Smith.
Geo. Darrow
Henry Brooke
Saml. Johnston
W Monk
C Stracey
Fowler Jordan

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26th This day the following Letter was wrote & dispatched to the Governor General & Council at Fort William

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General &c Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to the Gov.Genl & Council of Fort William congratulating them on their taking Charge of that Presidency

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letting of the 22d Ultimo & beg leave to tender our best Congratulations on your having taken Charge of the Government of the Presidency of Fort William

We are now agreeably to your direction sparing as accurate a State as possible of the posture of Affairs under this presidency, respecting the Country Powers their Interest & probable connections with each other with the Company & other European Nations, which as soon as compleated shall be communicated to you

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants
W Wynch &c Council

Fort St George
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Agreeably to the Resolutions in Council Yesterday the following Letter was dispatched to Vizagapatam

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief &c Council of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Vizagapatam the Zemindary of Kimmedy conveyed to Wardly

We have received your Letter of the 4th Instant & are concerned to observe that Guzzapatam should have returned to Madras on a Method of proceeding to Vizagapatam as we might then have been enable to Obtain a more satisfactory Account of the Cause of the late Insurrection than any We have yet been able to procure After the Senti-

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Sentiments we expressed that Guzzapatoo probably was prevented from proceeding on your first Invitation to Vizagapatam by the Representations of Sittiramanuzie it appearing very unaccountable that Jaggannadh Bauze should have met him on the Road, & we were not without our Suspicions that Siri Setums from Radjamundry was privy to that Circumstance, notwithstanding to the Assurances given by Jaggannadh Bauze & the declarations of the Sheristah & the Letter from Guzzapatoo which We received this Morning with your Letter of the 17th Instant for it appears by the Purport of this Letter to you also that he was satisfied with the Presidents Letter to him & seemed disposed to pay proper regard thereto untill this meeting with Jaggannadh Bauze

Nevertheless all the reasons cannot help making them Ours, we are of opinion that the Presidents Letter to Guzzapatoo should have induced him to repair to Vizagapatam, Notwithstanding every advice he might have received to dissuade him doing so & that after this Government had given him every Assurance & opportunities of vindicating himself & had indulged him so far as even to send him a Letter from the President this Refusal to proceed forward against the said Letter must be considered as an Insult to Government which it is incumbent on us to punish & We have therefore resolved that the Country of Guzzapatoo shall be annexed unto Havelly Lands

You will cause this our Resolutions to be made publickly throughout all the Zemindary dependant on Vizagapatam with the Natives which have ordered us thereto & as we consider Guzzapatoo as having forfeited all Right to the Zemindary

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Company's Protection as far as you will forbid all Zemindars under your Government from harbouring or [illegible] to remain in their districts under pain of the Company's severest displeasure

As the Zemindars in the Districts Dependant on Mazulipatam & Ganjam cannot but have learned what has passed respecting Gurzepurdoo, we shall think it necessary to publish our Resolutions respecting him amongst them, that they may take Caution by his Example

Since our Letter of the 12th Instant you have been advised of our Resolution respecting the Zemindar of Jutgunda.

We are Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
A Wynch & Council

Fort St George
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At a Consultation Present

Monday
28 Nov.

Alex. Wynch Esq. Govr President
Joseph Smith " Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson " John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey " Francis Fourdan
W Dawson Absent in the Country for the Benefit of his health

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizag.

Since our last Letter of the 12th Inst. We are advised by Letters from Vizagapatam that the Ship had arrived at Jaggarnaidoo at Tichatly on the Subject of Gurzepurdoo's going

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Translation of a Letter from Suggadoo
to George Stratton Esq Chief of Vizagapatam
Dated the 16 November 1774
Received the 17 D°

Suggadoo's account
of Guzzapatties
return from Tickally

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going to Maundetaw to which he has returned an
answer, translate whereof We have the Honor to send
you herewith

We are with Esteem
Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
George Stratton
Peter Perring
Morgan Williams

You wrote that you am informed by
Suggadoo's and Vauzes Letter to you, that Guzzapatties in
Consequence of the Governor of Madras's Letter proceeded with an Intent
of coming to Vizagapatam, & having come to any town
stay and after staying at Ragonadapatam for three
Days returned back to Maundetaw, further desiring me to
acquaint you with the reason why Guzzapatties returned
back, What passed there, Whether any one had defuaded
him from coming on & that as you cannot conceive
this Motives going away after for having come thus far, induced you to
write to me adviing, that immediately answering your
Letter, I would write you of this Motives for leaving you
back, & to hide Nothing but write every thing any
particular, upon Search I say that nothing could have
passed without coming to my knowledge adding
that I need not be afraid of any person, not to Conceal any thing that I know, but to write down every
circumstance and not any thing for my Chop thanks &

to

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to transmit it to you, I am well pleased at it

Sumpana a Suggamant Ranze came

to me & told me that the Comin Guzzepatdar had

Committed a Crime to be forgiven him, The Governor

having wrote Guzzepatdar a Letter of Assurance to

the following purport That he need not doubt of any

thing but to confide in it as a Cooly & to come to Vizaga-

patam without fear of Time, meet the Chief & Settle

his Affairs, when he might Return to his Country &

live under Subjection to the Company and that this

Letter was forwarded him, That he was come to give

him every Satisfaction he desired & to conduct him

to Vizagapatam & since it was the Company's orders

Consequently it Concerned every one That as Mundee-

waw did not belong to this Circar, he could not go

thither, for if he was to go thither, he might entertain

suspicions & decline further into the Country, therefore

it Concerned me as much as himself Suggamant Ranze

desired I would go to Guzzepatdar at Mundeewaw &

to remove all his doubts & to tell him that the Company

would not fall off from their protestations, therefore

to rely on the assurance given him in their Letter & become

telling him also that he would not be called upon for

the Money he owed to Sittaramanze that I should tell

him all this & by removing every doubt he may have

in this Mind conduct him to Vizagapatam *yet to get

him to come as far as here I Radanadapatam I & after

they met each Other he would persuade him to ac-

quiesce by giving him all reasons of Satisfaction

he might desire & conduct him to Vizagapatam

But Should he by this Means not listen to

my advice & persue coming further desired I would

solemnly

* Last should
mistake
Pantam

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solemnly promise to see them back safe to Mon-
dustaw if he should be their desire & thus prevail
on them to come Being thus persuaded by Jugger-
naut Pauze & being of Opinion that he should un-
dertake it in Consequence of the Company's Com
-mand with Guzz-put-doss man Coorma ana Pat-
-ta doo, & Gattu da Bavajy went to Mundas au
& met Guzz-put-doo and an Engineering into the State
of their Sentiments They are understood to be of Opinion that
Coorma ana Pattadoo did not give them any hints of
its being necessary for them to proceed to Vizagapa-
-tam, but being intimate with Guzz-put-doo told
them "That fortune was favorable to them by the
"Governor of Madras having wrote to them & thereby
"shewed a regard & Esteem for them & that the Chief of
"Vizagapatam did also contribute as much as lay
"in his power to the Settling of this Affair & shewn
"a great inclination to favor them in it & likewise that
"the Rajah was also desirous that his Country be settled
" & he by thereby keep friendship with the Company.
"That Jaggernaut Pauze had come in Compliance
"to Guzz-put-doos Request to Bagnadapatam & would
"have come with us to Mundustaw, but he was afraid
"to do so, least he (Guzz-put-doo) should entertain suspi-
-cion as since he only told them to meet me at Bagnada-
-patam, That for his Simon Jaime & Relation & Welfare
for this World's sake, "he thought it incumbent to let them
also to drop all thoughts all doubtful whatsoever & pur-
-due my carrying this Country & Station to take Charge
& if he thought of going to Vizagapatam, this Affair
might be settled besides several other Persuasions, both
he being an accomplished young Man & unable to judge
right

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night & those about his person being such as only go by his Rules — Nothing did serve to allay his fears in short I prevailed on them to come as far as my place Ragonadapooram where telling him that after he had seen & conversed with Juggernaut Rauze he might if he thought proper proceed to Vizagapatam, otherwise, that I would accompany him back to Mouradavaw & as we were coming to my place & had enacted about Thirtaw he feared that it would be unsafe for him to go to Vizagapatam, for he would be dealt treacherously with, & even that your Companies of Sepoys &ca were actually detached against him — hereupon he became suspicious & Threw out about it to Juggernaut Rauze & desired him to join us near Thirtaw to give Guzzapatt battle after a few words of Sapphy, which he accordingly did & we conducted him to this place, Ragonadapooram the next day and Juggernaut Rauze made us many Advantageous offers & even assured him that he would accompany him to Vizagapatam, & procure his affairs to be settled using every persuasion in his power, but he is abandoned by God & his unfortunate & doomed to undergo more troubles, for Notwithstanding the Advantageous offers that were given him he will not take Courage, but is induced to rely on the general Surmises Reports, his Domestick Boys, Servants & Cooking Bra- -mins & other inferior Servants accompanying them if he intended going to Vizagapatam & he being a Youth was victimadated I would not at first credit any thing we said but Surmised fixt in his Resolution of not going to Vizagapatam & even entertained thoughts of leaving this Place & immediately

which

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I wandistinctly, which having come to our knowledge Juggonnaut Rauze lost all Patience & having prepaid to sett out Went & told him that if he had thought of going without any Ceremonies he would conduct him, & this Affair would be settled & that if he had any thing more to say he would Clear them up to this Gussy "put day replied "That he was not willing to go to Vizagapatam, That his people would not consent to it "& that on deliberating on Current Reports they endeavoured to be afraid" adding "that no person could "alter his destiny for tho' we are sure what it is to be, will, "& must be effected according to the Almighty Will" & accordingly & Juggonnaut Rauze headquarters from Vellore after an Absence &c. & brought him thus far it was circumstances upon me to return him safe to the place from Whence he brought him, & thereupon seeing that Nothing could be done, he was conducted back When he left this place he wrote to you that he had not sufficient Security of this Safety & therefore detained coming to Vizagapatam which he delivered to your Hircarahs & then set out [illegible] & from Ganjam expected to hear more to you such a duration Settled. The foregoing is what passed from 25th last write nothing but the Exact Truth.

A true Translation
from the Original
Gentoo Letter Dunglas
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Signed Juggadoo

The following Letter from Colonel Cosper Brad

To

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

Honble Sirs

Letter from Colonel Kaspar that he must duly inform of Promotions & reductions which the Military Expence Prepares Vegetation with Hospitals &c. recommends a Method for reducing the Number of Sick European Invalids

Did not intend troubling the Honble Board again until some further Instructions relative to my Appointment were received from Europe; but I have lately found so much difficulty in transacting the Business of my Employment according to the late Arrangements, that I must take the Liberty of requesting they will condescend to assist me with some further Orders

By the Instructions to me dated April 25. 1774 I am directed to audite all Military Accounts which are in Arrear & to see that no Bill paid on the Establishment be compared with or Bill paid on the Certificate of any or any Deputy Since that time many Promotions have taken place, many Detachments have been supplied with Cattle & Stores & many Expences have occurred in the Out Garrisons which I have received no Intimation of, & Consequently could not account for. But in Order to avoid an Appearance of discontent or an Inclination in me to create difficulties I have stopped the Accounts, the Causes of which I was totally ignorant of. If I am to continue to carry on the Business of my Department in such a Manner as may prevent any unimportant Mistakes which might happen & may affect the Office shall I must become entirely unnecessary - I flatter myself therefore the Honble Board will not be offended at my requesting that they will by some Means cause me to receive proper

Information

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Information, or that they will Clear me from all Responsibility, for otherwise any Character may suffer for the Indiscretion or negligence of other persons In the same Instructions the Honble Board are pleased to indulge me with Power Jointly to Inspect any Plan that might Lessen the Expences of the Company, This Indulgence Extends as an Injunction to mention not only every Abuse that may at present exist but also every thing that may possibly become one, from a Defect in the established Orders of the Civil & any Service, I was informed by the Court of Directors that to Superintend & Examine Contracts was one of the most Essential Duties of my Office, particularly those Relating to Fortifications, this I have before taken the Liberty of mentioning to the Honble Board who as they did not favour me with an Answer, I presume they did not think that it belongs to my Department for this important Subject This I Conceive to be, the Contract for the Hospital is inserted in the Book of Regulations, at least the Heads of it, as I have received one from the Secretary, I hope the Honble Board will not be displeased at my Offering my Sentiments thereon on that Species of Contract altho' even they should not deem it Cognizable by me, or if for want of Information I should be guilty of any Errors, I am not answerable, they will Excuse me, for the Argument I shall use will not be drawn from particular Knowledge but from Circumstances only arising from the Public appearance of things. According to the present Regulations, the Surgeons are supply the Hospitals with Attendants & Necessary Conveniencies a Certain Sum for every different person, this Kind of Contract must be

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equally detrimental to the Service; to the Surgeons
& even to the Men themselves. It is detrimental to the
Service for it causes the Lamentations of the Surgeons to
rise from the Number of their Patients, It must be
detrimental to the Surgeons, for they must always
keep more Conveniencies than are immediately requi-
site; It must be detrimental to the Men if they
are induced to sicken in the Hospitals & by that
means ruin their Constitutions. It is well known
that the Soldiers in Europe are so much addicted
to Lazyness, & if that Lazyness proceeds from the Nature
of their profession it must certainly be encreased
by the excessive heat in India, & make them on all
occasions avoid the Fatigue of doing their duty, It is
very probable that some of these Inconveniences have
been hitherto experienced, but that must be solely
owing to the Honor & disinterestedness of the Surgeons
for which they might have acted otherwise with-
out any fear of Detection, It may be supposed that
the Men can be prevented from feigning Sickness
if the Officers are sufficiently diligent & attentive
The Officers not having any Skill in Surgery cannot
possibly judge if a Soldiers Indisposition is feigned
& no person would be subject to transgress the Laws
of Humanity by denying a man every kind of
Assistance when he is really Sick In short if the
present Contract should fall into improper hands
it would destroy all Regularity & Subordination in
the Army; by making the Hospital the Receptacle
& Asylum of the Intolerant & worthless Soldiers & serve
as a temptation to Men of unsteady principles to rain
their own Constitutions by the Restrictions of the Diet &

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the Ruin of the Service. It is absolutely impossible
for me to pretend to lay before the Honble Board
a New Plan, so well digested as I could wish, for
not hope to obtain information sufficient for that
purpose but I beg leave to offer my Opinion for the
Grounds of one which may be understood compleat
by some persons who have free access to publick Papers
I should imagine if the present Plan was revised
they could not have a better, that is, to cause the Emo-
luments of the Surgeons to arise from the Care they
take of the Men, by keeping them out of the Hospi-
tals when it is ~~im~~possible & to discharge them as
soon as they can with propriety. The Natural Temp
of this Climate added to the Consideration of the
Men cause much more sickness in a Regiment
in this Country than there would be from amon-
gst the same Number in Europe. A Comparison
must not therefore be drawn between them nor
in any Opinion should the Honble Board with
him who is very limited Contract with the Surgeons
but rather consider the necessary Expence of recru-
iting the Corps of Europeans in India & endeavour
by ample Rewards to keep Men of Abilities in the Ser-
vice. The Benefit arising from their knowledge &
Experience will more than compensate for their
Emolument. If they should be deprived of all hopes
of acquiring an honest Independance, they will go
home & leave more behind but Ignorant & Adventurous
Every Slight Indisposition with them to attended with
the worst of bad Consequences. Those calculated to ab
have been the Monthly Lists for August & Sept.
of the Hospitals at Trichinopoly & Vellore where

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the Europeans are Stated and I am comparing the Account with the Total of the Pay of the Non Commissioned & Private For the same time I find it rather exceeds $\frac{3}{5}$ of that Sum The difference of the two last Months is very trifling Instead therefore of the present plan I would propose that the Surgeons should receive a Sum equal to $\frac{3}{5}$ of the Pay of all the Europeans, according to the Returns, & to bear all the Expences of the Hospitals in Time of Peace but during a War something extraordinary must be paid for those who are wounded, In Order to reimburse the Company, the Money which every Captain or Commanding Officer now pays to the Surgeons he must give to the Paymaster who will Credit the Company for it The Surgeons may probably expect that in Time of War they should have their Allowances for the Sick as well as the Wounded increased, for it may be supposed that More Men are sent to the Hospital by the Fatigues of a Campaign than while they are at their ease in a Garrison, this may be easily ascertained by comparing the Returns & Hospital Accounts from the little Experience I have had, I am induced to believe that in Time of Peace Indolence and Intemperance increases the Sick list much more than the most active War, even including the Wounded Whether this Plan may be more eligible than the present one I will not presume to say but I flatter myself the following good Consequences will arise from it The Surgeons cannot possibly be accused of encouraging the Soldiers to Death; The Men will be just as well taken Care of, For the Death of a Soldier will be as much Loss to the Surgeons when they are paid According to the Numbers on the Muster Roll— The Hospital Expences will not amount

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to make so much as at present and the Company will always have a formidable Army ready to take the Field

With Respect to the Distribution of the Money that must be fixed by the Honourable Board however I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion that if it is divided into Shares, the Surgeon Second in Council at Madras should receive a Share equal to two full Surgeons, as the time extraordinary Trouble from residing at the Presidency & besides he is subject to many contingent Expences, which the Others are not, & which cannot be inserted in the publick Accounts

3 I shall conclude this Letter with an Observation upon the present Method of recruiting the Army. There are a Number of Recruits amongst the Europeans who apply to be invalided very soon after their Arrival in this Country & many do the least duty of Service a few Months before the five Years are expired, they go to the Surgeons & report themselves for duty, the Men are very likely subject to no particular Bodily Infirmity & consequently obtain a Certificate, this entitles them to the Bounty of 25 Pagodas and in a few Weeks before even the Money is spent they are invalided again, No Person should be allowed the Bounty of an Effective Man but one who has done Duty as such for a Twelvemonth before the Date of his Certificate & for the same time after having received the Money must be detached on the Service, A Man who has never been Invalided from Bad Constitution never does much Duty & a Man who has pretended to be infirm cannot be got to remain. I should therefore recommend

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recommend that no person who has been once declared an Invalid shall receive more than 10 Pagodas return to service this Time, & even not that until he has served a twelvemonth as effective by on the account the Money & Stores are after wards with it is probable by this Means that the Number of Invalids may be diminished in future

Having proposed from a more particular Investigation of my plan relative to the Hospital, that the Sum of $\frac{3}{5}$ which I have proposed may appear to much to the Board, or may be too little for the Surgeons to do justice to the Men & derive a sufficient Profit from it for themselves but if the Principle upon which the Plan is founded is approved of, the Rest is no more than a Matter of Calculation & may be easily settled

I have the Honor to subscribe myself

Your most Obedient &

Honorable Servant

James Capper

Fort St George
Nov. 23d. 1774

Lieut Hyne

Ordered that in future all Promotions in the European or Topaz & such other Resolutions & Orders at the Board which may occasion Military Charges be communicated to Colonel Capper to enable him to answer and audit the same

Colonel Capper to the best of your knowledge have never applied for a weight of any of your papers therefore that part of the foregoing Letter what seems to convey an Insinuation that he has been access to them can have no foundation

The Fortifications and all publick Buildings

Colonel Capper to be made acquainted with all Promotions & which can affect any Military Expence —

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Buildings are carried on by Contract. The Chief Engineer appointed by the Company is immediately by his Office the Check upon the Contractor he measures the Work, certifies the measurement and quality of the Work executed & the Committee of Works examine the Contractors accounts by the Engineers measurement & the terms of the Contract

The Board having perused all that has passed lately on the Subject of the Hospitals & the consideration of the Court of Directors, it is necessary to enter into the consideration of what Colonel Kaspers has made an that head, and remark having been Observed, that the Scheme which was lately under the Consideration of the Board & recommended promises many advantages, was in some measure conformable to that recommended by Colonel Kaspers but attended with less Expence, Notwithstanding which we have thought it necessary to submit the same to the consideration of the Court of Directors

The Board are of opinion that Colonel Kaspers Observations on the present Mode of constituting Europeans are well grounded, & that the Regulations he proposes respecting Bounty Money may be of Advantage to the Service, it is therefore Resolved that the same be explained in general Orders & strictly adhered to in future

The President against the Board that Colonel Kaspers has represented to them, that he has it not in his power to Check the Hospital Charges at this Place as they are not Rendered by them Specifically this, it is thereby Ordered that Barrack & Hospital Charges

Colonel Kaspers proposed Alteration in the mode of Subsisting Hospl

Hospital Charges submitted to the Company

Charges Hospital & Barrack to be specified from the Civil Engr Monthly Accts

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Charges Hospital and Barracks transferred from the Civil to the Military Paymaster.

Charges in future be inserted in the accounts of the Military Paymaster instead of the accounts of the Civil Paymaster as has hitherto been the Custom & which has occasioned those Charges being audited by Colo. Capper

Ordered that Colonel Capper be advised conformably to the foregoing Resolutions & that he be told the Board will at all times receive & take into consideration any Letters he may propose for the Reduction of the Expence whereby the good of the Service may be promoted

The President reports that having acquainted the Nabob with the Sense of the Board pro-
con the 18th Inst. for the Order entered he had sent to Capt. Rumley requesting the Dutch at Hibarré to the Nabob acquiesced & promised to countermand the Order immediately

Nabob countermands his Order to Capt. Rumley

Read Letters from the Nabob Dat. 24 & 28 Instant with Extracts of Intelligence from the Southern Camp & the Cuddapah & Canoor Countries also Copies of Letters from the Governor of Negapatam & the Managers there at Tyagapatam as entered in Country Correspondence Vol 116 & 118

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A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
Cliff Wm
Wm Fitzhugh
Francis Fowke

Fort St George 2 December 1774

At a Consultation Present

Friday 2 Decr.

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Joseph Smith " Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson " John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey " Francis Sourdain
" Mr Dawson Absent

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

The President reports to the Board that the Select Committee have received a Letter from Mr Moyston at Poonah advising them of the Situation of Affairs in the Mahratta Government & which is now laid before the Board Agreed that a Copy of the said Letter be transmitted to the Governor General & Council, as containing the latest & most authentic accounts from those parts

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizagapatam Capt.n Pitton an application for leave to go to Bengal

We have the honor to send you herewith, Extract of a Letter from Captain Pitton an application for permission to proceed for a short time to Bengal on which We are to request your Honors & directions

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo Stratton
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Mr Williams

Vizagapatam
19 Nov.r 1774

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An Extract of a Letter from Capt Philips Pittman dated 17 November 1774

Having Occasion to signify to you any desire to get to Calcutta in January or February any next year proposing to make as short a stay there as possible, which I imagine will not exceed one Month, & then to return to pay Duty on this Cargo I hope this will meet with with your approbation & that you will Obtain the permission Necessary from the Governor & Council

A true Extract
H Crawford Secretary

Agreed that Captain Pittman have Leave to proceed to Bengal

The President says before the Board the following Representation from the Manilla Captain Soucars Against suspecting the Assignment of the Sunbala Rist - Vide Con 21 Ultimo

The Humble Representation of Shaumrao Gomasta to Goverdondas Soucar & residing in Madras

Sometime ago Nabob Nazimally Caun requested of my Master at Gatacunda to lend him a Sum of a Lack of Rupees promising to give a Pandra or Purwana of Assignment upon the Chief at Mauritspatam, to which my master answered that if he gives the Pandra it shall be first shown to the Chief & if he the Chief agrees to pay it, he will then lend the Money. On this he accordingly gave the Pandra with a Letter to the Chief besides two more Letters one to your honors & the other to Nabob Nabiyah upon the same Subject On this Pagoda Naick my Master Gomasta at Mauritspatam

The Soucars representation respecting the Assignment on Nabob Nabiyah for the Sunbala Rist upon the prior Claim to it

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Marcelipatam shewed the Said Sawaca to the Chief Who
delivered the letter directed to him at the Same time obser-
ved upon the Chief answering that he Shall write to the Governor
of Madras & Sir he sends an Order he would then agree to
pay the said Sawaca a short time after which the Said Chief
sent for Ragonada Naick & told him that he Could
the Money on Condition from Madras to pay the Money
when it should become due, & that he will pay it at the
Expiration of the Term, Ragonada Naick ac-
quainted my Master at Golconda who therefore Sent
the Money to Nizamally Cawn according to this promise

When the time for the Payment
was nearly expired the Chief of Marcelipatam told
Ragonada Naick that if he would send for a Cooly
from this Bungalow agreeable to the time which he was
desired, he will then pay him the Money at the Expi-
ration of the term at which time Ragonada Naick
came to speak to him that he would send for the Money
but in the very apprehension of the Imprudent Change of
Words in the Case of Nizamally Cawn he then Did not
regard if they were to write to him to the Contrary time
to which the Chief answers was that the Company
or their Agents are always faithful to their Words &
engagements so that as the Case agreed to pay the
Money as aforesaid he would adhere Said that he may
receive their Letter to the Contrary & he added that
Ragonada Naick should not take Security of any about
it

Seems to persist that Ragonada Naick
sent for the Receipt agreeable to the Term destined
to them by the Said Chief who Sixteen days after
the Expiration of the Term of the Payment sent

For

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Jon Bagamada Naick & told him that he had received a Letter from Runnumdevola not to pay the money without his permission so that he must get his Letter, which surprised him greatly & he went all there to my Master at Gatcondah who was much pleased to write to me to represent the foregoing to your Honor & to acquaint you that the Money was lent to Wizanuddy Cawn by the Confidence put in the Company upon my as the Chief had assured the Company as aforementioned so that I humbly hopes that your honor will be pleased to do him justice by granting a Letter to the Chief at Manadipollam directing him to pay the Money according to his Agreement & Without Regarding any other arguments to the Contrary which will be Meant to encrease the Companys Reputation more & more throughout the Country & especially among the Soucars in the Empire

Minute thereon

If inclination & credit is to be given to the foregoing representation it would appear that the Soucar Gorendoss is justly entitled to the payment of the Kist in Consequence of the Assignment on the Chief of Manapollam & his promise that it should be paid when the said Kist became due, but as it is of Consequence to be thoroughly ascertained of the truth of this particular, before we come to any determination on this Point, it is Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Mr Whitehill to be wrote to the Subyjah

Mr Whitehill to be wrote to the Subyjah

communicated to him, that he may acquaint us particularly with the Circumstances of this transaction because if it appears that he has actually procured payment of the first Pirdenah or assignment, he shall considered the Company's faith to be engaged

Mr

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For the Information made by the Nabob to the Gentlemen Deputed by the Select Committee to wait on him

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 26 Ultimo as entered in Secretary Correspondence No. 117 with copy of a Letter from this Manager at Rad. madapooram complaining of the Encroachments of the Dutch - The Nabob proposes complaining the Dutch to adhere to the Agreement Above & in Case they will not listen to reason, he hopes the Company will support him

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The Nabob again complains of the Dutch at Pit. cami

Resolved that the Nabob be informed that although there is no doubt but the Company will at all times Support him, but in the present Case it appears to the Board, that the dispute at Pitcavre may be accommodated by proper Representations to the Dutch & as the Nabob has informed the President that He some time ago wrote to the Governor of Colombo on this Subject & the President is desired to advise the Nabob to take no further Steps at present until he sees the Effects of that Letter

Agreed to wait the Effects of this Letter to the Gov. at Colombo

Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Barrow
Henry Brooke
Sam. Johnson
Hall
Wm Wray
Fowke Lowndes

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3° This day the following Letter was wrote & dispatched to
Mr Whitehill at Maisulipatam

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam
Sir

Letter to Mr Whitehill on the Subject of the Peishcash presentation

I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you, that your Letter to the President of the 8th Instant hath been laid before them relative to the demands of Ragunaut Naick & Lall Das for the payment of an Sack of Rupees on the part of the Soubah, & requesting his Sanction, in the Claims of the one or the other should be satisfied

As the Board are desirous of receiving every information before they determine on the said demands of the Peishcash, You will be pleased to furnish them as speedily as possible, with a circumstantial information of whatever hath come to your knowledge relative thereto

We accompanying Copy of a Representation to the President on the part of Ragunaut Naick's Master, declares that agreeably to your promise, & to a Perwanna by you given, a Receipt was executed by Nizam Ally, which empowered you to discharge the Sarcar's shares due & that your intentions were so to do. When Ragunaut Ned Peishcash's Letter arrived & that Lall Das Peishcash produced a forged Receipt which rendered it a Matter of doubt whether the Joint or the Second should have the preference — To ascertain Matters therefore in a clear point of View you will be pleased to transmit to the Board a Copy of Nizam Ally's Receipt to Ragunaut Naicks Master & inform them at the same time, if the said Receipt was drawn out agreeably to a form by you given And if the Particular Receipt of Lall Das, is according to the usual form of the Perwanna

I am

Sir

Fort St George December 7th

Fort St George
3d Dec. 1774

Sir

Your most Obd Hble Servt
Wm Petrie Jnr

The following Letter was this day Sent to Colonel Capper

To Colonel James Capper
Commissary General

Sir.

Sattin to Colonel Capper conforma: -ble to the Minutes of the 28th Ultimo

I am directed by the President & Coun- -cil to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 23d Inst:

In future you will be advised of all Promotions in the Europeans or Sepoys, Appointments Removals or Alterations which can affect the Expence of the Military Establishment

The Fortifications and other Pub- -lick Buildings are carried on by Contract the Chief Engineer appointed by the Company is annu- -ally by this Office the Check upon the Contractor - he exam- -ines the Work Certifies the Measurement & Quality of the Work examines the Contractors Accounts by the Engineers Measurement & the terms of the Contract

To devise a Mode for rectifying the Abuses to which the Service may be Subject by the Management of the Hospitals (on the present Footing) has for some time past been under the Con- -sideration of the Board & a Plan was suggested somewhat Similar to the One you propose, but attended with less Expence & which seemed to pro- -mise many Advantages, But the Board for Rea- -sons which they have set forth on their Minutes have Resolved to submit the Matter to the Consider- -ation of the Court of Directors

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The Board approve of the Regulation you recommend relative to the ~~ensuing~~ lifting of Journals & have directed the Necessary Orders to be issued accordingly

In Consequence of what you represented to the President, Orders are given for introducing all Hospital & Barrack Charges in the Military Paymasters Accounts that the same may be regularly audited by you

I am further directed by the President & Council again to refer to you their Proceedings at all times to receive any thing that you have to offer for the Reduction of the Expences

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Wm Petrie Secretary

Fort St George
3d Dec 1774

At a Consultation Present

Mr Wynch Esq Gov President
Joseph Smith " Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson " John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey " Francis Sourdan
" Mr Dawson absent for the benefit of his health.

Tuesday 6th Dec...

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The President reports to the Board that he called upon the Nabob this Morning, but as He was Indisposed & unable to attend to any Business, he sent his Eldest Son Abdul

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Ordered All Ummeah to obtain the President communicated the Sense of the Board regarding the dispute with the Dutch at Bitcarré

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 1st Instant as entered in Country Correspondence N.119 & Received with a Letter & Present from Hyder Ally Cawn, Copy of the said Letter & the Answer proposed to be sent by the Nabob

Read also Letter from the Nabob dated the 1st 3bre inclosing Bills for Pags 125,000 on account of last Months Bills & Letter of Congratulation from the Nabob to M.r Hastings, Copy of a Letter from his Manager at Radnadaporam & an Extract of a Letter from Mandhuree Sadasheo Recelting the Mahrattas Vaqueel who has been for some time past with the Nabob Entered in Country Correspondence N.o 120. 121. 122.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross on the Subject of the Plans & Estimates for Manadipatam. Vid. Consultations 9th June 87 Ultimo

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to transmit to the Plans & Estimates for the proposed Sepoy Barracks at Manadipatam that you were pleased to transmit to me for Examination & which I understand are intended for the Accommodation of one Battalion only for which a Building of eight Cuvid & fifty Cubits long & Sixteen feet wide is designed—

I am

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am very Sorry I cannot speak so precisely of them as I could wish as Captain Mitchell has not communicated to me his Sentiments for recommending these plans neither has he particularized the manner of their Execution or the Foundations they will require without inspection wherefore I cannot form a Judgement of the Quantity of the Materials necessary & the Estimates are so general &c. that I can receive but little assistance from them It appears on examining the Materials for the Estimate No 2 that a Cypher too much has been added to the two first Articles

I have wrote to Captain Mitchell for more particular information & in the mean time beg leave to submit to your Consideration two Plans for Sepoy Barracks

No 1 is what has been lately executed here & think answers very well for a Battalion Barrack with Flat & Span Tiles. This two Battalions of Sepoys now on Duty at the Mount Convey are accommodated in a length of two hundred & twenty three Feet of Front which I am lead to imagine so large a Building as that proposed at Masulipatam can not be necessary for one Battalion - The cost of this Building is two thousand Eighty seven Pagodas & thirty Eight Fanams But as Batannies are subject to decay & liable to be destroyed by Vermin I would recommend that all first Quarters have their Roofs framed with Teak & that they be covered with terrace

I have therefore prepared a plan of a double Building No 2 with a Roof of this kind as it may perhaps answer the Situation & will be some what Cheaper than a Single one, the Pins

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are two feet Square and laid in Chunam, the Arches that opening Towards Centre Point to support the Roof are Eighteen Inches thick & Fourteen Inches broad, the Arches of the Walls that are raised to the Opening of the Arches between the Outer Pier are only nine Inches thick, The Arched passage left open to give Air & Light & by being thus retired prevents Rain from beating in Should Doors are to be judged Necessary all the spaces between the piers that are towards the Square may be left open instead of Way thirds one as expressed in the Elevation But should a single Building be preferred as best answering the purpose I should imagine that one Side of the Square which I understand to be three hundred & fifty Feet long according to Captain Mitchells Plan will be more than can be spared Wanted for one Battalion, The Store, the Europeans Surgeons & a Room for the Assistant or Officer of the day for which purposes at the Ends may be partitioned off. This Building executed at Madras with a Terrace Roof would cost Pay: . . . . . 4550 .. 0 .. 0

That According to N° 2 in which Case Half the length will serve: . . . . . 4250 .. 0 .. 0

I am with Respect
Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
28th Novr. 1774.

The Board approve of the Plan N 2 as it is both the cheapest & seems best adapted to the purpose, Resolved accordingly that the Guard Houses at Masulipatam be directed

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for
to advertize Proposals for Building Sepoy Barracks
agreable to the Said Plan & to transmit hither such
proposals as may be Received for the Inspection of
the Board

Read the following Letter from Colonel Ross with
Major Stevens's Estimate &c.a of the Repairs at Tricha-
nopoly

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed you will receive Major Stevens's Estimate &c.a of the Repairs
at Trichinopoly And I am with the most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most humble Serv.t
Patrick Ross
Lieut.t Col.o & Chief Engr

Fort St George
28 Nov.r 1774

On the adjoining Sheets of the
Plan & Estimate Fort at Trichinopoly, I have made such Remarks, as are
Repairs Fortifica- thought necessary to explain what parts of the Ramparts &
tions at Trichi- Bastions are in danger, which together
nopoly with the Repairs, will show the Extent of the Breaches
to be rebuilt & what must be taken down to be repaired
amounting in all to 15314 Feet superficial Measure-
ment & which according to the last Judgement I can form
will cost about 12½ Pag.s P 100 Feet to rebuild in the
same Manner as formerly or Pag.s 1925½ to which I
think may be added as much More for clearing away
the Rubbish & Filling again with the Earth which will
make together Current Pags Rs 3824 8/2

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The above Estimate is not founded on any Certainty as the Extent of the damaged Parts cannot be ascertained till they are cleared away & of Course must the quantity of Mason wry & the ground to be remov-ed, Should it therefore be carried into Execution Seam-not answer, that the Expence may be very near the Sum, above specified, but as Shave has carefully as can, in the Measurement, Those it cannot dive ate much.

Besides the Remarks in the Sketch forwhich are confined solely to the Towers Bay Shave some parts of the Inner Wall much strained which Shave not taken notice of as Shthinks nothing ought to be done to them unless the absolutely Fall Down till Some Plan be brought and for the whole

Shave now to observe that the Inside of the Towers Bay Wall in some places require pointing & particularly the upper parts to keep the Rain from penetrating into it The Sea part of the Towers Bay is now entirely filled with Stones & the Street or passage that there is so small, that it would not admit of Troops or Guns from one part to another & the Inhabitants of those Houses pull the Stones from the Wall, filling the drains, dig holes & throw their filth into the Ditch The Towers Bay is only covered by three Battlements only, with deep Embra-sures through Between these are no Terraces, there is a difficult Access to them, By a Narrow Bank but it has been entirely pulled down, so that the Houses are to make room for them to assist in building their Walls on which Where the Battlements are high has been the Cause of their tumbling inwards, or continuing so

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for from a perpendicular as to strain the Exterior Revetment
& open the joints, by which means the Weather has beat in &
Trees have sprung up which through age & them but down
are by no means radicated

The Inner Wall is in general a great
deal too high & besides is loaded in several places with
high Excavations almost hanging over the Revetment, which
are of no Service whatever in Defence but on the contrary may
be battered at the distance of 500 Yards, with so much of
the inner Wall, as to make an easy account from the
Gunners Bray & not improbably from the bottom of the
Ditch. The greatest part of this wall have no other parapet but
their Battlements, or any Rampart Sufficient to cover
a Gun upon, nor is there even a passage at the foot of it
Within the Town to answer any purpose of the kind. but
like the Gunners Bray that Houses built close up to it thus
the inhabitants of which dig away by little & little so much
Earth and Stone as at length damage the Works

The Counter carp of the Ditch is in
many places fallen down during the late Monsoon
& from the Manner it is executed will ever be the case
as it is only a kind of Wall of Single rough Stones
laid in Mud, with the Rain of Water from the Cover-
ed way gets behind, & washes away the Earth & of course
the Stones & all is soon carried into the ditch. Some
are now & have been for some time Workmen employed
Carrying on a Counter carp from above the Covered way
& glacis; they are also repairing such parts of the Counter
carps as have lately fallen down

The only part of the Ditch which
has deep Water has strong Sedges which are Suffered
to grow there, & with Thistles thrown over them would

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make a most excellent passage over it there therefore by all means ought the same to be taken out

Both the Walls of the Southern part of the Fort / from A to B in the plan / which is an Augmentation to the Old Fort, is badly built & without any Foundation, particularly that of the Curtain Bray which is much exposed at the foot & I think in the Course of a few Years the greatest part must by the gross Rumble unless the whole Extent of it was to be Secured which I do not think the Wall by any means merits, as it is very rotten & built with thin Stones Gun'd outwards & Inwards & the intervening Space filled with Rubbish

I shall defer giving any particular account of the State of the Fort &c. till I have finished a Survey which I am now making

I have &c.

Fort St George 19th Nov. 1776. P Wm Stevens Engr

The President is desired to lay the foregoing Plan & Letter before the Board for their Consideration thereof.

Given at Fort St George the Days before the Board the following Letter to Lieut Colo James Lieutenant Col. James

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commander in Chief of the Forces on the
Coast of Choromandel &c

Sir

As the Season is favourable which gives us an Opportunity of instructing our young Artillerists in the Principles of their Profession I beg leave to represent how very essential it would

Letter to Gen Smith from Lt Col James recommending the Artillery for the benefit of Practice & that some Artl. Officers may be invited

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would from the Service, could our practice & va-
rious Experiments be made at a few Miles distant from
Madras; & in my humble Opinion somewhat nearer
St Thomas's Mount, would answer our purpose - This
I mention on account of the great inconvenience I
found in my last attempts at the Salt Pans being obli-
-ged to go on an encampment, where the Officers were put
to many extraordinary Expences without receiving
any Additional Allowance - But the greatest Dif-
-ficulty which to encounter was that of procuring
regularity amongst the Men, for Notwithstan-
-ding every possible attention was paid by the Officers
it proved an arduous a Task as we experienced at Fort
St George as it is impossible to prevent them from
going to Black Towns where every encouragement
is given to corrupt Soldiers by the Number of Pub-
-lick Houses & very few entertainments of that
kind; which if it does not bring them to the Hal-
-berts, it makes them spending their pay & pawn-
-ing their Cloaths; & then the last Resource is y.e
Hospital, Sorry I am, Sir, to inform you that more
than Sixty Men of the two Companies are there at
present, This Evil has been thought of by sundry
the Battalion of Europeans to Poonamalee, It
would be presumption in me to point out, the
great benefit it would afford from their Barrack
Captain Mackay is constantly representing
to me the Want of proper conveniences for practice
at Vellore - If therefore the Company of Artillery
there, was ordered to join us at this Mount, it
would be of the greatest Service to it, For true
that a compliance with this Scheme will be
attended

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attended with an additional Expence (as it will be requisite to have a Company of Lascars &c. there) Yet when you Consider that it will be the Means of bringing the Men to some perfection in their Duty (which it is impossible to do at Mad. now that it will contribute to their Health, & draw a great Number out of the Hospital, & Flatter myself if you will get it accomplished - I request an early intimation, if the Above Plan meets with your approbation, for as it requires some time to make the Necessary preparations, for Practice, the Men should go out as soon as possible I have already represented to you, Sir, that we have several Officers who are unfit for field duty, & therefore take the Liberty of mentioning their Names to you, that they may either be removed, or some other Means taken to provide for them, & that other Officers capable of withstanding the Fatigues of the Service be appointed in their Room. We have also two Officers on leave at China for the Recovery of their Health So that the Corps is at present very deficient in that Respect - The 2d Company Stationed to the Northward having been there upwards of two Years, beg leave to mention to you, that on Account of a Rumour at taking Place at the beginning of the Year it may be Relieved by the 2d Company (whose proper Line of Duty it is

I have the Honour to be with Respect
Sir
Your most Obedt & most humble Servt
Edward James
Officer

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Officers of Artillery recommended to be Incorporated from being incapable of Field Duty

Captain Lieut. Andrew Running
Fort St George 1st Lieut. George Dawes
Dec.r 1.st 1774 D.o Henry Parry

The Board are sensible of the many
reasons mentioned as pointed out by Colonel James &
S.t Thomas's Mount is strongly recommended as the
proper spot for an Hospital for encamping the Men & for the
benefit of practising, it is Agreed to Order the Artil-
lery from Madras & Vellore to encamp at the
Mount till further Orders

Agreed

The Board cannot think of tax-
ing the Company with the Expence of Travelling
the Officers, whose Names are delivered in for that pur-
pose by Colonel James, If by accounts or exchange acqui-
sition the Service, & if they answer the Recommendation
of their Commanding Officer, the Military Fund is
open to them

cannot treat
the Officers

The President acquaints the Board
that he has applied to Lieut.t to be
at pay given to Officers during
his Absence in Europe - Tending
a copy of the Company's Letter
to his Bank & receipt of arrears
of Batta Allowance having
not been in Force - whose Si-
tuation in as to the Similar

Lieutenant Black-
on application
for arrears of
Batta Allowance
while in Europe

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As the Additional Pay to Officers
serving in the Sepoy Corps, is given to them on account

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of the duty being more severe than on the Europeans
& as Lieutenant Blacker was exempted from all
Military Duty while Absent from the Coast
& part of that time another Officer did the duty &
received the Allowance he cannot therefore be
entitled to the Batta Allowance - The case of Ensign
Vigors is very different for during his Suspension he
remained in the Battalion of Sepoys, & took his tour
of Duty with the other Officers

Read the following Letter from
Ensign Samuel Jacobs

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

By the Ships of this Season Shar-
ing my Father now at present by re-
side to England on Business of im-
portance to same Family Affairs which can-
not be settled without my being on the Spot, I
am induced to Solicit for my Voyage long
Furlough which circumstances may favorably for me
& the Duty of this as by Law & Custom
I be
at Father
Shares and
&c for
the great
Sepoy to be allowed still to retain my
Rank & Commission & that you will kindly the
distressing Alternative I shall be reduced to of
either being deprived of my lively hood Share or
further

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5th of Nov. 1774

Agreed

Agreed that Ensign Jacobs be permitted to proceed to Europe

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. Bellingham & Mr. Wm Wynch Porcheyer at Trichinopoly

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Col. Bellingham with a Report Survey of Gun Carriages

Herewith you will please to receive a Report of a Survey made on the Gun Carriages &c at Trichinopoly the 15th November 74 I have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
John Bellingham

Trichinopoly
27th Nov. 1774

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Govr of Fort Saint George
Honble Sir

Letter from Mr. Wm Wynch with an Indent for Gun Carriages

Accompanying I have the honor to transmit to you an Indent for Gun Carriages made out by the Commanding Officer of Artillery by Order of Lt. Col. Bellingham

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Present the Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Wm Wynch
Paymaster & Storekeeper

Synopsis
29 Nov 1774

Ordered that the Journey & Indent
to be delivered to
the Committee of Stores to be delivered to the Committee of Stores
Read Draft of the Letter to the Gov.
Ord Draft Letters Genl & Council (as entered in the Subsequent
to Gov Gen & Coun Diary) approved & Ordered to be wrote fair
cil approved &
Wynch
Wm Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Jno Johnston
A Wills
Wm Gray
Jonathan Sumner

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6.th Wrote the following Letter to Vizagapatam.

To George Stratton Esq.r
Chief &.c Council at Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Sitting to Vizagapatam Capt. Pittman has leave to proceed to Bengal

I am directed by the President and Council to signify to you their Consent that Captain Pittman be permitted to proceed to Bengal agreable to his request.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
Wm Petrie Secretary

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8.th This day the following Letter was dispatched to the Governor General and Council at Fort William

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &.ca Council at Fort William
Gentlemen

We have already had the honour

Letter to the Gov.r General & Council

to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 24.th Oct.r last & shall now proceed to give you the Consideration in our power of the present State of Affairs, their Interest & probable connections with each other, with the Company & other European Nations

We shall first speak of the Mahratta's, This State has been invariably Governed some time past in the minority of the person who should hold the Office of Peishawship; two parties exist the Object of the One has been to support Ragaw in the Name of the late Mauduharow, in the above Office & the Object of the Other to preserve it Nominally to

Nash

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least, for the Family of Narrain Row, who was assassinated at Poona ab.t the Comm.t of last year. Until lately, the latter party, by the Assistance of the Subah of Decan seemed to have greatly the Superiority; Ragunaut Row was obliged to fly the Decan & Sons Narrainrows, hom.e since the Commencement of these Dissentions was appointed to the Office of Peshwah, the business of the Government being conducted by the leading men of that Party. By late advices, however we learn that Ragunaut Row having procured the Assistance of two powerful Mahratta Chiefs of Hindostan, has Entered the Decan, & if we may form any Judgment from appearances, seems likely in a great degree to recover his Authority. For your more Information, we beg leave to enclose to you, a Letter which the Select Committee have lately Received from Mr Mostyn the Company's Resident at Poona, What Changes the Dissentions of that State may have in the Political Interest of this part of India, we cannot take upon us to say, we may however hope that the Letter which each party has entertained in the Contents, & the attention which Each will be Obliged to pay to the Establishment of their particular Interests, will for some time at least confine this restless power within the limits of their own Country, & give peace to their Neighbours.

As the Mahratta Dominions are extended through almost every part of India it cannot be expected that We should be able to give either an accurate Account of their Revenues or their Force, which upon an emergency & when their Government is united they can bring into the

Field.

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Field

We have of late Commercial that
this power has with any European or Country pow-
er, the temporary one formed by One of the Parties,
with the Subah of Dukan excepted

The Mahratta at Nagapore
Since the death of Janoojee have been divided into
two Parties, at the head of one is Savajee Bhaanos-
tah & Mudajee Bhaansatah at the head of the
other each contending with the Regency. The former
has recognized with the Subah & the party at Poonah
& has been supported by them, & the other has taken
part with Raggunaut Row

This State we understand is tri-
butary to the Mahratta Government at Poo-
nah, at least Nominally so. The force it is able
to bring into the Field when in its Vigour may amount
but is said thirty or forty thousand horse. The Rumus
are considerable We have of late Commercial this
power has with any European Nation.

The Subahship of the Dukan, which
in the time of Nathur of the Present Subah, was so power-
ful & had such Territorial annexed to it, has
now lost the greatest part of its Strength. In the
Dissentions which prevailed in the Mahratta Go-
vernment, the Subah allured by the promises
made to him, has taken an active part & joined
the party, Called the Ministerial Party at Poo-
nah, against Raggunaut Row, He has lately
we understand received assistance with 6 Com-
panies from that Party, to the Amount of twelve
Lacks & fifty thousand Rupees & Some Money

two

we are informed has also at different times been advanced to
Lima

Of this Forces & Revenues we can say
nothing with certainty; his collections from his Tributaries
are chiefly made by a Military Force, which of course must
exhaust a Considerable part, with this proviso the Company
entered into a Treaty in the Year 1760, in Consequence
to which they now pay him an annual Peshcash of five
Lacks of Rupees for the Circars of Mustafahanagur, Raja-
mundry, Ellore & Chicacole, a Copy of which Treaty was
before Transmitted to your Presidency & to which we beg
leave to refer. We do not know that this power has any
Connection with other European Nations, the Subah of
the Deckan, the Nabobs of Cudapa & Cannoul, also
the Nabob Bazabet Jung, are his Tributaries, & are
bound as we understand to assist them when Called upon

Bazabet Jung the Brother of the
Subah of the Deckan holds the Circars of Adony & Mude-
zanagur as a Jagueire; the latter by the treaty of March
1768 with the Subah is to revert at his death, or on his
Misbehaviour to the Company. In the Mustazanagur
Circar is a Sea Port Town Called Mastapilly, from
whence they are supplied by the French with Military
Stores &c. This Country yields about twenty Lacks of Ru-
pees annually, he has a Force of about three Thousand Horse
& Foot, besides Sepoys & Black Cavalry, these said to be
attached to the French

Marraroo is a Mahratta Chief
whose Country is situated to the Southward of the Kist-
nah & respectable on account of his Family, and Re-
putation as a Soldier, His Force at present is not
Considerable, & is Tributary to the Poonah Government

Hyder

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Hyder Ally Cawn has prepared a va-
luable extensive & well regulated Government, We
cannot give you an accurate Computation of his Troops
or Forces, but all accounts agree, that he can bring into
the Field a very numerous & well equipped Army, that
he is no less exact in the Payment of his Forces, than
attentive to their Discipline, & that his Revenues are
said to amount to three Crores of Rupees, he has
taken the Opportunity while the Attention of y
Marhatas at last has been engaged by their distractions
at Poonah, to recover the whole of the Countries which
they had within these Years past wrested from
him, As We cannot speak with Certainty of the Re-
sources which Force aid if his Connections with the
French, it is almost impossible for us to touch upon
them. but thus much is evident, that by their means
he is plentifully supplied with Military Stores
& that Adventurers of this Nation are allowed if
not encouraged to enter into his Service. With this Power
the Company entered into a Treaty in the year 1769
which Still Subsists. A Copy thereof was transmitted
by your Presidency

We come now to speak of the Nabob
of Arcot the Company's ancient ally - The Possessions
he holds, including the Tanjore Country are estima-
ted by the best Accounts at upwards of two Crores of
Rupees; His Force, by the best information we can
procure, consists of ten Battalions of Sepoys, who
may be considered as Regulars, & distinguished
after the European Manner, as Battalions of five
hundred Sepoys, He has also four Regiments of Cavat-
ry, with Guns and Artillery Men attached to each, &

&c

* Long Cummin 2 Days Journey
Pallicatta

he is at present Cruizing off Mare, besides the Smugglers he Maintains, which may be estimated at between ten & twelve Thousand. The Regiments of Cavalry are Excellent Troops, having been disciplined by European Officers, but to this, & their Establishment

As the Companys Interests on this Coast are so materially affected by their connection with the Nabob and as Misunderstandings & Disputes have long subsisted which Notwithstanding our utmost endeavours do still exist we think it Necessary to enumerate some Circumstances which may serve to give you an Idea thereof

Some time after the Capture of Tanjore when We had reason to be alarmed by the Preparations of the Dutch in collecting a Considerable force at Negapatam, and When another army of Mahrattas was threatening the Peace of the Carnatic, we thought it Necessary to represent to the Nabob the Necessity of putting a Garrison of the Company's Troops into Tanjore for the better Security thereof, but altho' every Argument was used for that End, he would not Consent to it declaring that he Considered the place Sufficiently Strong in the Charge of their own Troops. When any measures are adopted by the Nabob, which in our Opinion are inconsistent with good Policy or the Interests of this Country, we never fail to remonstrate against them, by Reason & Argument to dissuade him from them but having no controuling Power over him, the Option still rests with himself

either

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...what to acquiesce in, and Endeavor to adhere to their own opinion

In this Instance of want of Confidence

In the service added another, it had been resolved to

Survey the Roads of the Carnatic as the Inconveniences

resulting from the Want of a thorough knowledge

of the Country, had been most severely felt during

the Mysore war, & a part had actually been surveyed

without any objections from the Nabob, but when

the Measures were taken for accomplishing this

Work, & the Nabob was requested to give Such Orders

to his Amuld as might facilitate the Surveyors as they

might think Necessary, he appeared to be so alarm'd

at the Idea of Surveying this Country, that however

unwillingly, we found ourselves Necessitated to

postpone this useful Undertaking

We are not only responsible for

the Safety of the Company's possessions but we are

also charged with the Protection of the Carnatic without

any Certain Resources to provide for the Exigencies

of a War - To the Nabob we are Obliged to look upon

for Money, Provisions, Bullocks &c. in short for al-

most every article Necessary to enable us to equip

& Maintain an Army in the Field, & Consequently by

it rests with him either to give them Assistance or

not, as the Measures we recommend may coincide

with his Views The truth of this was fully proved

upon a Recent occasion, when we were threatened

with an Invasion by the Mahrattas, as we have

Mentioned before - The Nabob first drew us into many

Measures, which in process of time We thought Necessary

to adopt for the Safety of the Country & we were given

to Understand, that as his Revenues depended solely

on

on the Revenues of this Country in case that was involved in War it would be out of his power to supply us with either Money or Provisions; it was in Consequence of this Declaration, that We applied to your predecessory for a Supply of Money when it was uncertain how soon the Carnatic might be attacked - the Danger of such a System is too apparent to require animadverting on. There are Circumstances which Materially Concern the Company's Interest & We have repeatedly represented them in the most earnest Manner in our Departments to the Court of Directors

Our Expences on the Coast in time of Peace are generally about Fourteen Lacks of Pagodas & the Investment for Europe Six Lacks, which makes the Disbursements on the Coast amount to twenty Lacks of Pagodas. The annual amount of the Revenues upon a mean Estimation may be estimated at Upwards of sixteen Lacks. & the Sums paid by the Nabob in Certain Risto, in the Course of things, for the pay of the Troops kept by the Company on his Account & the Expences of the Garrisons defrayed by them put about four Lacks, making in all twenty Lacks of Pagodas; but of these Receipts, near eight Lacks are to be paid by the Nabob, for exclusive of the Money advanced on his Account mentioned as above at four Lacks, he has by the Company's Orders the Revenues Lands at Barr Pur Pay. 3,60,350 ~ P Annum out of which is likewise Received in Certain Risto payable in the Course of the Year, but even this Receipts, from the Nabobs own Declarations must become precarious

precautions in time of War

With Regard to the Commotions of the Nabob with other Europeans & with the Country Powers We inclose you the Copies of the Treaties subsisting between them & the French, the Dutch & the Rajah of Travancore, We know not of any other Alliances that he has entered into, independant of the Company's Correspondence but for a Considerable time past been Carried on between him & Hyder Ally Cawn, but from the Jealousy they entertain of each other, there appears little probability of a treaty Union ever taking place

The Force of the Country Powers in this Country is nearly as follows, between Nine hundred & a thousand Europeans, and about Four hundred blacks, Including Coffrees & Topasses, Their Revenues and Customs are said to be one hundred & thirty four thousand Pagodas a year & their Annual Expences two Hundred & Sixty Four thousand Pagodas

With Respect to the Dutch they have Sent back Troops which we have before Observed they had collected at Negapatam from Java after the Reduction of Tranjore & have Reduced their Military Establishment to its former Footing & the Troops which they entertained at the same time, have since been disbanded

We learn by private Advices that the Portuguese at Goa have lately received a Considerable reinforcement of Troops from Europe at the Rate of War, & that two others are Expected with a further Supply of Troops

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To
The Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Govr &c Council
Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Vizagapatam
1 Decr 1774

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Humble Servts
A Wynch & Council

At a Consultation Present

Monday
12 Decr

Alexr Wynch Esq. Govr President
Joseph Smith „ Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson „ J. Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey „ Francis Fowrdan

Mr Dawson Absent

For the benefit of this Coast

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approvd

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam with Translate of Letter from Guzzapatdar to ye Chief

Letter from Vizagapm

This Serves to Enclose your Honrs &c Translate of a Letter from Guzzapatdar in answer to one wrote to him by the Chief as we before advised you of in our Letter dated the 24 Ultimo we hear that Guzzapatdar is on the borders of the Naidu Country near Kimmedy

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Servants
Geo Stratton
P Perring
Jno Williams

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Translation of a Letter from Guzzaphe Dow
To George Stratton Esq dated 24 Nov. 1774

Letter from Guzzaphe

The receipt of your Letter has given me much Joy you write that you are surprised at my writing you that I had returned back for want of sufficient security. I put a due confidence in both your own as well as the Governors Letters & proceeded to Allundeaw, where according to my with Juggernant Pauze came to me, & encouraged me in every manner & conducted me to Tachaley but my Letters did not approve of my proceeding to Viz agapatam upon their Assurances, which induced me to return back, You also observe that I had only replied to yours & of my not having answered the Governors Letter, which did I conceive it to the Governor, about any thing concerning me D. Were you even beneficence you took my Case into Consideration for did me I was pleased to write in my behalf & procured Cowles & Sannads in my favor & therefore I look on you as the Boom of the Governor & have accordingly wrote to you. You likewise desire to know my motives for not placing a reliance on the Assurances given me by the Governor & yourself, to this Reply that I as I am at this Juncture circumstanced & my circumstances not affording me Necessaries for the Purpose I declined waiting on you However as I was proceeding with a View of Wandering with despair. You were pleased to favor me with your Letters & Sandaul to me to Stop & remain where I am, if you design to befriend me please to Send Juggarow to fetch me in possession of Whereby I after I am arrived

Here

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There you will find me ready to wait on you
You will be pleased to take the petition into Con-
-sideration & write me whether I may expect to
be reinstated or not. I am ready to acquiesce to
any decision which shall be approved of by You for
leading the Remainder of my life in
What I can say more

A true Translation from
the Original Gentoo's John Dingley

The following Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Billing-
-hamread
To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Lett.r from Lieutenant Colonel Billingham respecting certain Stoppages for the Men in Hospital at

Honour the you will please to
receive the general Abstract of Returns of this Garri-
son for the Month of November by the Hospital
Returns you will see that a considerable part of the
Garrison are under the Care of the Surgeons. One hundred
& Seventeen [117] of whom are in for the Venereal disorder &
notwithstanding there are every means thought of, to check, or
put a stop to this growing evil, I do suppose, in a Month
or two more there will not be men sufficient to Mount
the guards

I have used every means in my
power to prevent it. I have sent at least (from time to
time) one hundred of those Vile prostitutes out of the
Garrison, & the Black Town Cadies, but to very little
purpose, for more of them than ever Ever start to do, start
not

It is always the Worst & Idlest set
of men that are most frequently in the Hospital

by

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by which means they are incapable of Serving, & the Duty in Consequence comes heavy on Gentlemen, it is therefore my humble Opinion, they should be made to Suffer for their Intemperance in the same manner as is practised in the Kings Service, where they have to pay 8 more to do with it than the Soldiers in India & then may an Serjeant Six Shillings for the Loss of the Post & Four for a Chop, which is many is employed in sending Messages & Conveniencies for the Hospital, & as soon as the Surgeon declares a Man Cured, the Money is Immediately paid to him by the Company in Order to its being laid out for the Common benefit of the Sick in the Hospital who are afflicted with Venereal disorders

Were you Gentlemen to Issue some such Order as these, I think it must have a good Effect & besides paying for their Cure, there should be an Account kept of every Guard they miss which in the Hospital & be Obliged to bring them up after they come out; but as our Hospitals are upon a much better plan & are better provided with all their Necessaries (that a Sick Soldier may want) than the Regimental Hospitals in England, therefore instead of my proposing the Stoppages as above, I think it would be for the good of the Service to give it to the Surgeons, & Oblige them to Cure all the Infected Women that shall after in any be found in any of our Garrisons

At present it is not Consistant with the Surgeons interest either to Cure or detect those poor unhappy creatures

The Subscribing Servts of Gentlemen

Shall ever be Respectfully at Your Service

Commands

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Commander Jn Hyder Ally at Dindegull is now
employed in the Reduction of a Polygar Named
Gundapah Naick, who has fled from his Capi-
tal Nacining apparam, into the Woods, on the Confines
of the Travancore Country & whom Saib was Collec-
ting Men & Other materials in Order to Cut a Road
through those Woods to Come at him & Understand he
without quit them till he has extirpated him
& his whole Race & Intends when he has done to
Erect a Fort after he has Cleared away the Woods how
the Travancore Rajah will Relish such a Neighbour
close upon the back of his Country I know not, but
it appears to me that he has other Views in Cutting
a Road through those Woods than the Extirpation of
the Above Polygar the Troops that Mon Saib has with
him on this Expedition are Above 1000 Foot 2000
Mahrattahs 3000 Peons Sundry Cattle in 2 Guns & 5 Small
Guns.

He has left in Dindegull 100 Men
& 300 Hundred Foot & it is Currently Reported that
15,000 Mahrattas are shortly to Join Hyder Ally

I have the honour to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
Faithfull humble Servant
John Billingsley

Agreed that General Smith
be desired to give his Sanction to Lieutenant Lt
Billingsham's Scheme for Reducing the Number of
Patients in the Hospital

The Governor lays before the Board
the following Letter which he has received from Gen.l
Clavering

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To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
Govr of Fort St George
Sir

I have the Honour to inform you that Lieutenant Mordaunt is arrived here with the permission you have been so good to give him & it will be both unjust & Necessary to the General Appointment which has been given me to Command the Forces of the Honble East India Company in Asia, that I should have an Aid de Camp whose acquainted with the Service on the Coast of Choromandel, I should Esteem it as a great favor if you would be pleased to lay my Request before the Council that he may have your & their Consent to be appointed my Aid de Camp.

I have the Honor to be with
great Respect
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
J. Clavering

Calcutta
Nov. 21. 1774

Granted this
day to be drawn
here —

Agreed that the President do signify to General Clavering that Lieutenant Mordaunt has leave to be appointed his Aid de Camp — Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint Lt Mordaunt therewith & congratulate him at the same time, that his pay as Lieutenant must be drawn at this Presidency during his absence.

Read the following Letter from
Mr Duncan Buchanan Surgeon at Cuddalore
To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &ca Council
of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Being

Lr to the Secretary
Observing during
that Lt Mordaunt
of our Establish-
ment may have
permission to be
appointed his
Aid. De Camp

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Letter from Dr Buchanan Surgeon, that the Allowances of the late Lt Maitland may revert to the Bounty

Being informed that Allowances are occasionally granted out of the Honble Company's Contingent Military Fund, to Relations of Officers who died in the Service, I have taken the liberty to address your Honor &c. in behalf of the Misses Catharine & Sophia Maitland, whose Father was Adjt Lieutenant on this Establishment & Aide de Camp to the Commanding Officer, lost his leg by a Cannon Shot, upon actual Service at the Siege of Madura, of which Wound he soon after wards died, having a Widow & three Children in very indigent Circumstances, one of which being a Son lately became Heir to a small Real Estate, but the two Daughters can receive no benefit from such, & are now in England for their Education supported at the Expence of their Friends &c

I do hope that the above Circumstances may be recollected by every Member of Council & that the Misses Maitlands will be allowed proper objects to partake of the Bounty. I beg leave to request of your Honor to Recommend them for such an Allowance out of the Contingent Military Fund as the Honble Court of Directors in their Goodness may think proper to grant. Your Honor I hope will be engaged as to excuse this trouble & favour me with an Answer which will very much Oblige

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
Dr Buchanan

Cuddalore
24 Sept 1774

PS

The Misses Maitlands are under the Care of Mr Tolan Lieut and when will apply for them to the Honble the Court of Directors

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Directors if you are pleased to grant my Request —

As far as the Board are acquainted with the Subject of the foregoing Letter Mr Buchanan has justly stated the Circumstances, on which the application is founded in favor of the Daughters of the late Lieut.t Maitland but as the Board have not Authority to admit them to the Military Fund, it is Agreed to Submit their Case to the Consideration of the Court of Directors

Referred to the Court of Directors

The following Letter is now Read from Mr James Peters Surgeon

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Peters applies for the Hospital at Vizianapoly when it shall become Vacant —

that it is very probable there will be a Vacancy for a Surgeon at Vizianapoly in a few Months Hog leave to remind you of my having now employed 8 Years faithfully in the Service, together with the Approbation of Mr Parby the Senior Surgeon, whom I have succeeded & my having a Family to Support may be some Inducement to you Honble Sir & Sirs to Consider me on this Occasion.

I am with Deference & Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
humble Servant
Ja.s Peters

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The appointment of a Surgeon to Vizianapoly will come properly under Consideration when the Vacancy happens there, Mr Sprowle there

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There is name a Batteaux, Mr Bates has addressed this
No Vacancy at present. Board on the Subject, it may not be improper to
Remark here that from the Opinion formerly given
by the Principal Surgeon of Mr Bates which Opinion
stands upon Record, it should seem that he is a very
unfit Person to be entrusted with the Charge of our
Hospital

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Watson

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lieut. Watson asking for leave to go home

Letter by the Honble Company's
Ship Calcutta having brought me an account of my
Father's death, by which I succeed to a Certain Income,
with other Family matters of the utmost Consequence
requiring my presence in Europe, I am extremely
urgent for leave to return by one of this Ships Expected from Bengal, & that you will be pleased to order
me a Passage

I have also to beg that you will please
to Mention me in Such a Manner to the Honble
Board of Directors as may entitle me to their favor
so as to have my Rank continued in their army
in India

I am with due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most devoted Servant
Henry Watson
Lieut.t & Qr. M.r 1 Batt.n 2 Brigade

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Agent

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Agreed that Lieutenant Watson be

Granted permitted to proceed to Europe

Read two Letters from the Nabob dated 4 Instant. Has appointed Abdul Rauf to transact the Business of Tripasore & Co districts.

Papers of Intelligence from the Southern Camps to the 21st Ultimo as entered in Country Correspondence No. 123 & 124

A Wynch

Joseph Smith

Geo. Dawson

Henry Brooke

Sam. Johnston

J Hill

Francis Fowke

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12 Comm. in the following Letter from Lt Col. B. Wingham
To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col. B. Wingham

In my Letter to you of the 3d Instant I informed your Honor &c. how Mem Saib was employed on the reduction of a Polygar on the back of the Travancore Country on my Hircarrahs being this day arrived from thence brings the following Intelligence Viz.

That Mem Saib had set a part two Companies of People to Cut a road through the Wood to Walay Nandrum the place where the head Polygar had retired to, that the Polygar had surprized a Cut of a great many of the Workmen & Obliged them Mem Saib to retreat a little way, that as soon as this people were all the rear had from the Jungle, they returned to the Charge with double the Number of People & Workmen & Obliged them to retreat in their turn & Continues to clear away through the Woods without Intermission

The day before the Hircarrah left the Camp, there was two Coffrees Hircarrahs arrived from Hyder with Orders for Mem Saib to be as expeditious as possible with the Business he was engaged in & to join the Army near Syringapatam without loss of time

Hyder has given Orders to lay in a large quantity of Provisions & Stores in all the Forts near the Passes, It is also reported in the Camp that Sirdar Cawn Bayer, a Brahmin who commands One Thousand Horse is on his March from the Malabar Coast to Syringapatam

Sd

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It is this instant reported that a Vackeel is coming from the Mahrattas to Hyder Ally, to consult with him about some business of very great Importance, but what this business is, as yet remains a Secret.

I am not a little uneasy about some of my people who have been gone from hence to Tyrinjapatam upwards of One Month, & have not been heard of since, which makes me apprehend that some Mischief has befallen them. I have the Honor to be with Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

John Bellingham

Trichinopoly
8th Dec.r 177-

This day the following Letter was wrote by the President to Lt Gen.l Clavering

To Lieutenant General Clavering

Commander in Chief of the Hon.ble

Company's Forces in India

Sir

Letter to Gen.l Clavering.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 25th Ultimo and agreable to your Request I communicated your application to the Council

I have now the pleasure to acquaint you, that the President & Council consent to Lieutenant Mordaunts being appointed your Aid de Camp

I have the honor to be with Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servt

Alex.r Wynch

Aid

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Sent by the Secretary to St. Mordaunt

To St John. Mordaunt

Sir

Letter to St Mordaunt

I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you that in Consequence of Genl. Clavering's application, you have their permission to be appointed his Aid de Camp

I am further directed to desire you will appoint some person to draw your pay at this Presidency, as Lieutenant upon the Coast Establishment

desire.

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Williams Sibbald
Sec.y

Fort George
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By Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief & the Council at Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam to advertize Proposals for building Survey Barracks there Engineer to Correspond with our Chief Engineer all matters which come under the Engr.s Department

Herewith you will receive Copy of a Letter from our Chief Engineer, with Respect to the Survey Barracks, proposed to be erected at Masulipatam together with a Plan & Estimate drawn out by him for that purpose, on a less extensive scale, than that which you have transmitted to us for our approbation

We also send Plans of our Chief Engineer, being sufficient as we conceive, to answer all the purposes intended by Survey Barracks. We hereby direct that you cause Advertizements &c.

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to be assisted for receiving Stated proposals for contracting for the Same, & that you transmit to us, for our final Determination all such tenders as you shall receive to that end

As it is proper & Necessary that the Chief Engineer should be Consulted on all matters respecting the Works & Buildings at the Several Settlements it is expedient that he Should be furnished with every information that may serve to direct his Judgement thereon. You will therefore direct the Engineers at your Settlement to Correspond at all times with the Chief Engineer, & to give him every Necessary information respecting the Works & Buildings, & that previous to his laying any plan before you, he do advise the Chief Engineer of the Matters for his perusing the Same, of the ground of his Estimates & of every other Material Circumstance, in Order that he may receive the Chief Engineers Opinion thereon, who will also, whereby the better enabled to form his Judgements & give us his Sentiments when the Matter comes before us for our final Determination

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

& Wynch &c.a Council

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17.- This day the following Letters were wrote & Dispatched

To Colonel Ross Lang

Or the Officer Commanding

at Vellore

Sir

I

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Lettre Colonel
Lang, Company
of Artillery &c to
proceed to the Mount

I am Ordered by the President & Council to Signify to you the following Orders Viz.

That upon the Receipt Hereof the Company of Artillery under the Command of Captain Donald Mackay do proceed from Fort St George Colonel James Wood Stewart Mounted bringing with them two Brass 12 Pdrs & four 6 Pdrs with a Compleat Company of Lascars a proper Number of Bullocks for the Guns &c & a Company of Sepoys three Non Commissioned & six Private Invalid Artillery will be sent from hence

You will be pleased to see that the usual Precautions are provided for the March upon the March.

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Petrie Secretary

Fort St George
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To Lieutenant Col. Bellingham
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

Lettre Lt Col Bel. Bellingham &c

Transfer Brass Battering Train &c

I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you, that the Nabob has acquiesced in the Estimate sent in by Major Stevens for repairing the Transfer Brass Battering Train at Trichinopoly amounting to Pags 38 4 0½ you will be pleased to Signify the Same to Major Stevens that he may proceed in this work with all Convenient Expedition

Directions are this Day sent to

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to the payment order to Supply Major Stevens with such Workmen and Materials as he may require for the aforementioned purpose

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
W.m Petrie Secry

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To Mr William Wynch
Paymaster & Storekeeper
at Trichinopoly

Six

Letter to Mr Wm Wynch at Trichinopoly to Supply Workmen & Materials

The Nabob having acquainted in the Letter he Sent us by Major Stevens answering to Pag.e 3848 for repairing the Fort at Trichinopoly, order have this Day been sent for proceeding on the Same with all Convenient Expedition, & you are Sent by directed to Supply Major Stevens, with Such Workmen & Materials as he may require for the aforementioned purpose

I am Sir
Your most Obt Servant
W.m Petrie Secretary

At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 27 Dec.r 1774

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r — Gov.r President
Joseph Smith — „ Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson — „ John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey — „ Francis Sourdan

Mr. Dawson absent for the benefit of his health
The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

I am

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In Consequence of the Minute of Consultation the 6th Instant, the President laid the Letters he had prepairing the Farfr Bray with at Freetown upon, before the Nabob, & Obtained his Consent, & it was Necessary to send the Orders in Consequence thereof as expeditiously as possible A Not. was Wrote by direction of the President to the Members of Council & with their Approbation, the Letters to Colonel Bellenghan & Mr Wynch entered in the Diary to this Consultation were accordingly dispatched

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Acct Current between the Company & the late Colonel John Wood, corresponable to the Minutes of Consultation 22 Nov.r 1773 & 28th February last

Dr The deceased John Wood in Account

Account Current Company with Colonel Wood

To the amount of Grain &c. Sepoys paid for my Jamadie	£.	
	865.	13. 60
To the amount of Plunder & Booty	3696.	19. 75
To the Amount of Bullock Sirce	4763.	4 32
	17104.	38. 7

Pagodas 17104. 38. 7

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with the Honorable Company ——— Cr

By the amount of two Receipts
from the late Mr Charles Baird
Cayan as ter in Camp ... P. Y. C
13..16..41..10

By his Arrears Gratuity
from the 12th Decr 1769 to 25
Sept. 1773 ... 9093.25..26

By his Arrears Pay. &c
& Pecun'y Money from
January 1770 to 22 Nov. 73 4531.39..55
4970..22..11

By Balance due to the Honble Comp 2134..15..76
Pagodas 17104..38..7

Ordered

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The Executors to be Called upon for the Balance

Ordered that the Executors be called upon for the Balance

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizagapatam the Orders published respecting Guzz. punDas Have requested Capt. Matthews to move part of his Battalion into the Kimedy Country

We have received your Commands dated the 2d Ultimo to which we have paid due attention in ordering publick throughout the Circars be-low ourselves this Settlement your Honor &c. directions of Converting the Kimedy Country into Shrotty Lands, forbidding all the Zemindars from Disturbing or Suffering Guzz. punDas to Remain in their districts under pain of the Honble Companys displeasure

As we are apprehensive there will be some attempts to disturb the tranquility of the Kimmedy Country upon its being generally known that it is to be Converted in Shrotty Lands by the highest bidder we have given directions to Capt Matthews to move such a part of his Battalion this Way as he may judge sufficient for the Security, which at this time is the more Necessary to preserve the Crops on the Ground

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Stratton
Peter Perring
Mr Williams

Vizagapatam
the 10th Dect 1774.

Comm.

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Comes in the following Letter from Capt.

Hopkins at Vellum

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

President & Gov.r

Honble Sir

Letter from Capt. Hopkins with a Petition from the Europeans confined in Vellum who was taken at Tanjore

We it May be thought Necessary for the Commanding Officer of Out Garrisons to Communicate all Occurrences of the Nature of the Enclosed, which is a petition delivered to me from some Poor Prisoners in this Garrison I can add nothing thereto being acquainted with your Intentions respecting these poor people

I am

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant

Charles Hopkins

Vellum

15 Dec.r 1775

To Captain Charles Hopkins

Commanding the Garrison

of Vellum

The humble Petition of the European Prisoners taken at the Capture of Tanjore

Petition from Europ.n Prisoners in Vellum

Sheweth

That your Honors Petitioners have been upwards of Fourteen Months Prisoners in this Garrison, during which time We have been greatly distressed for want of Cloathing & other Necessaries & as some of us are willing to Serve the Honble Company as Soldiers We therefore Hope your Honour will take it into Consideration to represent our Situation to the Honble the President & Council for which your humble Petitioners shall ever be bound to pray

Louis Montigoc. Dealet Pedro de Tozam

Ma.l Le Hiargol J.s Le Tozdespies Espr.t Tozsenidez

Gerard Fernele Thon.s Ziegler

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these

As the premises are confirmed

To be represented to the Nabob

on the Nabobs account, the President is desired to represent their distress to Lewis

Mr Stratton's Letter regarding Salsette taken into Consideration

The Letter from Mr Stratton of the 15 July last, 22 August & 15 September regarding the disputes between the Nephews of Tondaverauze and the Claims of Sitteramrauze to the East and Zemindary of Salsette Vide Cons. 25 July, 5 Aug.t 5 Sept.r & 10 October being now before the Board, it was agreed to take those Subjects into Consideration, as it becomes Necessary to transmit Orders to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for disposal of the said Fort & Zemindary, & as we have already obtained all Lights on the Subject that we can expect to

receive

Tondaverauze

receive

Tho' as we have unavoidably been of the Rights of Sitteramrauze amongst the Zemindars, with whom Obliged to deviate from that Rule by Manifest acts of Misconduct, or other obvious causes; it would be with extreme reluctance that We divested the Heirs of Tondaverauze of their Family possessions to gratify the ambition of a too powerful Zemindar But as no Manifest acts of Misconduct, or other obvious causes appear in the present Case, we cannot consent to admit the Claims of Sitteramrauze to the prejudice of the Heirs of the late Salsette Zemindar, for

Salsette

d.

at the Mr Stratton seems to allow that Salsette is a part of Vizianagrauzes Jaygeere yet as that Right was not asserted till after the Fort was in possession of our Troops & as the Security of the Revenues & the payment of certain Arrears were the Only reasons alledged by Sitteramrauze for desiring Mr Stratton to take the said Fort we think Such a Claim would

come

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come very improperly into Consideration at present

Having therefore determined that

Sittiramma anuze pretensions ought not to prejudice the

Heirs of the late Zemindar it follows of Course that the

rightfull heir, that is the Eldest Nephew or nearest

relation of the late Zemindar anuze & there are no parti-

cular causes for Setting them aside (Vide Consultations

11th July regarding Gunnavaram) in Favor of the most akin,

is to be put in possession of the Fort & such districts as

were enjoyed by Zemindar anuze at the time of his Decease

But on the Other hand, as the Nephews have each no valid

grd the pretences of Sittiramma anuze demands for Rupees

15,000 on account of Arrears of Peishcush, we direct

that the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam do assist for

the Recovery of the said Sum to Sittiramma anuze, from y:

person who shall be put in possession of the Zemindary

allowing a reasonable time for the payment; And that

the annual Peishcush of five thousand Rupees Viz:mum,

if such does not appear Reasonable, shall be continued

to Sittiramma anuze as formerly as to the heavy arrears

Charged to this Zemindary for the pay of Sibundy amo-

unting to Rupees 30,000 there is very little probability

that the present Incumbent left will even be able to Clear

them off Nor that he should Sittiramma anuze still

insist upon this Demand, a further enquiry must be

made & it will rest with them to prove the Engagement

between Louis & Sinnatiramma on which the said de-

mand is founded & lastly any extraordinary expences

which have been incurred in taking & keeping possession

of Salary must be saved from the produce of the Zemin-

dary

Ordered that a Draft of a Letter

to the foregoing purport be prepared

(Read

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Read Letter from the Nabob Dated
16 Instant as entered in Country Correspondence No
125 with an Account of the Quantity of Grain lodged
in the Fort of Wandewash & Gingee,
but as the Nabob has omitted to Insert Palamcotah
Madura & Vellum, the President is desired to ap-
ply to Him for an account of the Stock of Grain in y.e
Said Forts

Removals from the Europeans to the Sepoys.

General Smith recommends the Following Removals from the Europeans to the Sepoys
Lieutenant Baillie from the 5th Battalion 2d Brigade to y.e 3d Circars Battalion of Sepoys
in the room of Lt. Johnson Mordaunt
Ensigns Barry Cowes & Eccles Smith from the 1st Battalion 1st Brigade of Europeans to the Sepoys

Cons.t Summs Dead

The President Reports the Death of
Lieutenant Munro at Guzam the 7th Ultimo

Wynch
Joseph Smith
Henry Brooke
Thos. Saunders
Call
Graeme
Jonathan Johnson

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20 Delivered the following Letter of appointment to Mr Sam.l Daniel

To Mr James Daniel

Sir

Letter to Mr James Daniel appointing him Paymaster & Storekeeper at Madura & Palamcotah

You are hereby appointed Paymaster & Storekeeper to the garrisons of Madura & Palamcotah You will therefore proceed thither & receive the Charge of the Cash & Stores now in the Charge of Mr Wm Cumming, who is directed to deliver them over to you, with such Orders, Rules & Regulations regarding the same as he may have received from time to time

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

(Sd) J Wynch &c.a Council

Came in the following Letter from Col.l Lang dated 20 Inst.t

To William Petrie Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir

Letter from Col.l Lang

You will be pleased to acquaint the Honorable the President & Council that I am favord with their Order of the 17 Instant in Obedience to which I Company of Artillery now here with the guns, Case &c.a as specified in the Order, shall proceed for St Thomas's Mount the 21 Instant

I am

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Ross Lang

Vellore

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21 The following Letter was this Day received from Vellore

To William Petrie Esq.r

@ Military Secretary

Sir

Letter from Col.l Lang Genl Court Martial ordered on Lt Bonnet

You will be pleased to acquaint

a requisite the Hon'ble the President & Council that Shall
have occasion the Necessity of Ordering a General Court
Martial here, for the trial of Lt O'Donnel Confined
under Arrest this Instant by Major Nixon for
"Irregular Behaviour, in arrogating to himself Com
mand in preference of a Senior Officer & for disrespect
to the Major on the Parade"
& that the Said Court Martial assemble setting

Vellour
Dec 26. 1776

I am Sr
Your obedt humble Servt
Ross Lang

23 Dispatched the following Letter, Draft of which was first
perused & Approved, to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

agreable to the Minutes of Consultation

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief &c Council at Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Letter to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam containing the Resolution respecting Sabor

Upon our having informed by your Chief in his Letter of the 13 Instant of the disputes which had arisen at Sabor between the Nephews of Simasburay for the Succession to the Gadi thereon and which Letter was Made for answer on Tuesday & for the pay of Sebundy that the Fort of Sabor had been delivered up to a party of your Sepoys sent for that purpose & of Settlement arranged in regard to be put in possession thereof together with its dependants, being as the attached part of the Sagoree Peishcush to our coming to any final Resolution on those Matters, or giving an Opinion on the Steps which had been taken We desired your Chief to make particular enquiry, & to inform us on what Grounds Settlement arranged, founded this Claim for Monies from the late Simasburay — as it appeared to us strange

coming.
of

after

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after Letters arrive had deprived them of more than two thirds of this Demesne, as mentioned in a Letter from the Chief dated 26 August 1773 that he should still have further demands to propound to very considerable amount

Your Chief in his Letters of the 22 August & 18 September explains the Nature of Sittaramah Pantulu's pretensions to Salaar Jung informs us that he claims Rupees 5,00,000 Rupees for Arrears of Peishcush for the Maintenance of Sibbandi in consequence of an Agreement between him & the late Tonnasherauze

Upon the Receipt of these Letters we were much engaged in other Business & the Subject required mature deliberation, we deferred taking it up, until We should be at leisure to consider it thoroughly

Tender as we have at all times declared ourselves to be of the Rights of Succession among the Zemindars, unless reasons of leaving each of them undisturbed or other obvious Causes, we are Obliged to deviate from them; it would be with the greatest Reluctance that we deviated the Laws of Succession of their Forefathers, to set Sittaramah up in prejudice of the Zemindary - But as we Such glaring acts of Misrule as many other obvious causes in the present Case we have come to the following Resolutions which We flatter Ourselves are equally Consistent with the Company's Interest as they are impartial to the parties concerned.

The Rightful Heir that is the eldest Nephew or nearest Relation of the late Tonnasherauze if there are no particular Cause for Setting him aside in favor of the Next akin, to be put in possession of the Fort of Salaar & Such districts as were engaged by

Tonnasherauze

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Sunnaathoo anzee at the time of his decease to the Nyghur
acknowledge the justness of Sittoo anoo anzee demd and
of 15000 Rupees for Arrears of Peshcabundy You will
be pleased to see that those Rupees are received pursuing
a Warrantable Period for the same from the person who
is put in possession of the Zemindary, & that he con-
tinue the annual Peshcabundy of 5000 Rupees to
Sittoo anoo anzee: if such Peshcabundy should appear to
you Warrantable, As to the Arrears claimed for the
Pay of Sibbindi amounting to thirty thousand Pa-
goas, there is little probability that the Forces Vacancies
left will be able to discharge such a Debt, however if
Sittoo anoo anzee still insists upon the demand you will
be pleased to enquire very particularly into the Matter
& if it is by nine men sufficiently clear that Such arrears
are due & at any Rate, it must rest with Sittoo ano-
anzee to prove the Engagement between him & Sunna-
anzee on which he founds this demand — The Expences
incurred in taking & keeping possession of the Fort
of Sabaor must be levied from the Revenues of the
Zemindary

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
& Hble Servts
Thos Wynch
Council

Fort St George
22 Dec.r 1774.

The
29 Came in the following Letter from Col. Laing dated
28 Instant

To William Petrie Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

889 Port St George 29th Dec 1774

Sir

Letter from Colonel Lang Gen Court Martial despatched & Sentence on D. (Donnel carried into Execution

You will be pleased to acquaint the Honble the President & Council that the General Court Martial held on Lt Donnel is dispatched & the Sentence approved & put in Execution for particulars I beg leave to refer to the proceedings which I send you herewith

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Ross Lang

Vellour
Dec 28th 1774

List of Officers in the Corps of Cavalry on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of present Rank	First Rank	Date of first Rank
John Lonyn	Captain	3 July	1770	
Tempest Thornton	Lieutenant	6 July	1770	
John Dee	Do.	29 July	1771	
Wm. Augs. Young	Do.	5 Apr.	1773	
Thomas Willock	Cornet	23 Octr.	1770	

List of Officers of Artillery on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	date of Pres.t Rank	first Rank	date of first Rank
Edward James	Lieu.t Col.o	17 Nov.r 1771	Cap.n Lieu.t	13 June 1759
Mathew Horne	Major	17 do	Lieu.t F. Worker	15 June 1758
Charles Stout	Captain	12 Oct.r 1768	do	9 Febry 1762
John Kennedy	do	13 do	do	10 do
Augustus De Morgan	do	14 do	do	11 do
Donald Mackay	do	6 Aug.t 1770	do	5 March 1765
Charles Clifton	do	31 Janry 1772	"	"
John Rigault	Cap.n Lieu.t	8 Oct.r 1770	Lieu.t F. Worker	19 March 1766
Arthur Jones	do	17 Oct.r 1771	do	1 Apr.l 1766
Isaac Manoury	do	8 Dec.r 1771	do	23 June
George Davis	First Lieu.t	9 Febry 1767	do	20 Nov.r 1765
Andrew Runting	Cap.n Lieu.t	21 Febry 1773	do	27 June 1766
Jonath.n Mc. Hugo	First Lieu.t	17 Nov.r 1771	do	29 Apr.l 1767
Thomas Seile	do	8 Dec.r	do	26 Oct.r
George Nodler	do	21 Febry 1772	do	2 Janry 1768
Edward Tanner	Second Lieu.t	28 June 1770	do	4 do
James Hislop	do	26 May 1771	do	11 Oct.r
John Drummond	do	8 Dec.r do	do	13 do
Wm. Sydenham	do	16 Febry 1772	do	15 do
Joseph Moorhouse	Third Lieu.t	16 do	do	12 Dec.r do

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Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Henry Parry	Third Lieu.t	10 July 1772	Surg.n Mate	2 Dec.r 1768
William Lloyd	Do	18 Sept.r 1772	Do	3 Do
John Judson	Do	25 Aug.st 1773	Do	23 Do
George Douglas	Do	13 Febry 1774	Do	24 Do
John And.w Eastland	Lieu.t Fire Work.r	25 Dec.r 1768	"	"
George Hodson	Do	12 March 1770	"	"
Edw.d Ferne	Do	15 Sept.r Do	"	"
John Galway	Do	21 Janry 1771	"	"
Joseph Johnston	Do	20 Janry 1772	"	"
Daniel Kennedy	Do	8 March Do	"	"
David Smith	Do	9 Do	"	"
Henry Hagan	Do	25 Do	"	"
Rich.d Jones	Do	27 Do	"	"
Rob.t Pitt	Do	17 Aug.st 1772	"	"
John Slipper	Do	22 Nov.r Do	"	"
Benj.n Southwell	Do	25 Febry 1773	"	"
John Mitchell	Do	15 Sept.r Do	"	"
Andrew Thompson	Do	13 Febry 1774	"	"
Tho.s Sutliff	Do	8 Aug.st Do	"	"

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List of Engineers on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present date of Rank	Present Rank	First date of Rank	First Rank
Patk Ross	{Principal & Lieu.t Col.} 15 Sep.r 1770			
Willm Stevens	{Director & major ....} 11th Mch 1774		{Pract.r Engr & Ensign ...} 7 Janry 1764	
Philip Pitman	{Sub Director & Captain} 15 Sep.r 1770			
George Maule	Do 24 Augt 1773	{Pract.r Engr & Ensign ...}	31 Augt 1770	
Alex.r Mitchell	Do 11th Mch 1774	Do	11 Febry 1771	
Alex.r Dugood	{Sub Engineer & Lieutenant} 24 Augt 1773	Do	27 th May 1771	
John Theobald	Do 15 Sep.r 1774	Do	12 June 1773	
James Johnston	{Pract.r Engr & Ensign ....} Do			
George Banks	Do 6 June Do			

List of Military Officers in the Honble Company's Service on the Coast of Choromandel.

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Joseph Smith				
Ross Lang	Colonel	12 Octr 1772	Ensign	6 Apr. 1756
Wm. Flint	Do	12 Febry 1773	Do	1 Sepr. 1757
Abram Bonjour	Lieut. Col.	27 Augt. 1770	Do	11 " Do
John Brathwaite	Do.	22 Octr. 1772	Major	21 June 1770
Abram Jayan	Do	12 Febry 1773	Lieut.	10 Sepr. 1757
John Billingham	Do	12 Febry 1773	Do. by Brev.	31 May 1758
Humphry Harper	Do	25 Febry 1774	Do.	Do 5 June 1758
James Fitzgerald	Major	22 Octr. 1772	Do.	Do. 3 July 1758
William Baillie	Do.	12 Apr. 1772	Lieut.	Do 18 Octr. 1759
Eccles Nixon	Do.	21 Febry 1774	Captain	4 July 1764
George Brown	Do.	22 Do.	Do By Brev.	{8 July 1765 / 13 Sepr. 1763}
Edmund Pascal Invalided				
John Hy. Meyer Appointed by the Court of Directors Lieut. Captain on y. Establish.				
Henry Marcell	Capt. By Brev.	{9 July 1765 / 14 Sepr. 1763}		
Wm. Cooke	Do	{13 Novr. 1765 / 16 Sepr. 1763}	Lieut. By Brev.	6 Sepr. 1759
Charles Hopkins	Do.	{14 Novr. 1765 / 17 Sepr. 1763}	Do	Do. 11 Do.
Richd. Mathews	Do	{15 Novr. 1765 / 19 Sepr. 1763}	Do.	Do. 15 July 1760
Henry Aspe. Mc. Casby Adjutant Temporal & Nominal Lieut. Colonel	Do.	{16 Novr. 1765 / 20 Sepr. 1763}	Do.	Do.
Robert Kelly	Do	27 Novr. 1765	Do.	" 6 Octr.
Henry Davis	Do	28 July 1766	Do.	" 3 Mch. 1762

90th	Names	Present Rank	Date of Rank	Past Rank	Date of Rank
	Edwd Eagles	Captain	13 Sept. 1773	Ensign	30 Novr 1765
	Edwd Collins	Do	15 Oct. Do	Do	30 Oct. Do
	Joseph Bidcliffe	Do	8 Novr Do	Do	27 Janry 1766
	David Muirhead	Do	12 Do	Do	8 Dece
	Thomas Bagot	Do	13 Do	Do	13 Do
	Wm Phillips	Do	22 Feby 1774	Do	20 Do
	Alexr Paterson	Lieutenant	31 Oct. 1769	Do	31 Do
	Robt Chalres	Do	4 Novr Do	Do	30 Do
	Francis Knox	Do	4 Janry 1768	Do	2 Feby Do
	John Jas Durand	Do	13 March Do	Do	15 Apl 1763
	Walter house Adair	Do	29 May Do	Do	15 March 1766
	George Bryne	Do	4 Do	Do	19 Do
	George Conyngham	Do	6 Do	Do	28 Octr Do
	Nathl Stacky	Do	7 Do	Do	3 Do
	Henry Lyttelton	Do	8 Do	Do	30 Do
	Thos Walker	Do	9 Do	Do	10 Janry 1766
	Richd Barton	Do	10 Do	Do	2 Do
	Richd Godfrey	Do	11 Do	Do	3 Do
	James Carre	Do	17 June	Do	26 May
	David Bailey	Do	18 Do	Do	24 May
	Charles Lucas	Brigade Major & Brigade Mate Batt.	8 July	Do	26 Do
	Thomas Rowze	Do	8 Augt	Do	10 Septr 1769
	Saml Blake Lowe	Do	23 Do	Do	2 Do

Names	Present Rank	Date of Rank	First Rank	Date of Rank
Thomas Burrows	Lieutenant	20 Oct.r 1768	Ensign	11 Sept.r 1767
John Oldham	do	21 do	do	24 Oct.r
Thomas Leche	do	21 Nov.r	do	30 do
Sam.l Baker Lance	do	22 do	do	31 do
Dugald Campbell	do	8 Dec.r	do	3 Nov.r
Rob.t Ferrier	do	1 Janry 1769	do	7 do
David Dewar	do	15 Jun.r		
Tho.s Trent	do	27 July	do	14 do
Donald M.c Leod	do	29 do	do	16 Nov.r 1767
John Mordaunt	do	10 Jun.r 1770	do	28 Dec.r do
James Samballais	do	do	do	3 do
Sam.l Hoare	do	1 July		
John Fletcher	do	5 do		
John Patterson adj.t 1 B.n 2 Reg.t	do	do		
George Campbell	do	7 do		
Tho.s Prendergast adjutant at Madras	do	10 do		
George Clark	do	13 do		
Rob.t Semple	do	15 do		
John Walker	do	17 do		
James Phipps	do	18 do		
Henry Watson	do	20 do		
Henry Hearst adj.t 2 B.n 2 Reg.t	do	22 do		
John Darell	do	23 do		

90b	Names	Present Rank	Date of Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rk.
	Spencer Cochrane	Lieutenant	25 July	1770	
	Basil Monteith promoted by Capt. with leave for the recovery of his health	do.	26	do	
	Harcourt Woodhouse	do.	27	do	
	Sam.l Jeffreys	do.	30	do.	
	John Dupont	do.	31	do	
	Ja.s O'Hara	do.	1 Aug.st		
	Clotworthy Thompson	do.	2	do	
	Hugh Montgomery	do.	3	do.	
	John Cuppage	do.	4	do.	
	George Lavey	do.	29	do.	Ensign Jan.y 1768
	George Moore	do.	31	do.	do. 10 do.
	Anne Brown	do.	1 Sep.r	do.	10 May
	Rich.d Scott	do.	2	do.	do. 11 do.
	Peter Bonneveaux	do.	3	do.	do. 15 do.
	Francis Bragg	do.	do.		do. 16 do.
	Duncan Lanken	do.	4	do.	do. 17 do.
	Cornelius Grant	do.	5	do.	do. 16th.
	Sam.l Welsford	do.	6	do.	do. 17 do.
	John Campbell	do.	7	do.	do. 19 do.
	Alex.r Wynch	do.	8	do.	do. 20 do.
	Edmund Harper	do.	11	do.	do. 24 do.
	Robert Shouler	do.	12	do.	do. 26th.
	John Mason	do.	15	do.	do. 30 do.

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Wm. Blacker	Lieutenant	16 Sept. 1770	Ensign	31 Oct.r 1768
Hamilton Johnston	do	17 do	do	1 Nov.r do
Danl. Burr	do	19 do	do	3 do
Francis Gowdie	do	20 do	do	4 do
Michael Crosbie	do	21 do	do	5 do
Thos. Mosley	do	22 do	do	6 do
Henry Malcolm Brig. Major to the 2d Brigade	do	23 do	do	7 do
Archer Arn.d Langley	do	26 do	do	10 do
David M.c Pinlock	do	27 do	do	12 do
Humphry Harding	do	29 do	do	15 do
Eugene O'Neal	do	30 do	do	17 do
Wm. Shannons	do	10th do	do	19 do
James Lee	do	2 do	do	2 May 1769
Donald Campbell	do	6 do	do	9th do
Arthur Owen	do	7 do	do	13 do
David Marishall	do	14 Nov.r	do	17 do
High Dilks Harding	do	19 do	do	4 June 1770
Ralph Winsly Wood	do	24 Janry 1771.	do	5 do
George Mackay	do	28 do	do	6 do
Benj.n Bowen Bishop	do	5 May	do	11 do
George Roberts	do	1 July	do	17 do
Edmund Brown	do	2 do	do	18 do
Francis Maxwell	do	12 Aug.st	do	20 do

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Names	Present Rank	date of Pres.t Rank	Past Rank	date of past Rank
Thomas Monhouse	Lieutenant	21 Aug.t 1775	Ensign	22 Jun. 1770
Edw.d Johnston	do	10 Oct.r	do	24 do
Daniel Dolson	do	26 do	do	25 do
James Stewart	do	10 Dec.r	do	26 do
Edmund Woodward	do	20 Janry 1772	do	28 do
John Baillie	do	3 Febry	do	29 do
Urban Vigors	do	17 do	do	2 Aug.t
Francis Skyrme	do	18 do	do	3 do
George Muat	do	14 Mar	do	4 do
Edmund Nelson	do	22 Apr.l	do	5 do
John Taylor	do	13 May	do	6 do
Edward Sourdan	do	18 do	do	7 do
Richard Anderson	do	23 Oct.r	do	8 do
John Dalziell	do	4 Nov.r	do	9 do
Patrick M.c Gill	do	21 do	do	10 do
James Alexander	do	26 do	do	12 do
Joseph Butler	do	23 Dec.r	do	13 do
Samuel Lorrimore	do	12 Febry 1773	do	14 do
Barth.w Vigors	do	11 Apr.l	do	15 do
Wm Bruce	do	12 do	do	16 do
Arch.d Ramsay gone to China for the recovery of his health	do	16 do	do	19 do
Charles Carnegy	do	17 do	do	20 Aug.t
Francis O'Donnell	do	18 do	do	21 do

Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
William Brand	Lieutenant	6 June 1773	Ensign	22 Aug.t 1770
Arch.d Brown	do	14 July	do	23 do
Philip Mayne	do	24 do	do	25 do
Andrew Brenner	do	13 Aug.t	do	26 do
Wm Aug.s Le Grand	do	2 Sep.t	do	27 do
Robert Dorrell	do	5 do	do	30 do
Noble S.t Wright Abbot	do	13 do	do	1 Sep.t
John Watkins	do	14 do	do	3 do
John M.c Mahon	do	8 Nov.r	do	4 do
John North	do	9 do	do	6 do
Robert Scott	do	12 do	do	7 do
Thomas Colton	do	13 do	do	8 do
Henry Fowke	do	8 Dec.r	do	10 do
Thomas Meeke	do	12 do	do	11 do
Walter Douglas	do	13 do	do	16 do
Joseph Roberts	do	26 do	do	17 do
John Snelling	do	27 do	do	19 do
Henry Leon	do	29 do	do	22 do
Wm Patterson	do	30 do	do	23 do
Alex.r Montgomery	do	22 Feby 1774	do	24 do
Arthur Dunkin	do	1 March	do	26 do
Arthur Bamford	do	1 Sep.t	do	28 do
Willm Lind	do	5 May	do	30 do

9:10 Names	Sergeant Corp.ls Band	Serjt Serv.t Rank	Date of Band	Serjt Serv.t Rank	Date of Band
James Doail	Lieutenant	25 July 1774	Ensign	10th 1770	
John Clarke	Do	8 Aug.st	Do	5 Do	
Wm Tobbard	Do	9 Sept.r	Do	7 Do	
Thomas Jonnison	Do	12 Do	Do	8 Do	
Robert Mecan	Do	26 Do	Do	10 Do	
Thomas Dunwoody	Ensign	13 Oct.r 1770			
William Douglas	Do	15 Do			
Robert Croker	Do	16 Do			
Lauchlin M.c Kinnon	Do	17 Do			
Thomas Douglas	Do	22 Do			
John Forbes	Do	27 Do			
Wm Read	Do	29 Do			
Ambrose Conyn	Do	30 Do			
George Sutheringham	Do	31 Do			
Hamilton Harrison	Do	29 Nov.r			
Thomas Knox	Do	3 Do			
Stephen Jones	Do	4 Do			
Samuel Rogers	Do	5 Do			
John Cox	Do	8 Do			
George Wahab	Do	9 Do			
Archibald Eagle	Do	10 Do			
Rob.t Boyle	Do	11 Do			
George Waight	Do	12 Do			

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Arthur Stewart	Ensign	13 Nov.r	1770	
Nath.l Dawes	do.	14	do	
Thomas Leighton	do.	21	do	
James Oliver ad.t 1 B.n 9.th Brig.d	do	22	do	
Rich.d Eastland	do	26	do	
James Rusell	do	27	do	
George Stewart	do	28	do	
James Burn	do	29	do	
Wm. Hodgson	do	30 Dec.r		
Rich.d G. Graves	do	4	do	
John Pringle	do	7	do	
Hugh Weller	do	9	do	
Caleb Pearson	do	10	do	
John Gun permitted to proceed to China for his health	do	11	do	
James Pearson	do	13	do	
Francis Forrens	do	14	do	
Edw.d White	do	15	do	
Rob.t Mich.l Brunker	do	16	do	
Thomas Green	do	18 Dec.r		
Cary Lalande	do	19	do	
Morris Alex.r Lind	do	20	do	
Oliver Weller	do	22	do	
James Forster	do	23	do	

Names	Present Rank	Date of Post Pres.t Rank	Date of Post 12.k Rank
Francis Cookson	Ensign	24 Dec.r 1770	
Thomas Smith	do	25 do	
Cromwell Massey	do	26 do	
Savage Bowden	do	27 do	
Cha.s Saly Ashby	do	29 do	
Talbot Forde	do	30 do	
Edw.d W.m Montague	do	10 June 1771	
Tho.s Morg.n Whitford not arrived	do	12 do	
Rich.d Chase	do	15 do	
Mat. Chr.r Friebel	do	16 do	
Jonathan Dowson	do	17 do	
Peirce Adams	do	27 do	
George Brice no account of him	do	18 do	
Tho.s Underwood permitted to go for his health	do	19 do	
James Finch	do	20 do	
Rich.d Wilkinson	do	21 do	
Thomas young	do	22 do	
James Walter	do	23 do	
Alex.r Watson	do	25 June 1771	
Aneas. Mackay	do	26 do	
John Pockley Atwood permitted to go to the Cape	do	28 do	
Walter Anderson	do	29 do	
Robert Beaver	do	2 July	

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Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	First Joint Rank	Date of First Joint Rank
David Wilson	Ensign	3 July 1771.		
Andrew Read	do.	3 do		
David Campbell	do	4 do		
James Weir	do	6 do		
Peter Wright	do	7 do		
Rich.d Hetherington	do	9 do		
Rob.t Low	do	11 do		
Alex.r M.c Pherson	do.	21 Janry 1772		
James Dalrymple	do	22 do		
Wm Meilck	do.	3 d Febry		
James Jenkins	do.	5 do		
Stephen Swain	do.	17 do		
Ambrose Brannan	do	18 do		
John Richardson	do.	14 March		
R.d Whilf.d Chinnery at Bencoolen	do.	30 do		
John Wade	do.	28 apr.l		
Alex.r Frazer	do.	13 May.		
Alex.r Read	do	18 do		
Wm Muchie	do.	19 do		
Cha.s Osborne	do	10 July		
Theob.d Stafford	do	11 do		
Rich.d Croker	do	30 aug.t		
John Schudamore	do	31 do.		

9th	Names	Present Rank	Date of Comm.ns	Past Rank	Date of Com.ns
	George Baker	Ensign	13 Sep.r 1772		
	Daniel M.c Neal	do	23 do		
	Tho.s Cumb.d Ross	do	10 Nov.r		
	Thomas Malcolm	do	21 do		
	John Partridge	do	24 do		
	Dlich Sanders Bate	do	3 Feby 1773		
	Tho.s Parr	do	5 do		
	Peter Campbell	do	9 m.ch		
	James Campbell	do	6 Apl.		
	James Turing	do	1 May		
	Michelburn Knox	do	16 do		
	Lieu.t Westropp	do	17 do		
	Joseph Tittle	do	18 do		
	Henry Rice	do	6 June		
	Jos. Porter Lyon	do	7 do		
	Wm Kensey	do	8 do		
	Erick Sutherland	do	14 July		
	Michael Fleming	do	25 do		
	James Mitchell	do	26 do		
	Henry Devoux	do	9 Aug.t		
	John Spencer	do	18 do		
	Tho.s Bowser	do	20 do		
	John Glover	do	2 Sept.r		

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Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres. Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Barry Close	Ensign	3 Sept.	1773	
Willm. Perry	do	5	do	
John Browne	do	6	do	
Henry Darley	do	9	do	
Samuel Jacobs	do	10	do	
James Roche	do	13	do	
Timothy West	do	14	do	
Wm. Lloyd	do	15	Oct.	
Thomas Williams	do	18	do	
James Oram	do	5	Nov.	
Charles Grant	do	8	do	
George Aubrey	do	9	do	
John Grant	do	10	do	
John Sabbener	do	12	do	
John Halliburton	do	13	do	
Charles Smart	do	14	do	
Richd. Fitzgerald	do	15	do	
Wm. Andrews	do	8	Dec.	
John Chrisp	do	12	do	
George Ure	do	13	do	
Wm. Jones	do	26	do	
George Pratt	do	27	do	
Wm. Brocket Stephens	do	28	do	

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James Bagshaw Butler	Ensign	29 Dec. 1773
Samuel Peshlowe	do	30 do
James Richardson	do	31 do
Wm Godfrey	do	1 Janry 1774
Eccles Smith	do	2 do
John Weller	do	3 do
George Weller	do	4 do
Lt. Alexr Agnew	do	20 Apl.
Johnson Kennedy	do	5 May
Edw. Gibbing	do	6 do
Robt Ogilvy	do	7 do
John Greenwell	do	4 June
Archibald Gillon	do	13 do
Robt Haliburton	do	25 July
Foster Aug. Rogers	do	1 Aug.
George Hand	do	21 Sepr
James Mackay	do	22 do
Thomas Jones	do	23 do

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